

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are a guest today or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know if you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless

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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Hymnal 637

Welcome

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever Amen.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant and People

Glory be to God on highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you

We worship you, we give thanks to you, we praise you for your glory,

Lord Jesus Christ only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You that seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord; you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Kyrie

Hymnal S91

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament – Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

And Now, O Father Mindful

Hymnal 337

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Message

Dcn Terri

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*Form VI*)

Please kneel, stand or be seated]

Reader: In peace, we pray to your, Lord God.

A moment of Silence

In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for _____ ; in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, pray for _____ in the DR for _____ . In the Parish Cycle of pray _____ .

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For those in positions of authority, including our President, Joe Biden, our governor, Jim Pillen, the elected and appointed officials in our community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Scott, our Bishop; Bob our supply priest; for Terri and Ted our deacons;
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
We pray that you stay with and strengthen all those who are ill; _____; Are there others?
For those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those who are deployed _____:
are there others? We pray that you will stay with them and their families Lord, giving them comfort and hope
until they are once again reunited in peace.

For those in our community who travel, that you watch over them and keep them safe, especially:
_____; are there others?

For all those with special concerns, especially; _____; are there others?

Hear us Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life; and we pray that you continue to pour out your blessings
on those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially; _____; are there others? We pray also for
those who are celebrating anniversaries this week, especially, _____; are there others?

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, [especially for _____] are there others? That they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and
unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues:

For Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you
in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your
church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

The Celebrant continues:

For Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you
in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Peace

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your
church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn

Creator of the Earth and Skies

Hymnal 148

Doxology

Spoken

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving *(Prayer D)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in _____ ages past.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Hymn

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Going Forth Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 473

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The Chapel Presence Candle is given Dave & Kitty Kentsmith in Memory of our son Blake W Kentsmith.

The Nave Presence Candle is given by Dave & Kitty Kentsmith in Thanksgiving for family, friends, & good health.

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| Birthday/Anniversary Prayers |
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Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Birthdays:

- Haley P
- Alexandra F
- Griffin H
- Teresa L
- Tommy T

Anniversaries:

- Jeff & Jane S

| WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS | | | |
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| | | March 1 | March 8 |
| VPOD | | Kristi S | Josh C |
| Hospitality | | Team 4 | Team 1 |
| Altar Guild | | Team 1 | Team 2 |
| Spirit Hub | | Journeys | DOK |
| Altar Bread | | — | — |
| LEMs | 5:00 pm | Brian C | Kathy B / Toby W |
| | 8:00 am | Cindy P | Doug A |
| | 9:30 am | Michele H Jan S | Lori E Brian C |
| LEV | | Team 2 | Team 3 |
| Recycle | | Jan S | Marcia A |
| Acolytes 9:30 am | C T T | Isaiah H MacKenzie C Evelyn C | Kyper M Amanda N Ailynn M |

This Week's Highlights

Lent Soup Supper and Lessons: The Sunday Lenten soup suppers and study are back. There are soup and bread signup sheets at the Spirit Hub.

Inquirers: Mother Margaret will be starting an Inquirers class for confirmation, baptism, and just general knowledge of the Church. She plans to start the third week in February. Please visit the Spirit Hub and sign-up.

First Friday Lunch: Ladies, mark your calendars. The next brown bag luncheon at CHS is Friday, March 6, at noon.

You're Invited to join the CHS family

on Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 4:30pm as we join with Alan Wyant

Celebrate his Life & Story together!!!

**We'll begin with a Liturgy of Word Service
and then share a meal together in the Hall.**

Sign up to bring your favorites at the Spirit Hub!!

If you have any questions, contact Mother Margaret+ (240) 904-6171.

LENT

at Church of the Holy Spirit

Parish Activities

· Sunday Evenings during Lent

5:00pm The Way of Love Lenten Study with Soup

Personal Activities

· Reading the Forward "DAY by DAY"

Link for: [Daily Prayer: A Resource of Forward Movement](#)

· Episcopal Prayer Beads – Activities: creating them, praying them, etc

Link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglican_prayer_beads

· Labyrinth Walk on Good Friday from Noon-3pm