



Daily Morning Prayer, Rite II

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025 • 10:15 a.m.

HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Gavotte in B-flat

Thomas Arne

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song. The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

OPENING HYMN • 637

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Sung by all

Lyons

Descant

5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

5 soul, _____ to shake, no,

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WELCOME

We acknowledge that our worship is taking place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling or sitting as able

**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 heart;
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 Officiant remains kneeling and says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as able

<i>Officiant</i>	Lord, open our lips.
<i>People</i>	And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People Come let us adore him.

JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

Officiant and People

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

THE APPOINTED PSALM

Reader Please join me in reading a portion of Psalm 50, found in the service leaflet.

PSALM: Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

¹**The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.**

³**Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**

⁴**He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.**

⁵**“Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

⁶**Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.**

⁷**Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.**

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.**

²³**Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**

²⁴**Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”**

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The People are seated for the lessons, and when there is Children's Worship, the children leave for Children's Worship. The children will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more;
¹³bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,

¹⁷learn to do good;
seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

FIRST CANTICLE

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah
Quaerite Dominum

Isaiah 55:6-11

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The people sit.

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SECOND CANTICLE

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The People stand as able.

HYMN • #635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Sung by all

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing in love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

THE THIRD READING: Luke 12:32-40

The people sit.

A Reading from Luke.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed

are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

THE SERMON

Bruce Bowler, Lay Worship Leader
From Sermons That Work, “Beyond Material Worth,” by Ben E. Helmer,
St. James Episcopal Church, Eureka Springs, AR

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing as able.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PEACE

All remain standing as able. The Officiant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Officiant Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:



DOXOLOGY • #380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 1982

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

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The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel as able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

The People stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People are guided by Form 4 found on page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

Our souls flee to you for peace, O Lord.

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the community of Stevensville and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, with Richard Tardiff as interim. We also pray for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; and for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese.

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.

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide 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.

Silence

God of love and 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.

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Today we pray especially for:

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton

Bert and Nora Horton

Joan Chaussee

Betty Rice

Jari Davis

Lew and Robin Mueller

Dolores Criswell

Nancy Callen

Kathy Adams

Paula and family

Michael Ayers and family

Family and friends of the Ruybalid family

Peggy Deeds

Doug Harris and family

Marleigh Flanigan

Jennifer, Mark and Jacob

Bob Simons

Robert Hadlow

Laura and Cannon

Linda T.

Christina Errebo

Maggi Teague

Dan

Jeanne

Mari, Brian and baby

Jone and Jesse

Peter and Malcolm Smith

Gloria Dayley

Dan

Sullivan

Beth

Peg

Janel

Paula

Patrick

Ray

Shannon

Greg

Mary

Moe

Sam

Wanda

Mae Nan Ellingson

Dennis Beary

Cile Shepherd

Terry Whatley

The staff and patients of al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City

Anna Goodfriend

Jean Larson

Tom Ard

Dylan Taylor

Tim

Graham

Carol

And for those who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

And we also pray for:

- our opportunity to learn and serve through the Missoula Food Bank & Community Center
- our national, state, and local leaders and their work on our behalf
- all who are involved in fighting the wildfires
- peace and right action in rally and protest gatherings, war zones, and borderlands
- and the other people and concerns on our hearts which we lift to you now

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially this morning for Carol Garlington, Nancy Simons and for any others you may wish to remember, silently or aloud.

The People may add their own petitions

Silence

God of love and mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN • #544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Sung by all

Duke Street

THE CLOSING HYMN MAY BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Romans 15:13

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Allegro from the Concerto in B-flat

Johann Walther



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary, by Sarah and Bill Towle; and in celebration of James Gartner and Sarah Ljunggren's upcoming wedding and in loving memory of Nancy Simons, by Karen and Warren Gartner.

Participants in the Service

<i>Lay Worship Leader and Preacher</i>	<i>Bruce Bowler, Lay Worship Leader</i>
<i>Director of Music</i>	<i>Dr. Nancy Cooper</i>
<i>Children's Worship Storyteller and Doorkeeper</i>	<i>The Ven Dorcie Dvarishkis, Mark Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Valerie Hess, Michael Irwin</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Don Gisselbeck</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>John and Tracey Gage</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Sharon Bingham, Lucy Deaton</i>
<i>Summer Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	<i>Lori Cordis, Diane Rasmuson, Warren and Karen Gartner</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Alice Caplins, Molly Bowler</i>
<i>Videographer</i>	<i>PJ Willett</i>

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WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP!

Newcomers and guests are always welcome at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Our service today uses the service leaflet, and a service leaflet is also available online. The QR code to access the bulletin page of the website is available in the pews. Just scan it with the camera on your phone. We hope you will take a moment to complete the white Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR TODAY TO CELEBRATE WITH SARAH AND JAMES

Please plan on attending coffee hour following church today, hosted by Diane Rasmuson and Karen and Warren Gartner in honor of the upcoming nuptials of Diane's granddaughter, Sarah Ljunggren and James Gartner, son of Karen and Warren Gartner. Your cards are most welcome but, please, no gifts.

CO-RECTOR ON VACATION

Rev Gretchen is out of the office on her annual leave until Wednesday, August 20th.

HOLY COW LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT. Please follow this QR Code and complete a survey for the diocese. The Congregational Development Committee and the Diocesan Council are seeking your input about the direction and needs of our diocese. Your thoughts and opinions are valuable and can help shape the future of our life together as a diocese. **Please reply by August 10.**



JOIN US FOR A CAMPFIRE COOKOUT AT THE GARTNERS ON AUGUST 22

Set aside Friday afternoon & evening August 22 for a super fun outdoor cookout at Karen and Warren Gartner's home near Victor. The Gartners are providing grilled burgers and hot dogs, or you can cook a hotdog over the fire. Bring a "picnic" side or salad dish to share, plates, utensils, and beverages. Dessert S'mores and bottled water will be available.

There will be a variety of outdoor games like croquet, Molki, Native American games, Foxtail, tomahawk throwing, etc. You can walk the paths around the 5 acres and enjoy the gardens and birds. If you stay until dark, Karen and Warren can lead night hikes, with sensory activities, star stories and more.

Bring your instruments - guitar, ukulele, and favorite campfire songs, too. The Gartners have some song sheets with familiar favorites. Seating will take place at their fire pit, so be sure to bring your sturdy deck chairs.

A head count of people attending will be needed by Sunday August 17. **Please sign up in the Parish Hall on Sunday August 10 or 17 if you are planning to attend.** Carpooling would be great, too, as Karen and Warren live about 45 minutes south of Holy Spirit on Highway 93, near Victor. Check the sign-up sheet to see who you could offer or share a ride with to and from the event.

Please plan to arrive by 4:00 p.m. Social hour will begin immediately! Directions to the Gartner home follow:

- Take Highway 93 south to the Stevensville light.
- Continue on Highway 93 to Indian Prairie – 3.6 miles.
- Turn right on Indian Prairie and go to St. Mary's road – 1.3 miles.
- Turn right on St. Mary's to Mesquite Lane – .3 miles.
- Turn right on Mesquite and we're the second house.

Mesquite doesn't have a regular road sign. There's a wooden "fence" that says Mesquite on the right and "Welcome to the Ranch" on the left.

RECTOR SEARCH SURVEY

One of the most important steps in our search for a new Rector is to survey the congregation. Earlier this week, Holy Spirit parishioners received an email containing a link to a Parish survey. The survey has three elements: demographic information; what aspects of Parish life attract you to Holy Spirit; and what you are looking for in a new Rector. The Search Committee will use this information, in conjunction with several listening sessions to be held in September, to help describe Holy Spirit to potential Rector candidates and to build a job description for the position.

If you did not get a copy of the Parish survey or have questions about it, please write to: rectorsearch@holyspiritmissoula.org. You can also call the church office to obtain a copy.

The deadline for completing the survey is August 20, 2025. Please help us in our search for a new Rector by completing the Parish survey.

HAVE YOU HAD AN ENCOUNTER WITH AN ANGEL IN YOUR LIFE?

An angel is a spiritual entity that serves as an intermediary between the God and humankind. Angels most often are messengers, protectors, comforters, or illuminators.

Have you had a dream or a spiritual or mystical experience involving an angelic presence? The Worship Enrichment Committee is preparing a program on angels and would welcome knowing about the experiences parishioners have had with angels. Please consider the role of angels in your life, then be in touch with Zara Renander (zara.renander@gmail.com).

SOCIAL MEDIA/MARKETING OPT-OUT

Holy Spirit posts photos of activities and events on Facebook and Instagram, as well as on our website. We know many people are just fine with this and enjoy seeing their photos at everything from picnics to baptisms. However, if you would like to opt out of this practice for yourself or your family, please let the office know. We will do our best to honor this request.

GODLY PLAY CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. PLEASE JOIN US!

Our Godly Play journey this summer will be full of stories of the first people and places we come to know in the Bible. You are welcome to explore with us, any and every Sunday, all summer long!

JOIN A SMALL GROUP IN AUGUST: THE PRACTICALITIES OF FAITH

Join Julie Benson for this women's group to explore your faith, not in theories or ideas, but in practical ways that may include listening to, seeking, hearing from, looking for and naming God in your life. The group will meet in the Guild Room on these remaining Thursdays in August: 14 and 21 from 1:00 - 2:30. Registration is not required.

BE AWARE OF SCAMS

There are people who are attempting to prey on churches using electronic communications. They do this by researching individual churches and then send out texts and/or e-mails that appear to come from the clergy or lay leaders. **If you receive a text or e-mail asking for funds or gift cards or asking you for a favor, do not reply back.** Rev. Terri or Rev. Gretchen will not ask for funds via text or email, so please do not respond to those communications. Please let the church office know if you receive a communication of this kind (406-542-2167).

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through August 31 our in-person worship service will be at 10:15 a.m. This service will also be livestreamed. Please note that we will have one service only throughout the summer.

CHANGES IN OFFICE HOURS

During the summer, the church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Our 10:15 a.m. worship service is livestreamed via video for our online congregation. By participating in this service, you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.