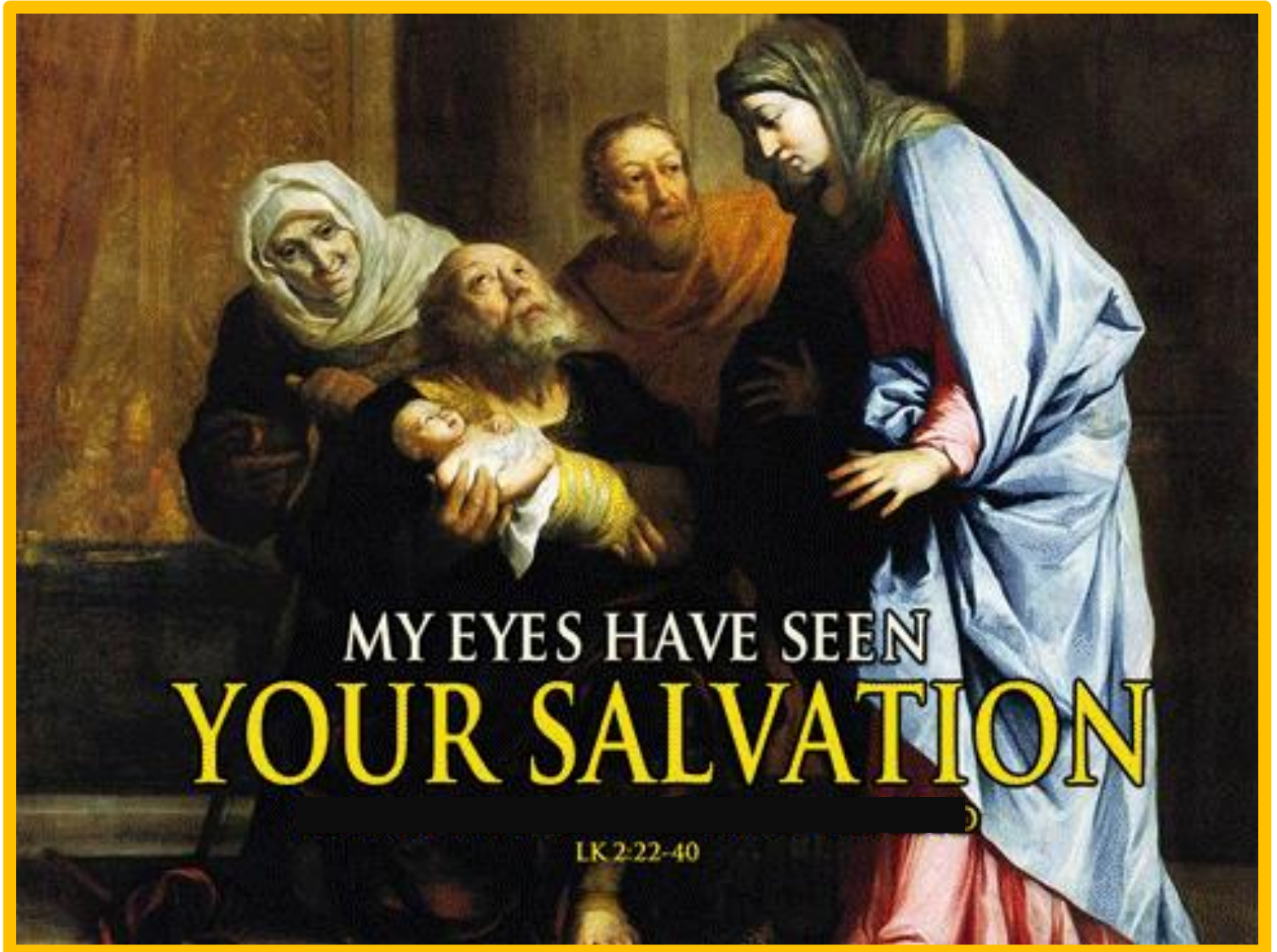


The First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018



Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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8:30 & 11:00a.m. - Divine Services

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School and Moncton Mission Presentation

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

Hymns: 379, 373, 393, 386

Readings: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 (Pew Bible, Page 66)
Colossians 3:12-17 (Pew Bible, Page 1144)
St. Luke 2:22-40 (Pew Bible, Page 993)

Anthem: (11:00 a.m.) *A Medley of Hymns* (Youth Choir, Brigitte Bridgemohan - violin)

Sermon: St. Luke 2:26

“THE PROMISE”

“It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.”

Special Music: Claude Massicotte (*saxophone*)

Serving in God’s House Today: Pastor Nolan Astley (Officiant), Pastor Roland Syens (Preacher), Jennifer Massicotte (Organist), Bridget Coleman (8:30 Acolyte), Madison Freiter (11:00 Acolyte), Kris Griffin & Isaiah Bridgemohan (8:30 Sound Operators), Claude Massicotte & Jonathan Das (11:00 Sound Operators).

Prayer Concerns: As we gather on the last Sunday of 2018 we **give thanks to God for the blessings of this past year** and pray that the new year will bring peace and contentment. More specifically we ask God to continue to **guide those entrusted with determining the eligibility of Jafar, Maryam, Benyamin and Danial** to come to Canada as refugees as soon as possible and that the Holy Spirit grant peace to this family as the process unfolds. We pray too that God would **guide and bless all our congregational and outreach missions** as we move into 2019 and further His kingdom in our midst. Finally, we continue to uphold **the family of Jim Keller** as they mourn his sudden passing 2 weeks ago. We pray for all **those who have experienced loss from the tsunami in Indonesia and places of unrest in our world** due to wars or persecution that the LORD would bring His peace and bless the care givers and peace makers.

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.

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

Church Office closed on, **Monday, December 31, 2018** and **Tuesday, January 1, 2019**. Debbie Pritchard is taking holidays this week returning on Friday, January 4. Pastor Syens will be taking holidays from Monday December 31, returning on Wednesday, January 9.

Join us again tomorrow night: 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 2018!

Coming Events...

Parish Planning Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday January 9** at **7:30 p.m.**

Jr & Sr Confirmation Classes begin again on **Wednesday January 23** at **6:00 p.m.**

Men's Retreat will be held at the **Guelph Bible Centre on March 1 and 2, 2019**. The speaker will be Rev. Charles St-Onge, Pastor at Ascension Lutheran Church in Montreal. The topic will be Science and the Bible. The cost will be \$125 for lodging, meals and snacks or \$85 if no accommodation is required.

Please Note...

Those Who Make Offerings to the Lord's work: Just a reminder that contributions included for 2018 are those received by **Monday, December 31**. All contributions received after this date will be credited to 2019.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Sunday Attendance: 69 & 277 & 28 Total 374 ('17 – 491)

Financial Status:

December PAD Needed:	\$ 6,865	December PAD Received:	\$ 7,745
Needed Last Week:	\$ 13,075	Received Last Week:	\$ 9,422
Needed YTD:	\$723,978	Received YTD:	\$708,803

Thankoffering: In honour of **CHRIS BLOCH & GUY CHADSEY** to the Refugee Family Sponsorship from Richard & Christine Seip.

Memorial: In memory of their dear son **ROGER SCHMITT** to the Sunday School from Bob & Jean Schmitt. In memory of **EMERSON HILL** to Griefshare from Kevin Hill.

Weekly Calendar

Monday December 31 to Sunday January 6, 2018

Monday	New Year's Eve , <i>Church office closed</i> New Year's Eve Service , <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	New Year's Day , <i>Church office closed</i>
Wednesday	Board of Fellowship, <i>Kitchen</i> 7:30 p.m. Board of Missions, <i>Church Library</i> 7:30 p.m. Board of Worship, <i>Conference Room</i> 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> 9:30 a.m.
Sunday	The Epiphany of Our Lord Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 8:30 a.m. Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</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>Church</i> 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.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 2010*