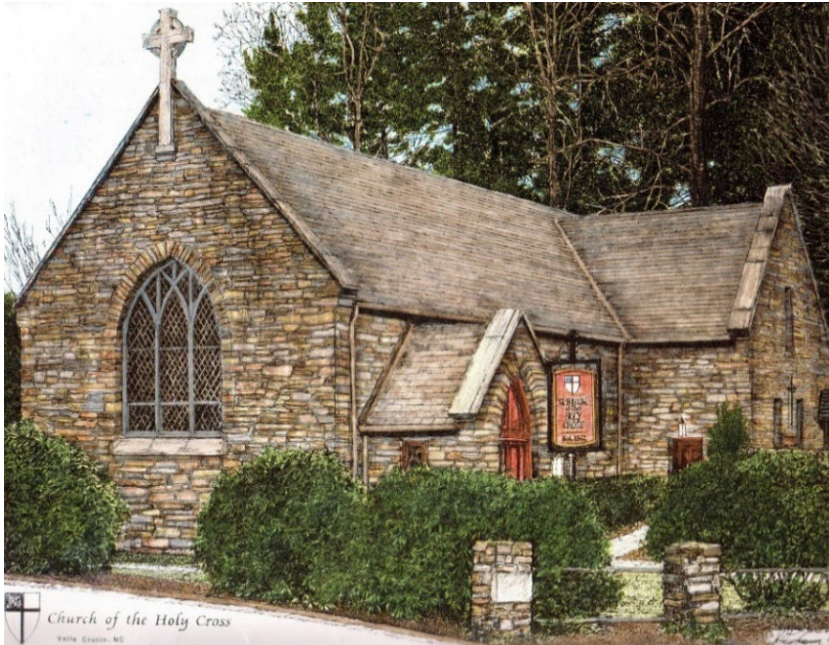


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00 AM

Welcome Home to Holy Cross!

It is our privilege to worship with you this morning! Please know that all baptized Christians regardless of Church denomination, and all who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ are most welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist.

Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate in all services at Holy Cross. Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

If this is your first time at Holy Cross, please complete a *Visitor Card* and let us know about your visit, especially if you have a specific need or prayer request. Visitor Cards are found in the pew racks. If you would like additional information about our many ministries and activities, speak to one of our Ushers or Greeters, or stop by Skiles Hall during the fellowship hour that follows each service. We would be happy to speak with you in person.

If you would like to make a financial offering or contribution, you can do so by scanning this QR Code or via our website at www.holycrossvallecrucis.net



It is the custom in The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer, and during the worship service, stand for praise, sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer. Please respect the devotional needs of others by turning off cellular telephones and electronic devices, and by speaking with hushed voices.

Again, Welcome Home to Holy Cross! And may God's peace enfold you.

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II
The Word of God

Prelude: "Adagio" W.A. Mozart

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The Processional Hymn: #7 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" *Ratisbon*

Opening Acclamation: BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity: BCP 355

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.

People: Amen.

The Gloria: #S-277

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

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
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 are 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.

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The First Lesson:

1 Samuel 8:4-20

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Response: **Psalm 138** (*Prayed responsively by whole verse as noted in **Bold** type*)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
 before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple**
 and praise your Name, *
 because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
 and your word above all things.
- 4 **When I called, you answered me; ***
 you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
 when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 **They will sing of the ways of the LORD, ***
 that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
 he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; ***
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
 O LORD, your love endures for ever;
 do not abandon the works of your hands.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson follows as printed on the next page.

The Second Lesson:

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Gradual Hymn: #533 “How Wondrous and Great Thy Works”

Lyons

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 3:20-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin

A time of silence follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

The Nicene Creed:

BCP 358

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 for 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 again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

Continued...

**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.**

All kneel for the prayers as they are able.

The Prayers of the People:

Form VI

BCP 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence is kept.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Leader: For Joseph, our President; for Roy, our Governor; for all elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Leader: We pray for those who have asked for prayers, for those in harm's way, for the unemployed, the lonely, for those who are sick, or in need, and those whom we name aloud at this time:

The People speak the names of those on their hearts.

The Leader concludes saying,

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of the Congo.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mars Hill; and the Church of the Advocate, Asheville.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop: and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for an end to the war and human suffering throughout the Middle East, Gaza, and the Ukraine.

We pray for those who travel this week, especially Scott & Elaine & family, Ahren & Stacey, Frank & Mary,_____.

We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially “To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.”

I invite your prayers of intercession either silently or aloud.

The People add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Leader: We give thanks for Ernestine Glover, Lee Gallien, Mark Mitchell, Chris Grater, Leslie Trevathan, Alicia Toomey, Tracey Maness, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for Dave & Pat Parks, and all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve as *Ushers & Greeters*, and for all the ministries and activities of this parish, and pray God’s continued blessing on all who partake of, or serve in them.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

The People add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for Jane Conway,_____, and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Continued...

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

The Confession of Sin: *(Prayed by all present)*

BCP 393

**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 Absolution:

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.

People: Amen.

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

**Watch over your child(ren) O Lord,
as *their* days increase.
Bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be.
Strengthen *them* when they stand.
Comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful.
Raise *them* up if they fall.
And in *their* heart(s) may your peace
which passes understanding,
abide with *them* all the days of *their* lives;
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.**

Concerning The Holy Communion

Instructions on receiving Communion are now presented.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Meditation on “Toplady” Hymn Tune Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Presentation Hymn: “The Doxology” *Old 100th*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP 369

The Sursum Corda:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: 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.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest: 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.

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

Priest: 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.

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

Continued...

Priest: 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:

The Sanctus:

#S-124

**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.**

(All kneel as they are able)

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,

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

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; 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.

***People:* 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.

***People:* AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer:

Traditional Version

BCP 364

**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: (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem:

#S-161

The Priest invites the people to Communion saying,

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.

Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

Hymns during the Communion:

#336 "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"

#654 "Day by Day" (*sung twice*)

An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.

When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.

The Dismissal:

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn: #530 “Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word” *Gott sei Dank*

Postlude: “Sortie Eroica” Stanley E. Saxton

Gracious thanks are given to Laura Russell for serving as guest Organist today. Thank you for sharing your talents this morning.

We also thank those who served this morning

At St. John’s

At Holy Cross

9:00 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers: Mary Pietan & Stuart Tugman Susan Howard & Karla Prudhomme

Ushers: Mary Pietan & Stuart Tugman Susan Howard & Karla Prudhomme

Lector: Tav Gauss Mary Watson

Prayers of the People: Edie Tugman Mary Watson

Chalice: Kim Gauss Chuck Canady

Acolytes: Kim Gauss Randy McDonough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

The Third Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at St. John’s *(with music and hymnody)*

10:00 am Fellowship time on the Lawn at St. John’s

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross *(with music and hymnody)*
(This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel)

12:00 pm Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

12:45 pm *ECW Meeting*

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024 – 12:45 pm
ECW Monthly Meeting

ECW will meet **this Sunday June 9** in Skiles Hall at 12:45 pm, following the 11:00 am worship service and fellowship time. Hope you can join us!

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024
“Music in the Valle” at Valle Crucis Community Park – 5:30 pm

We are delighted to serve once again as an official sponsor of the VC Community Park’s “*Music in the Valle*” Summer Concert Series. This year, we have partnered with the Valle Crucis Conference Center and, together, are sponsoring “*The Lucky Strikes Orchestra*” in concert on ***Friday evening, June 14th***.

All are encouraged to bring a dish to share as we gather in the Herrick Pavilion for a potluck supper (5:30-ish pm), enjoy a time of fellowship and laughter followed by the concert. Whether you come for the potluck meal or simply to attend the concert be sure to bring a lawn chair and favorite beverage. More details and needs will be announced as we draw closer to the event. Volunteer providers of picnic supplies would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Patty Dilley at: hatch108@charter.net for additional information or to offer help.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at St. John’s *(with music and hymnody)*
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TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024
Stew at Stu's – 5:30-7:30 pm

The June **Men's Night Out** gathering will be hosted by Stuart (Sonny) Tugman from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. **MNO** is a monthly opportunity for men from within the parish and in our community to enjoy having an evening of fellowship together. This month will also give us a chance to toast (and perhaps roast) Father Allan on the occasion of his retirement.

Stuart is preparing his famous Southwestern Chicken Stew (bowls) with Texas Toast and a side salad. Remember to bring your favorite beverage to enjoy and feel free to bring a friend or two, but **please** RSVP no later than noon on Monday, June 17 via email to KeithTMartin@gmail.com or by text or phone to (704) 608-2755.

The Tugman home is located at 216 Cherry Drive in Boone but, since parking is non-existent, a shuttle will transport folks from the Boone Drug side of the EarthFare parking lot on King Street every five minutes from 5:25 to 5:45 p.m. Please time your arrival within that time frame, and please join us on June 18th for **Stew at Stu's!**

2024 SUMMER FOOD MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Church of the Holy Cross is partnering with Valle Crucis United Methodist Church in support of the 2024 summer food ministry program. Our combined efforts will supply meals for six families over the summer with 5 scheduled delivery dates. We are using the same volunteer sign-up link to make donations organized and user-friendly for the parish. In addition to continuing our history of helping others in our community, we are getting to know our neighbors at Valle Crucis UMC. They are excited about our participation and look forward to our help with this important volunteer opportunity.

Please be on the lookout for a monthly Parish email, beginning June 12, with the ***Volunteer Sign Up*** link and instructions to make your contributions to the 2024 Summer Food Ministry program. Our summer ministry team welcomes your donations! **For questions, please contact Jeff or Angela Williams and Darby Logan.**

The Parish Prayer List: June 9, 2024

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

For Healing: Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Dayton C., Laura B., Wendell S., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., John M., Shane B., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Bill M., Andrea M., Betty H., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Kimberly M., Catherine R., Molly H., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Dale E., Drew C., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., _____.

For those in Harm's Way: All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, for Chris B., and all health & relief workers throughout the world.

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