

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
**5560 S. 2300 W.**  
**Roy, UT 84067**

# The Messenger

## July 2023

### Worship Services Schedule

9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE  
11:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

### Summer Sanctification

By: Pastor Bruce Greutz

Narcissism – we hear this word all the time when some of the news media describes politicians. It's almost overused at this juncture in our history. If defined accurately and used appropriately, it is a useful word to describe our fallen nature and resultant behavior.

But what are the origins of this word, narcissism? In 1899, the term was coined by German psychiatrist, Paul Naecke, on a comparison suggested in 1898 by Havelock Ellis. The term is derived from the Greek mythology of Narcissus. Narcissus was the name of a beautiful youth in mythology who fell in love with his own reflection in a spring and was turned into the flower, Narcissus. The reality is that Narcissus never saw his bad side, his imperfect side. He only saw the reflection of his good side in the pond. Narcissists don't see their not so perfect side. They are aware of it but hide it so that neither they nor anyone else can see it.

Unfortunately, we are all born narcissists. As Augustine observed and Luther developed further, we are "incurvatus in se," curved in on oneself. Luther in his commentary on Romans described our state this way, "Our nature, by the corruption of the first sin, [being] so deeply curved in on itself that it not only bends the best gifts of

God towards itself and enjoys them ..... and viciously seeks all things, even God, for its own sake.” Isn’t this what happened in the garden when Satan offered Adam and Eve the promise of becoming their own gods? I think it was. We see this in a person mentioned in John’s third epistle where John says, **“I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. <sup>10</sup> So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us.”** Narcissists have to be first and will do their best to destroy anyone who doesn’t worship them. Notice he spread malicious nonsense about John so people would stop following John and follow him.

So, what does sanctification have to do with this? I think sanctification is God the Holy Spirit’s work in reducing our inherent narcissism. Our fallen nature wants to take us to god-like status where others worship us. Initially, parents give us that feeling that we are the center of the universe and everyone revolves around us.

Dr. Paul Warren who was the medical director of the Adolescent Psychiatric Unit I was program director and lead therapist of, would always say to me, “We have to wound their narcissism.” We had a lot of kids on our unit who had a basic sense of entitlement that needed to be minimized. As we grow, one of the main tasks of parenting is to wound their child’s narcissism. Wounding their narcissism cannot be done in a mean-spirited way but just enough at different times to let children know they are not the center of the universe.

God the Father, our ultimate parent, wounds our narcissism as well through various ways. The primary way is by subjecting us to trials or tests. This is why James tells us in James 1:2, **“Consider it all joy when you fall into various trials.”** Why should we consider trials as joy? James answer that question for us in verses 3 and 4. There he says, **“because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything.”** Perfect is the Greek word, telios, which means mature, wanting nothing necessary to completeness, consummate human integrity and virtue. Sounds like Jesus to me. To be a mature Christian, we have to take up our cross daily and follow him knowing that the Holy Spirit is conforming us to be like the Lord Jesus (Romans 8:29) who was other-centered not self-centered. No, Jesus was not a narcissist. He loved us and gave himself for us because he wanted to be with us for all eternity and share heaven with us. He wanted us to experience his love, grace and mercy. So, this summer may the Lord continue to shrink our narcissism through his word, trials, the means of grace, and anything else he might use to help us realize, He’s God and we’re not! This summer may we truly say with John the Baptizer, the patron saint of sanctification, (just kidding) **“He must increase; I must decrease.” (John 3:30).**

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bruce

## **OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch**

I have been a member of OSLC for 20+ years. During that time, Pastor Young, Pastor Sabin, Pastor Reynolds, Pastor Driscoll, and Pastor Grentz have all served as our pastor. All very different pastors with different personalities, different styles, and different priorities. And all have appealed to different members in different ways. We have also gone through periods where the congregation has thrived in the absence of a pastor. Pastor Driscoll noted to me that his call as our interim pastor was intended to be his last call as a pastor, but that after serving at Our Savior's he was rejuvenated and recommitted to his calling to serve the Lord, and he now pastors his own congregation. My point is not to judge or rate any pastor, but rather to point out that it is not any pastor that defines Our Savior's Lutheran Church, but rather it is the people who comprise our congregation.

Our membership has always pulled together to be a strong fellowship of believers. Even when we went through the split with the ELCA in the middle of a Capital Campaign and lost some of our key members, who in many cases were friends and longtime associates, we showed resiliency and rebounded to be a strong congregation. I have always felt the love and support of the other members of Our Savior's. I believe that when we look beyond our own circumstances and our own personal needs and can truly focus on what best serves the entire body of our congregation as a fellowship of believers, that is when we are strongest, both as a congregation and as servants of our Lord. Now more than ever we need to pull together. We have some issues that we need to work through, and it has become apparent to me that two entirely different perspectives have developed regarding these issues. My observation is that both perspectives have basis, and that we need to be respectful of both perspectives and understand that one member's experience may be entirely different from another's. And like with most things in life, there may not be what will be viewed as a perfect path forward. That's okay though, because what is most important is not how perfectly we stumble ahead, but that we just move forward together in faith, as we have in the past under many different pastors, and as we must do now. And if we stay true to our faith, and true to our commitment to be a fellowship of believers, the perfection will come in time as God's plan plays out.

Your Council is in the midst of determining what our Next Steps may look like as we strive to move forward together in faith. At the time of this writing, there is a special Council meeting scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> where your Council will attempt to elect new Council members from those candidates who volunteered to be considered to fill the vacancies. We will also begin to assess the LCMC findings, the feedback we have received from members of the congregation, and our own personal experiences. We need your prayers as we struggle to make the hard decisions that will determine our Next Steps and hopefully put us on the best course for our congregation. In the meantime, let's keep doing the things that keep us moving forward; supporting our ministries, worshipping together, praying for our congregation, participating in church functions, and being kind and respectful to one another. Together we can be OSLC Strong!

## MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

### Worship & Music Ministry:

**Mark Nourse (Co-Chairman)**  
**Minuette Grentz (Co-Chairman)**

**Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)**

Nothing to report

### Grow Ministry:

**Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)**

**Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)**

Sunday School and confirmation will begin again after Rally Day in September. We're doing a school supply drive for the entire month of July so please bring your donations to the church. We will be organizing and distributing them early August.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all that were involved with making Vacation Bible School a success! From monetary donations, decorating, serving food, station and crew leaders and every little detail in between, we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! Your time and talents are so very appreciated! The kids had a blast learning about how Jesus Cares "Fur" Us! Thanks again and have a fabulous summer!

Justine Ashcraft

### Connect Ministry:

**VACANT (Chairman)**

**Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)**

Where are these months going. Day by day, one at a time, they are disappearing! Soon it will be snow season again and cold. But, I must say the good Lord has given us a beautiful June. Nice and cool so far so good! Much better than the heat wave of last summer.

Connect is doing a good job, thanks to the help of our Hospitality Teams! Thank you so much for helping when we need you the most.

Thank you to the June Hospitality Team for putting together an evening of fun at the Wine & Cheese night.

That is how our church family is. Helping each other regardless of whether they are within our congregation or those outside of our church. God is Good!

Please watch the bulletin for additional fun stuff we have planned. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Narthex for our Raptors Game! YES....Baseball is back! It will be Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, so much fun to be had by all! We will all be in the same section and

not stuck in the heat of the sun so it should be so much fun! Who knows maybe we will have some games in the middle of the game! Looking forward to cheering on our local Minor League Affiliates. Watch for flyers and/or bulletin announcements.

Blessings to all and praying for Safe and Fun Summer for all,

Annie Coyle Baugh

### **Service & Outreach Ministry:**

**Ashley Kaiser (Chairman)**

**Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)**

Summer is just beginning, but our annual school supply drive will be starting soon. It will take place from July 2nd to August 6th. There will be a bin in the narthex for your donations. Some needed supplies include: pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, erasers, glue sticks, dry erase markers, paper, folders, notebooks, etc. Thank you for supporting our local schools.

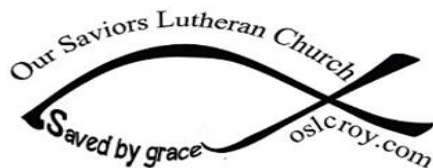
The 2nd Sunday offering on July 7, will go to the Utah Food Bank, and the 5th Sunday on July 30th will go to LCMC District Support.

#### **JUL HOSPITALITY TEAM**

**Lucie & Russ Smith – Coordinator**  
**Tammie Larson**  
**April & Patrick Barrett**  
**Elaine Risen**  
**Dawn & Steve Scholtec**  
**Duane & Asley Kaiser**  
**Katherine Redwine**  
**Steve & Ellen Moulding**

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**4 Jul Larry Underwood**  
**7 Jul Garrett Fasig**  
**8 Jul Eileen Frey**  
**10 Jul Jack Baldor**  
**10 Jul Levi Ashcraft**  
**11 Jul Edel Jones**  
**12 Jul Ashley Kaiser**  
**13 Jul Adam Nourse**  
**15 Jul Eugene Aguilar**  
**16 Jul Warren Harris**  
**16 Jul Kathy Guenther**



Worship Assistants							
Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 425-3356	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709	Altar Guild Santee Isaacson 801 388-6694
2 Jul	9:30	Brady Kaiser	Rena Schmid	Terry Schmid	Antonio Ramirez	Anden Ramirez	
2 Jul	11:30		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames	Darrell Wolfe	Sabrina Wolfe	Darrell & Sabrina
9 Jul	9:30		Sue Smith	Mark Smith	Jack Baldor		
9 Jul	11:30		Mary Leschke	Mary Leschke	Darrell Wolfe	Sabrina Wolfe	Darrell & Sabrina
16 Jul	9:30		Lucy Smith	Russ Smith			Diane Nath
16 Jul	11:30		Diane Nath	Diane Nath	Darrell Wolfe	Sabrina Wolfe	Darrell & Sabrina
23 Jul	9:30		Barb McFarland	Don McFarland			
23 Jul	11:30		Diane Nath	Diane Nath	Darrell Wolfe	Sabrina Wolfe	Darrell & Sabrina
30 Jul	9:30	Brady Kaiser	Sue Smith	Mark Smith	Antonio Ramirez	Anden Ramirez	
30 Jul	11:30		Katherine Redwine	Katherine Redwine	Darrell Wolfe	Sabrina Wolfe	Darrell & Sabrina

### Church Wide Info

**Take me out to the ballgame!** Calling all “O-Town” fans – it’s game day for OSLC at the Ogden Raptors. Plan to attend and cheer on the Raptors at 6:30pm on Friday Jul 14. Tickets are \$12.00 per person, payable in advance. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and money must be turned in by 2 Jul. Questions? Call or text Vicki Ramirez at 801-643-3695.

**Did you dropping a cashier’s check into the offering plate?** Thank you for your donation to Our Saviors! Unfortunately, since there isn't a name on it, I don't know who to attach the donation to. If this is you, please contact me at 801-920-4681 so I can get it properly documented and you can receive a donation statement at the end of the year. Thank you! Your Financial Secretary, Gerri Wessner

**Acolyte Training** – There will be a training session held for acolytes on 20 Aug. Watch for more details.

**Save the date!** The 2023 Advent Bruch and Secret Sister reveal is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 beginning at 9 am. All ladies and teenaged girls are invited to attend as we spend time together with a short devotion, brunch, and the reveal of the 2023 Secret Sisters. You do not need to be a Secret Sister to attend – all are welcome. Sign-ups for food and more information will be coming closer to the event. Thank you!

## July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>School Supply Drive 2 Jul – 6 Aug</b>						
<b>2</b> 8:15a Band Practice  9:30a Worship Service  11:30a Contemporary Worship	<b>3</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall  6:00p Band Practice  7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>6</b> 6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>7</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">GSA Sleep Over</div>	<b>8</b> 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
<b>9</b> 8:15a Band Practice  9:30a Worship Service  11:30a Contemporary Worship	<b>10</b> 5:30p Suncrest Service Unit (GSA)	<b>11</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #111	<b>12</b> 9:00 Quilters  12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970  6:00p Band Practice  7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>13</b> 9:00 Quilters  5:00p Girls Advisory Board (GSA)  6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>14</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710  6:30P Ogden Raptors Baseball Night  	<b>15</b>
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**Jul Lectionary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
2 Jul	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Psalm 119:153-160	Romans 7:1-13	Matthew 10:34-42
9 Jul	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Zachariah 9:9-12	Psalm 145:1-14	Romans 7:14-25a	Matthew 11:25-30
16 Jul	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-13	Romans 8:12-17	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
23 Jul	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalm 119:57-64	Romans 8:18-27	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
30 Jul	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Deuteronomy 7:6-9	Psalm 125	Romans 8:28-39	Matthew 13:44-52