

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

AND HE SHALL BE CALLED...

ADVOCATE • LAMB OF GOD
THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE
SHEPHERD & BISHOP OF SOULS • JUDGE
LORD OF LORDS • MAN OF SORROWS
HEAD OF THE CHURCH • MASTER
FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS • ROCK
HIGH PRIEST • THE DOOR • LIVING WATER
BREAD OF LIFE • ROSE OF SHARON
ALPHA & OMEGA • TRUE VINE • MESSIAH
TEACHER • HOLY ONE • MEDIATOR
THE BELOVED • BRANCH • CARPENTER
GOOD SHEPHERD • LIGHT OF THE WORLD
IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD • THE WORD
CHIEF CORNERSTONE • SAVIOR • SERVANT
AUTHOR & FINISHER OF OUR FAITH
THE ALMIGHTY • EVERLASTING FATHER
SHILOH • LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH
I AM • KING OF KINGS • PRINCE OF PEACE
BRIDEGROOM • ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR • IMMANUEL
SON OF MAN • DAYSPRING • THE AMEN
KING OF THE JEWS • PROPHET • REDEEMER
ANCHOR • BRIGHT MORNING STAR
THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

JESUS CHRIST



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8:30 & 11:00 am - Divine Services

9:45 am - Sunday School & Moncton Mission Presentation

7:00 pm - New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting Four, LSB page 203

Hymns: 376, 368, 400, 393, 386

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 (Pew Bible, Page 135)
Galatians 3:23-29 (Pew Bible, Page 1130)
St. Luke 2:21-40 (Pew Bible, Page 993)

Sermon St. Luke 2:21-40

“THE NAME”

Anthem: Youth Choir

Special Music: Organ/Piano Duets (*Jordan Fergin & Jenn Massicotte, Brady Fergin & Jenn Massicotte*)
(11:00 a.m.) String Group (*Brigitte Bridgemohan, Jonathan Das, Jordan Fergin, Gabrielle George, Sam Schafer, Justus Schafer*)

Serving in God's House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (*Officiant*), Pastor Roland Syens (*Preacher*)
Jennifer Massicotte (*Organist*), Evangeline Branje (*8:30 Acolyte*),
Mercedes Bauer (*11:00 Acolyte*), Ken Griffin (*8:30 Sound Operator*), Claude Massicotte (*11:00 Sound Operator*).

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we ask God to bless our land as we prepare to enter a new year. Where we have erred we ask Him to fill us with repentance and to renew in us all a deep care for the poor, orphaned and others in great need. We also remember those who are near and dear to us who have requested our prayers and we give thanks for the youth of our congregation who assist in today's service as well as who were involved in the youth lock-in this past Friday and Saturday.

Moncton Mission presentation today! during the Adult Bible class time. Join us in the Sanctuary at **10:00 a.m.** to hear how God's Word was shared by members of Holy Cross at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Moncton, NB.

Youth and Young Adults will join the mission presentation in the church this morning.

Sunday School Opening will be downstairs today due to the Mission presentation in the church.

Join us again tonight: for our *New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.*
Let's gather around God's Word and at His Table one last time in 2017!

Church Office closed on New Year's Day *Monday, January 1, 2018.* Debbie Pritchard is taking holidays this week returning on Monday, January 8th. Pastor Syens will be taking holidays from Friday January 5th to 9th, returning on Wednesday, January 10th.

Coming Events...

Sunday School Staff Epiphany party will be held *Sunday January 7* after late service.

Parish Planning Council Meeting will be held on *Wednesday January 10* at *7:30 p.m.*

GriefShare starts on *Monday January 15*, 6:30-8:30 pm and runs for 13 weeks.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around others who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you at this difficult time in your life. If now doesn't feel like the right time for you, you are welcome to join anytime. For more information, please contact Anita Syens at 519-896-7574.

Jr & Sr Confirmation Classes begin again on *Wednesday January 17* at *6:00 p.m.*

Adult Information Classes are again being offered and will begin *Sunday, January 21* *from 6:30-8:30 pm* and continue for 9 weeks. If you are interested in joining our church or simply looking to review what it is we believe, please speak to one of our pastors about attending.

Please Note

Those Who Make Offerings to the Lord's work: Just a reminder that contributions included for 2017 are those received by *Sunday, December 31.* All contributions received after this date will be credited to 2018.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy *Proverbs 3:9 – 'Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops'* Have you ever considered how you might leave a *lasting legacy* to the honour and glory of our Lord. God has blessed many in our church body and in response we are looking for ways to glorify God by giving back to him what he has provided us in abundance. For ideas on how you can leave a *lasting legacy* you can pick up the yellow brochure entitled "**LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY**" on the tack rack in the parlour.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Morning Attendance:	173		('16 – n/a)
Christmas Eve Attendance:	325 & 260	Total 585	('16– 702)
Christmas Day Attendance:	144		('16– 184)
Christmas Day Communion:	121	Total 99	('16 –145)

* The financial and memorial information for last week will be available in next Sunday's bulletin.

Weekly Calendar

Monday January 1 to Sunday January 7, 2018

Monday	New Year's Day , <i>Church office closed</i>	
Wednesday	Board of Elders, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i>	7:30 p.m.
	Board of Missions, <i>Church Library</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i>	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	The Baptism of Our Lord	
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	8:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Adult Bible Class, <i>Church</i>	9:45 a.m.
	YABS, <i>Conference Room</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Youth Bible Class, <i>Youth Centre</i>	9:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i>	11:00 a.m.
	SS Teachers Epiphany Party, <i>Parlour</i>	12:15 p.m.
	Nuer Language Service , <i>Church</i>	2:00 p.m.

The Pastors and Staff thank all of you, our Holy Cross family, for your kind words, gifts, cards and prayers that we have received over the Christmas Season. Know that we have all been blessed by the kindness you have shown us.

"By God's grace, the members of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a caring, vibrant diverse community of blessed believers, lovingly reaching out with the message of Jesus Christ." - *Vision Statement*