



# Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Canada

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## Holy Communion Service for New Year's Eve

December 31, 2016-- 7:00 p.m.

Entrance Hymn	<b>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</b>	LSB 366
Invocation, Confession & Forgiveness of Sins		LSB 184
Carol of Praise	<b>O Sing of Christ</b>	LSB 362
Old Testament: Isaiah 30:15-17		Pew Bible, Page 691
Epistle: Romans 8:31b-39		Pew Bible, Page 1097
Anthem	A Christmas Duet on "The First Noel" & Pachelbel's "Canon in D" by Michael Cawson	
Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:35-40		Pew Bible, Page 1009
Nicene Creed		LSB 191
Hymn	<b>O Christ the Same</b> (see inside pages)	
Sermon	<b>"ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE"</b>	Romans 8:31b-39
Offertory		LSB 192
Prayers of the Church		
Parish Announcements & Offering		
Communion Liturgy		LSB 194
Distribution Hymns	<b>Go Tell It On The Mountain</b>	LSB 388
	<b>God Loves Me Dearly</b>	LSB 392
Benediction		LSB 201
Hymn to Depart	<b>Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me</b>	LSB 722

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Officiant.....	Pastor Nolan Astley
Preacher.....	Pastor Roland Syens
Communion Assistant.....	Pastor Lloyd Wentzlaff
Organist.....	Jennifer Massicotte, Anne Forler
Special Music.....	Jonathan Astley (French Horn), Gabrielle George (Piano)
Anthem.....	Caitlin Astley, Brian Hallman (duet), Jennifer Massicotte (Accompanist)
Sound Operator.....	Claude Massicotte

# O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of, all the a - ges,  
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour,  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.



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We invite you to return tomorrow morning  
for our New Year's Day  
Holy Communion Service at 10:00 a.m.

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**Pastor Syens & Henrietta Schafer are on Holidays** this coming week. Henri returns on Saturday, January 7 and Pastor Roland returns to the office on Wednesday, January 11.

**Friday evening Bible Study** resumes this week on **Friday January 6, 2017**. Please arrive on time for the door locks at 7:15 pm. Late arrivals call Gary's cell 519-500-9363. All are welcome, come as you are able, no long term commitment required. Call Rev. Gary Weber 519-747-1741 for further information.

**Sunday School Staff Epiphany party** will be held **Sunday January 8** after late service.

**Parish Planning Council Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday January 11** at **7:30 p.m.**

**GriefShare** starts on **Monday January 16**, 6:30-8:30 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.

**Confirmation Classes & LINC return** on **Wednesday January 25, 2017**.

Come to these friendly **LINC** evenings with **Dinner, Bible Learning** for all ages (including Confirmation classes) and **Response Activities** from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Even our Lenten worship services are included in the mix! We'll meet for 11 Wednesdays, January 25 to April 5, with no LINC in March Break. **Register** for LINC in the parlour on **January 8, 15 and 22**.

**Adult Information Classes** are again being offered and will begin **Sunday, January 29** 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 join us.



The Pastor's and staff of Holy Cross extend to each and every one of you our heartfelt wishes for a Christ-filled Christmas and all of God's richest blessings in the new year 2017!