

# **Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit**

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



**August 17, 2025**

**9:30 am Sunday**

**The Proper 15**

**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:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Liturgy of the Word The Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.

- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **The Epistle: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

*God be in My Head*

**Hymnal 694(x2)**

### **The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,

mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Message**

**Rev Bob**

## **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**

*Please kneel, stand or be seated]*

*Reader:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, pray \_\_\_\_; in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer, pray for \_\_\_\_ in the DR pray for \_\_\_\_ In the parish cycle of prayer, pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our President, Donald Trump, our Governor, Jim Pillen; and the elected officials of the communities in which we live, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop, Ted and Terri, our Deacons. Guide them, and the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. We remember today those who serve our country at home and abroad, especially those who are deployed: \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Those who travel: \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Those celebrating birthdays this week, especially: \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Those celebrating anniversaries this week, \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Lord, grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we lift up those in our congregation, and those we know who are ill; especially \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? We also pray for those with special concerns: especially: \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, \_\_\_\_\_ are there others? that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Reader adds a concluding Collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of you people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

*Reader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

*The Celebrant continues:*

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.**

## Peace

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

### Offertory Hymn

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Hymnal 691

### Doxology

Hymnal 380(v3)

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving *(Prayer C)*

*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*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

Spoken

*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 may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **Fraction Hymn**

**Spoken**

*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**

Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

### **Going Forth Hymn**

*I Want to Walk*

**Hymnal 490**

## **The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**



The Chapel Presence Candle is given by Jennifer & Brian Wilson in Thanksgiving for all of the blessings of this life, especially our parents, Jack and Della Lee and Dan and Grace Wilson.

The Nave Presence Candle is given by William French in Memory of Vern & Jean French, Earl McMillion & Bertha French.

## Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

**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 hone 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:

Yara R  
Jason T  
Hadley M  
Beth B  
Ellen G  
Beth F  
Alexandra W  
Shirley H

### Anniversaries:

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
Ministries		Aug 17	Aug 24
VPOD		Cindy P	Judy D
Hospitality		Team 3	Team 4
Altar Guild		Team 1	Team 2
Spirit Hub		J2A	Bell Choir
Altar Bread		Leslie N	Leslie N
LEMs	5:00 pm	Toby W/Kathy B	Charolotte A
	8:00 am	Doug A	
	9:30 am	Jan S Lori E	Lori E Emily W
LEV		Team 1	Team 2
Recycle		Susan H	Karen G
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Vincent C Cadence K Mya H	MacKenzie C Isaiah CH Kyper M

## This Week's Highlights

**Pastoral Care:** Should a pastoral need arise, please contact Fr Bob, Dcn Ted or Dcn Terri. Their phone numbers can be found in the parish directory. If you don't have a directory, please call the church office and ask Jean to forward your request.



## This Week's Highlights

**We welcome Rev. Bob Schlismann, who is serving as our long-term supply priest.**

**Online Worship:** If you are unable to be with us in-person, just [click here](#) to join us online at 9:30 am Sunday mornings. A recorded copy of our worship will be available shortly afterwards on our You Tube channel CHS1305.

**Annual Parish Picnic:** Our summer picnic will be held on Sunday (17 Aug) following the at 11am. Once again, we will hold our picnic at the pavilion next to the splash pad located at the bottom of the hill in Everett Park.

**Mobile Food Pantry:** The pantry date has been changed to 23 Aug due to the Labor Day Holiday. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 9am. The pantry is from 10am to 11:30am. Please pass the word to those in need

**Adult Bible Study:** Twelve Ordinary Men: Session's start has been moved back to 07 Sept, at 10:45am. In these sessions, you'll learn that disciples are living proof that God's strength is made perfect in weakness. As you get to know the men who walked with Jesus, you'll see that if he can accomplish his purposes through them, he can do the same through you. Sign up at the Spirit Hub. You only have to sign up once and if you can't make every session, it is fine.

**EfM:** Education for Ministry, an adult formation program is still registering participants. The starting date has moved 9 Sept 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year. Our EfM group is held online on Zoom. Please see Ruth Richter (richterfamilyne@gmail.com) for more information and how to register.

**Sunday School:** We are starting classes on 7 Sept after the 9:30 service. We are still in need of 2 or more volunteers to be present during Sunday School after the 9:30 am service. You are there as an extra body. No experience necessary. See Cindy Pekarek or Jean Cook for more information or to sign up.