



LUKE 2:30

MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION

# Hope Lutheran Church

December 31, 2023

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Organist

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## First Sunday of Christmas

### Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory" FOG # 190

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Hymn of Praise "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Vrs. 1 FOG # 184

### Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Lessons Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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Gospel Luke 2:22-40

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Redeeming Love" FOG # 199

**The Apostles' Creed**  
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**Prayers of the Church**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

**FOG # 205**

**In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking and Carol Speth.**

**Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guestbook in the entry.**

**Today: New Year's Eve; Blessings for the New Year!**

**Monday, January 1st: New Year's Day**

**Saturday, January 6th: Epiphany**

**Sunday, January 7th: Worship; New Year's Eve**

**We will be collecting "Socks and Undies" for People's City Mission the month of January. There will be a container in the narthex.**

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of  
salvation.

He has covered me with the robe of  
righteousness.

as a bridegroom decks himself with a  
garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her  
jewels.

<sup>1</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it  
to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness  
and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>2</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the  
dawn,

and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>3</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>4</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand  
of the Lord,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your  
God.

## Psalm 148

SECOND READING: *Galatians 4:4-7*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL: *Luke 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male

shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your  
servant in peace,

according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the  
presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

<sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.

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