

The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2024

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Dedication of 2025 Pledges**

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

The Hymnody and Music noted in this leaflet is offered at the 11 AM service only.

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 in A Minor” (BWV 564) J.S. Bach

Greetings and Announcements Pages 17-19

Processional Hymn: #477 “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” Engelberg

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 Response: “The Gloria”

(Spoken at 8:30; Sung at 11:00 as #S-278)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s 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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The First Lesson:

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Response follows as printed on the next page

The Response: Psalm 19 (Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of / God, *
and the firmament shows his / handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to an-/other, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to an-/other.
- 3 Although they have no words or / language, *
and their voices are not / heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all / lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the / world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its / course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it a-/gain; *
nothing is hidden from its burning / heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the / soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the / innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the / heart; ***
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the / eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for / ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto-/gether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine / gold, ***
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the / comb.

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The Response: Psalm 19 (Prayed responsively at 8:30 as noted in **bold** type; Sung at 11:00)



- 11 By them also is your servant en-/lightened, *
and in keeping them there is great re-/ward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he of-/fends? ***
cleanse me from my secret / faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion / over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-/fense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**
be acceptable in your / sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my re-/deemer.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Second Lesson:

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Gradual Hymn: #441

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Rathbun

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 8:27-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. George Greer, Jr.

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

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.

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.

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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Churches of the Holy Cross, Tryon and Valle Crucis.

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect, 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 Frank & Mary, Keith & Becky, _____.

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We pray for the grace to demonstrate in our words and deeds the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion, especially “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”

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.

We give thanks for Charlie Frisbie, Steve Williams, Hank Wansker, Jennifer Browning, Kristin Copeland, Susan Duke, Preston Coleman, Buddy Jackson, and all who celebrate birthdays this week; and for all who celebrate wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for those who serve on our *Mission and Outreach Commission*, 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 _____, (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.

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.**

All 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: “Hymn of Promise”

Natalie Sleeth

The Presentation Hymn: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Ar hyd y nos

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

The Dedication of 2025 Pledges

*Having received the envelope of pledge cards and having placed them on the altar,
the Dedication begins:*

Leader: Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your benevolent truth and justice in our communities, and in the world.

People: Gracious God, open our lips.

Leader: Open our minds, O God, that we might dream a Church reconciled, a Church that knows only your love so abundantly that it bursts with passion for ministry, a desire to give completely, and stewardship that seeks only to give back.

People: Gracious God, open our minds.

Leader: Open our hearts, O God, to be transformed by the mighty outpouring of your compassion, so that our will to serve others with humility, integrity, and urgency is your desired will for us, your servants.

People: Gracious God, open our hearts.

Leader: Open our eyes, O God, to the hurts and needs of others and us to ministry. Teach us to see where our abilities and resources, and the world's deep hunger, meet.

People: Gracious God, open our eyes.

Leader: Open our hands, O God, to be your instruments of witness to your redemption, mercy, grace and forgiveness. Help us to work without hesitation, serve without recognition, to do justice, to love kindness, and to serve humbly with you, our God.

People: Gracious God, open our hands.

Priest: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious God, in whose Son Jesus Christ all things hold together and work for good; we lift to you the offerings of our lives, our time, our passionate concern, and our material resources, asking you to bless and sanctify them by the transforming power of your Holy Spirit for the work of bringing your kingdom near, and to the honor and glory of your Name.
We pray this in the name of the risen Christ.
Amen.**

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***Priest and People:* We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit (†) upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (†) by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By (†) him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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-169

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:

#323 “Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”

#439 “What Wondrous Love is This”

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

When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.

Kneeling Hymn:

“Ubi Caritas”

Taizé 49

(Sung 3 Times in Language of Choice)

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

An additional time for silent prayer and reflection precedes the prayer on the following page.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand.

The Blessing:

May the light of God illumine the heart of your soul.
 May the flame of Christ burn within you the divine gift of love.
 May the fire of the Spirit cause you to live freely today, tonight, and forevermore.
 And may the Blessing of God Almighty: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be among you this day and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Processional Hymn: #473 “Lift High the Cross, the Love of Christ Proclaim” *Crucifer*

The Dismissal:

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “When in Our Music God is Glorified” Robert A. Hobby

We are delighted to Welcome Home to Holy Cross, the Rev. George Greer, Jr.

We also thank those who served this morning

8:30 am

11:00 am

Greeters/Oblationers:

Sis Kinney

Susan Howard & Randy McDonough

Ushers:

Sis Kinney

Susan Howard & Randy McDonough

Lector:

Jane Blackburn

Mary Pietan

Prayers of the People:

Jane Blackburn

Mary Pietan

Chalice:

Ted Ponko

David Johnston

Acolytes:

Ted Ponko

Tav Gauss

Linen Fairies:

Karla Prudhomme

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 *The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost* *and Dedication of 2024 Pledges*

- 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)
9:30 am Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
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

HOLY CROSS NAME TAGS

In anticipation of Fr. Hartmans' arrival in early October, your Vestry is excited to announce that we will be providing name tags with black lanyards to any parish member that would like to have one. Please visit the Parish News page on the Holy Cross website or contact Angela Williams at 336-314-0151 for more information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 *Men's Night Out at Allen Tate in Boone – 5:45-7:30 pm*

The September 17 *Men's Night Out* gathering will take place at **5:45 p.m.** "up on the roof" at the Allen Tate Company, located at 736 West King Street in the heart of downtown Boone. Host Jaco Gerbrands will welcome MNO colleagues with beer, wine and hor derves before moving across the street at 6:30 p.m. to the new South End Brewing Company for a dutch treat dinner. On street parking is available after 5 p.m., as well in several nearby public parking lots in Boone.

MNO is an opportunity for men from within the parish and in our community to enjoy having an evening of fellowship together. We're very flexible and inclusive, so feel free to bring a friend... or three! In order to let our gracious hosts know how many will be in attendance from Holy Cross, **please RSVP** by noon on Monday, September 16 via email to KeithTMartin@gmail.com by text or phone to (704) 608-2755.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:30 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*quiet service with no music*)
- 9:30 am** Fellowship time in Skiles Hall
- 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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Film Screening of The Philadelphia 11 in the Apple Barn – 4:00 pm

Gather, watch and discuss the meaning of this important history about the first women ordained as Episcopal priests. This film is about how to break down barriers with grace, and be true to oneself in the process, and it is about standing up to institutions that do not allow all people to be who they are called to be. The screening is **free**, but we'd appreciate an RSVP to director@vconferences.org for set up and refreshment planning.

Looking Ahead...

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

Eucharistic Minister & Lay Reader Training – 10:00 am

Have you ever thought about serving at the Altar or becoming a Lay Reader, or are you currently serving in this important ministry and feel like it's time for a refresher? If so, don't miss the upcoming training opportunity, led by Nina Jo Moore! For additional information and to sign up for training, contact Karla Prudhomme. Cell: 423-202-4386
Email: krprudhomme@skybest.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

The Valle Rendez-View Gala Dinner – 5:30 pm

The Valle Crucis Conference Center is hosting the first ever Valle Rendez-View Gala Dinner! Music by the FABULOUS Belle Peppers, a gourmet dinner catered by Reid's (arguably the best caterers in the High Country), and general hilarity provided by your VCCC hosts. The event kicks off with drinks and some light schmoozing at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, music, and possibly some dancing, if we're in the mood. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person. All proceeds go to benefit the Valle Crucis Conference Center's ministry of hospitality.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
Elaine Kallestad's Farewell Luncheon

As you know, Elaine Kallestad has announced her retirement as Choir Director/Organist after 17 years of service to Holy Cross Church! Her last Sunday will be September 29, so following the 11:00 am service we will have a covered dish lunch in Skiles Hall with some songs and dance (!) by the choir! There is sign-up sheet in Skiles Hall for the covered dish lunch with various categories such as main dish, salads, vegetables/sides, bread. Dessert will be provided!! We will come together to celebrate and give thanks for Elaine's ministry here at Holy Cross. For information contact Dedy Traver at traverarms@yahoo.com or 828-898-5771.

The Parish Prayer List: September 15, 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., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Anna Jane R., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Catherine R., Molly H., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Mary M., Cornelia S., Mary B., Ann G., Mary Jane M., Dave P., Pat P., Jan H., Kathy C., Sharon B., Joe U., Kelly C., Jesse H., Jennifer B., _____.

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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Terry Fulton (2026), Co-Senior Warden
Walter Browning (2024)
Patty Dilley (2024)
Tav Gauss (2025)
Darby Logan (2025)
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Angela Williams (2026)

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