

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin

*... for my
eyes have
seen your
salvation,...*

Luke 2:30, NRSV



December 29, 2024 - 9:00am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

♪Entrance Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

♪ Kyrie

P: Kyrie eleison; **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison; **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison; **C: Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: 111

L: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

C: Great are the deeds of the LORD! They are studied by all who delight in them.

L: His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

L: He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

C: He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.

L: The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.

C: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

L: He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his Name.

C: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

Second Reading: Colossian 3:12-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Martin

♪ Hymn of the Day: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Presentation of the Offering

♪ Offertory

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

♪ Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

♪ Hymns during Communion

#270 – "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#288 – "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

♪ Post-Communion Canticle

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry-one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benediction

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Holy Communion: We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion during our service today. As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), all are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine in this sacrament for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns – Merrilee Anhalt, Kada Baeher, Austin Boehm, Gina Cooley, Wayne Crozier, Meghan Diller, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Brittany Haag, Fred Hemm, Pr. Amy Little, Irwin Martin, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Mike Preston, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Marge Scott, Donna Stout, Michelle Whittenberger, Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; Those affected by natural disasters; Military Deployment: Kionte Peterson.

Livestream Sponsorship: The livestream of our worship service this morning is given in honor of and thanksgiving for Pastor Martin and his family.

Office Hours: The church office will be closed Monday, December 30 through Wednesday, January 1.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will meet on Thursday, January 2 at 4:30pm.

Time & Talent Surveys: Time and Talent surveys for 2025 were sent out earlier this month. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider your involvement in the ministries of Hope and return the survey to the church office as soon as possible. Additional copies are available on the table in the narthex.

Youth Education: Sunday School will not meet this morning but will resume on January 5. Wednesday School will not meet during January but will resume on February 5.

Thank You! My family and I wish to thank those of you here at Hope who blessed us with cards, gifts, and well wishes this Christmas season. Each has been a blessing to us. We wish you God's blessings as we look ahead to the new year!

~Pastor, Lindsay, Bradon, Zachary, and Cassie Martin

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship
Thursday	4:30pm Nominating Committee
Sunday	9:00am Worship
	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School

Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.

Vision Statement

The Hope Lutheran Church family seeks to form disciples of Jesus in our daily relationships with Christ through weekly worship, daily prayer, and empowering them to develop their spiritual gifts to serve God and others.