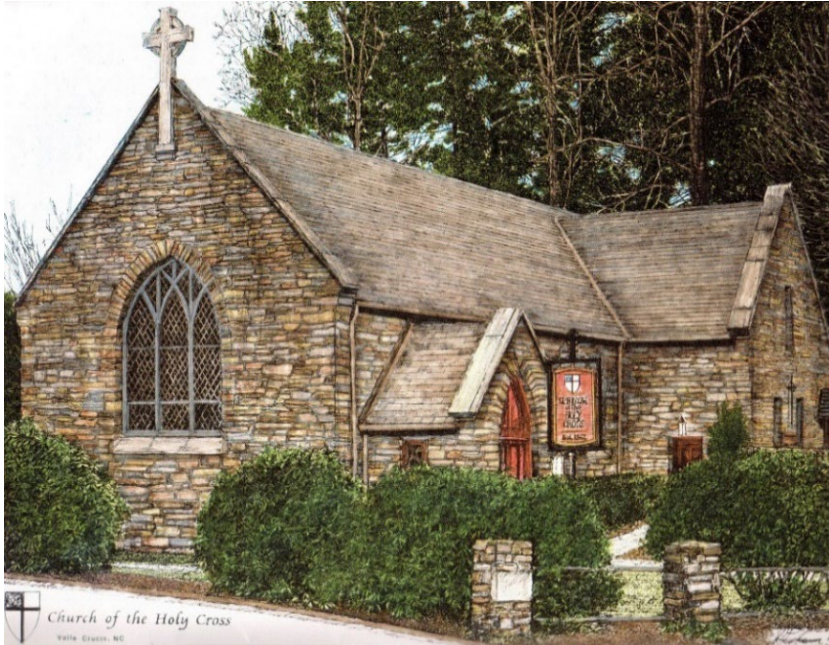


# The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

## *The Day of Pentecost*

**May 24, 2026**

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.

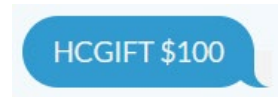
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If this is your first time at Holy Cross, please complete a *Visitor Card* and let us know about your visit, especially if you have a specific need or prayer request. Visitor Cards are found in the pew racks. If you would like additional information 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.

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*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**

**The Prelude:** *Offered by Shane Watson*

**The Announcements:** *(Pages 17-19)*

**The Prayer for the Care of Children:** BCP 829

Priest: Let us pray.

**People:** Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*All stand.*

**The Opening Hymn: #516** “Come Down, O Love Divine” *Down Ampney*

**The Opening Acclamation:** BCP 355

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**The Collect for Purity:** BCP 355

Priest: 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-280*

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.

*Continued...*

**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:**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.*

**The First Lesson:**

**Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs -- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

**The Response:**

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**



- 25      **O LORD, how manifold are your works! \***  
          **in wisdom you have made them all;**  
          **the earth is full of your creatures.**
- 26      **Yonder is the great and wide sea**  
          **with its living things too many to number, \***  
          **creatures both small and great.**
- 27      **There move the ships,**  
          **and there is that Leviathan, \***  
          **which you have made for the sport of it.**
- 28      **All of them look to you \***  
          **to give them their food in due season.**

*Continued...*



- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

*A time for silent reflection follows.*

### The Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to

another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Kingsfold*

*(as printed on Page 15 of this leaflet)*

**The Holy Gospel:**

**John 7:37-39**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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.*

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows:**

BCP 304

Priest: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People:** I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Continued...*

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Priest: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness (†) of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

*All remain standing for the prayers.*

**The Prayers of the People:**           *(Adapted from the Southwell Litany)*

Leader: In peace, let us pray to God saying,  
Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Deepen our gratitude for all you have given us: the beauty of creation, love given and received, and the sacred calling to share your grace with a hurting world.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant us a lively hope in your mercy and deliver us from weariness in our struggles, from despondency in failure, and from an overburdened sense of unworthiness.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Save us from all unwise haste, from the impatient retort of irritation and the taunt of sarcasm, and from all idle words that hurt.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lead us away from strife, partisanship, and division, from magnifying our certainties to condemn all differences, and from building our systems to exclude all challenges.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Inspire those who hold authority and influence in the nations with your vision for a world made new and give them the wisdom and hearts of servants to work for the common good and dignity of all people.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give to the leaders of your Church, especially all bishops, priests, and deacons, the faithfulness of learners and the courage of believers and rescue us from the easy arrogance that seeks wisdom in our own opinions and salvation through our own efforts.

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Continued...*

Leader: Comfort with your healing grace to all those whose suffering in body and spirit is clear to us, all those whose suffering is hidden, and all those whom we name aloud at this time:

**The people speak the names of those on their hearts.**

*When you arrived at the service, you received a stick with a name on it. That is the name of someone who has requested our prayers. Please call out the name of the person on that stick as well as anyone else on your heart, and keep them in your daily prayers through the coming week.*

*At the Offertory, simply drop the sticks in the offering plate. This is a wonderful way for all of us to share in the prayer ministry of our Parish.*

*The Leader concludes saying,*

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And on this Memorial Day Weekend, we most earnestly pray:

Almighty and merciful God, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women who, in the day of decision, ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy and especially for all those who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to those who are commemorated on this Memorial Day Weekend, and those written in our hearts, your mercy and the light of your presence. And give, O Lord, to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We ask all this in your Holy Name.

**People: Amen.**

All stand.

**The Peace:**

Priest: 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

*A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination.*

*We consider it an honor and privilege to commune with all present as one united body of Christ.*

*To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, place your right hand over your left shoulder. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.*

*When 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.*

### The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Anthem:** “Pentecost” arr: Mark Schweizer

**The Presentation Hymn: #380** “The Doxology” *Old 100th*

**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. Amen.**

### 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.**

*Continued...*

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.**

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-130***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(All kneel or stand 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.*

**The Fraction Anthem:**

**#S-164**

**The Invitation:** *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.

**Hymns during the Communion:**

**#321 "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread"**

**#587 "Our Father, By Whose Name"**

*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: #508**

**"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

*Nova Vita*

*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 as they are able.*

**The Blessing:**

*The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,*

And the Blessing of Almighty God: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn: “This is My Father’s World”**

*Terra Beata*

*(as printed on Page 16 of this leaflet)*

**The Dismissal:**

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**The Postlude:** *Offered by Shane Watson*

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

*We thank those who served this morning*

*At St. John’s*

*At Holy Cross*

*9:00 am*

*11:00 am*

*Musician:* Tom Shirley

Shane Watson

*Greeters & Ushers:*

Katie Hall & Sis Kinney

*Lectors & Prayers:* Judy Bondi

Richard Reeves

*Chalice Bearers:* Kim Gauss

Andrea McDonough & Karla Prudhomme

*Acolytes:* Kim Gauss

Randy McDonough

*Healing Ministers:*

The Daughters of the King

*Linen Fairies:* Kim Gauss

Sis Kinney

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -  
 2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and  
 3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So  
 2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of  
 3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a  
 2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my  
 3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
 2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.  
 3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

The Closing Hymn:

“This is My Father’s World”

*Terra Beata*

1 This is my Fa-ther’s world, and to my lis-tening ears all  
 2 This is our Fa-ther’s world: O let us not for - get that  
 3 This is my Fa-ther’s world: he shines in all that’s fair; in the

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul - er yet.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.

This is my Fa-ther’s world: I rest me in the thought of  
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair— all  
 This is my Fa-ther’s world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - ery - where.  
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026*

*The Day of Pentecost*

### **St. John's Re-Opens for the Summer**

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service at Holy Cross  
**9:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, **at St. John's** *with guest musician(s)*  
**10:15 am** **Fellowship on the Lawn at St. John's**  
**11:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, **at Holy Cross** *with music and Children's Prayer*  
*Sunday School is available during this service*  
*This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel*  
**12:15 pm** **Fellowship in Skiles Hall**

### *Regular Compline Services*

*Mondays & Thursdays – 8:00 pm via Zoom*

Compline is offered via Zoom at 8:00 p.m. every Monday & Thursday – please follow the link on the Church website to join the Zoom meeting. The "Virtual Waiting Room" opens 15 minutes before each service begins.

Contact Angela Williams or Mary Pietan if you have any issues signing on for Compline.

*NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026*

*The First Sunday After Pentecost*

*Trinity Sunday*

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service at Holy Cross  
**9:00 am** Holy Eucharist, Rite II, **at St. John's** *with guest musician(s)*  
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**12:15 pm** **Fellowship in Skiles Hall**

*Please join us in welcoming Fr. Jonathan Chesney and his family  
to Holy Cross!*

On Sunday, June 7, we will have **ONE** combined service **at 10:00am** at Holy Cross (*there will **NOT** be a service at St. John's*).

Please wear your name tag or stop by Skiles Hall for a stick-on name tag before the service. Following the service, all are invited to a covered dish potluck in Skiles Hall — please bring a dish to share if you're able.

We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion together!

*TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026  
DOK Quiet Day – 9:30am - 12:30pm  
“I kneel before the Father” – Ephesians 3:14*

**St. Helena's Chapter of Daughters of the King** invites one and all to a “Quiet Day” on Tuesday, June 23 at Holy Cross.

- 9:00 am**      Gathering and Coffee in Skiles Hall
- 9:30 am**      Gathering in Skiles Hall – reflections on humility, waiting on God, and patient prayer
- 11:00 am**     Gathering in Holy Cross Sanctuary – service for intercession, silence, prayers and music
- 12:30 pm**     Lunch in Skiles Hall

Hosted by Pan McCaslin, a life-long Episcopalian and current member of Holy Cross, who serves the Church offering opportunities for education, wellness and spiritual formation. She works with Church Pension Group offering clergy wellness programs, consults with clergy and vestries, and leads retreats. She and her husband live on Beech Mountain, have three adult children and four grands.

If you've ever thought about joining Daughters of the King, or just wondered about who we are, or you just need a “Quiet Day” before the peak of summer that comes with the Fellowship of like-minded souls, please join us. Feel free to bring friends who might need that “Quiet Day” as well. All are welcome. Always.

Please RSVP to Kim Gauss at [kfgauss73@gmail.com](mailto:kfgauss73@gmail.com) so that we can abundantly accommodate all attendees for lunch.

*SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026*  
*Eucharistic Minister & Lay Reader Training – 10:00 am*

Attention **all current** Altar Servers & Lectors (Readers), **and** anyone interested in being trained for either or both: Training will be held in the Holy Cross Sanctuary on Saturday June 20th from 10am-12pm, led by Nina-Jo Moore and Karla Prudhomme.

We will also be reviewing any new procedural changes requested by Father Jonathan, our new Parish Priest.

For additional information and to sign up for training, please contact Karla Prudhomme by email at [krprudhomme@skybest.com](mailto:krprudhomme@skybest.com) or phone at 423-202-4386.

**The Parish Prayer List: May 24, 2026**

*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., Wendell S., Noyes L., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Julia M., Randy M., Shane B., Claire M., Tav G., Andrea M., Charles III, Kate M., Floyd T., Leslie S., Suzie L., Pam C., Ann G., Rosalie G., Stuart T., Michael H., Laura B., Linda B., Mike L., Ann I., Mike M., Susan M., Jacquie M., Arthur L., Coleman B., James C., Dylan C., David Y., Michael T., Wayne W., Scott W., Sally, \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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Randy McDonough (2028), Junior Warden

Doris Boulton (2026)

Catherine Morton (2026 – completing term)

Angela Williams (2026)

Radie Armstrong (2027)

Paul Cribbins (2027 – completing term)

Sis Kinney (2027)

John Goodrich (2028)

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