

Announcements

Sunday, 17DEC2023

9am: **Worship Service at Our Saviour's**

Serving: Pastor Jeremy

1030am: **Worship Service at Fahlun**

Ushers: Ronnah Schoeck

Serving: Stacia Johanson

Wed, 20DEC2023

6pm: **Christmas Caroling at Galeon**

Sunday, 24DEC2023

9am: **Combined Advent Worship Service at Our Saviour's**

Serving: Pastor Jeremy

2pm: **Christmas Eve at Our Saviour's with communion**

4pm: **Christmas Eve at Fahlun with communion**

Upcoming Events:

31DEC2023:

1030am: Combined Christmas Hymn Sing at Fahlun

07JAN, 21JAN2023, 04 FEB, 18FEB

Leading Worship: Pr. Blaine MacNeil

14JAN2023, 11FEB2023

Leading worship: Rose Johnson

28JAN2023:

Leading worship: Pastor Jeremy

Our Saviour's Annual Meeting

14FEB2023

7pm **Ash Wednesday at Our Saviour's**

18FEB2023:

Fahlun annual meeting

3rd Sunday of Advent

I. Advent

Last week: Preparation

“Prepare the Way of the Lord (Isaiah 40:3; Mk 1:2-3)

This week: Joy (Isaiah 61, John 1)

“Laudette” Sunday with the Pink candle

“Rejoice in the Lord, always (1 Thes 5)

II. Unmet expectations take away our joy.

Vikings

Started off hopeful, but now... (3-0 score!)

Our lives

We had all these dreams when younger, but now...

Isaiah's world

They returned from exile in Babylon to “Zion,” (Ezra)

Now, they see corruption and destroyed walls (61:4,7)

III. Yet, Isaiah “proclaims Good News” to all of us (Isa 61:1)

To “bind up the brokenhearted”

To “proclaim freedom for the captives”

To “release from darkness for the prisoners”

To “proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

To “clothe” us in the “garments of salvation” (baptism)

Notice that God is the actor of the verbs”

Christ quotes this passage when he starts his ministry

IV. And God speaks the Gospel to you through each other.

Just as John the Baptist “witnessed” to the “light” (1:8)

And then, sends us out to “witness” to these promises.

*4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets your people free!*

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Prayers of the People

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Birthdays/Anniversaries for
Kobie Lara

General Prayer requests:

- Augustana District & LCMC
- Organizations serving those in need
 - United Way
 - Galeon Senior Living
 - Food Shelf
 - Love INC
- Military Service Members & their families
- Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders
- Our Government (Local, State, Federal)
- Peace and justice in Israel and Ukraine

Parish Members:

Jim Dyrud

Delores Hawkins

Friends and Families esp:

Our Saviour's

Merrit (Faye)
Josie (Faye)
Allison (Faye)
Dickie (Faye)
Tammy (Rick)
Tina (Rick)
Earl (Rick)
Tyler (Sandy K)
Joan (Sandy K)
Patty (Sandy K)
Kevin (Sandy K)
Gladys (Sandy F)
Caryn (Angie)
Sara (Sarah)
Richard (Anne)
Elsa (Terry)
Kathy (Sharyl)
Diana (Joel D)
Sheila (Neva)
Wayne (Joel D)
Ron (Joel D)

Fahlun

Steve (Bev)
Matt (Bev)
Mike (Bev)
Bud (Bev)
Jeffrey (Bev)
Dylan (Bev)
Tammy (Bev)
Elwood (Joel B)
Helen (Joel B)
Wayne (Joel B)
Paul (Joel B)
Jimmy (Joel B)
Glen (Joel B)
Don (Joel B)
Julie (Joel B)
Barb (June/John)
Mandy (June)
Wendy (Andrea)
Judy Alcott (Barb S)
Brittany (Darlene)
Rob (Ronnah)
Travis (Kevin/Kelly)
Sharon (Ronnah)
Keith R (Rose)

Parish Sorrowing Families:

Gaylord Nack
Terry Swanstrom
Jerry Jensen
Ron (Jason K)

Elvira Blank
Dolly Brown
Greg A (Bev)
Larry O (Larry A)
David (Larry)