

The Van Daalen-Farmer Pipe Organ
Holy Cross Episcopal Church (Valle Crucis, NC)

- The instrument was built in **1976** by **Jan Van Daalen**, Organbuilder in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The organ was designed and created for St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Minnesota.
- The organ is a **mechanical action, tracker** instrument built in the historic style of pre-Baroque and Baroque eras. This specific style is common to both Holland and North Germany in the time of the late 1500's-1750.
- The **Flue** pipes were made by Jacques Stinkens of Holland. The **Reed** pipes were made by the Carl Giesecke firm of Germany.
- Tuning of the pipes is achieved by scrolls for larger pipes and cone tuning for smaller pipes. Reeds are tuned by adjusting the reed tongue.
- The **Blower** is a ¼ horsepower Ventus. It is wired to run on 110 volts of electricity, with the use of capacitors. Wind is regulated by Schwimmer-type regulators, located under each manual chest.
- The **Zimbelstern** (added in 2010) is located in the upper right Pedal tower, and is employed via a small switch on the bottom right of the manual desktop.
- **John Farmer**, Organbuilder in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, transported the organ from Minnesota and re-designed the instrument for Holy Cross.

Additional Information:

St. Philip the Deacon outgrew the Van Daalen organ and purchased a larger Schantz instrument. They sold the Van Daalen to Bethel Lutheran Church (Rochester, Minnesota) in 2005. Bethel used it as an interim instrument from 2005-2008 while awaiting their new Wicks organ.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church (Valle Crucis, NC) was in need of a new organ as its Allan electronic was in disrepair. Fr. John Zellner (Rector in 2008) approached Elaine Kallestad (new Organist in 2007) to search for a pipe organ and re-form the Organ Committee (established under organist Ralph Tilden). Elaine saw the classified advertisement for the Van Daalen in the January, 2008 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine. A crew of three (Joby Bell, John Dower, and Elaine Kallestad) inspected the organ at Bethel Lutheran on February 16, 2008. Holy Cross purchased the instrument that spring. John Farmer completed work on the organ and installed it at Holy Cross in 2010. The Dedicatory Recital was played by Dr. Joby Bell on May 15, 2011.

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Original Van Daalen Organ

- Photo taken at Bethel Lutheran Church (Rochester, MN.)
- Bethel Lutheran was the 2nd home to the organ. Bethel made no changes to the organ since it was an interim instrument.
- St. Phillip the Deacon Lutheran Church (Plymouth, MN.) was the organ's 1st home.



*Photo and commentary by Elaine Kallestad/Organist at Holy Cross Episcopal Church (Valle Crucis, NC.)