



LUKE 2:30

MY
EYES
HAVE SEEN YOUR
SALVATION

Hope Lutheran Church

December 31, 2023

**Pastor
Organist**

**Jim Helgren
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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

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Psalm 148

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Gospel

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

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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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.

¹¹For 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.

¹²For 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.

¹³The 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.

¹⁴You 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, ⁵in order to redeem those who were
under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as children. ⁶And because you are
children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son
into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So
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 ²³(as it is written in
the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male

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

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem
whose name was Simeon; this man was right-
eous and devout, looking forward to the
consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit
rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to
him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see
death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms
and praised God, saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your
servant in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were
amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the
inner thoughts of many will be revealed—
and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There 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,
³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four.
She never left the temple but worshiped
there with fasting and prayer night and day.
³⁸At 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.

³⁹When they had finished everything re-
quired by the law of the Lord, they returned
to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰The 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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