

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

# The Messenger

Aug 2023

## Worship Services Schedule

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

## Summer Sanctification – Cognitive Dissonance

By: Pastor Bruce Greutz

With August upon us, the start of school isn't far away. Where do the summers go? When I was a kid they seemed like forever but now, it's like a day or two. Thinking of school, I wanted to continue with another article on Summer Sanctification and cognitive dissonance.

You might be wondering what is cognitive dissonance? And also, you might be wondering how does it relate to our sanctification or becoming like Christ?

First, let me address cognitive dissonance. From [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com), "Cognitive dissonance theory postulates that an **underlying psychological tension is created when an individual's behavior is inconsistent with his or her thoughts and beliefs.** This underlying tension then motivates an individual to make an attitude change that would produce consistency between thoughts and behaviors."

But how does the idea of cognitive dissonance relate to our sanctification, our becoming like Christ? Think about the definition of cognitive dissonance and then think of Jesus. Did He suffer intellectual and emotional tension because his thoughts and beliefs were inconsistent or better put incongruent with his actions? No, not at all. The writer of Hebrews tells us that in Jesus we have a **high priest who empathizes with our weaknesses because he was tempted as we are yet he did not sin.** (Hebrews 4:15) Temptations came at him, as they do us, yet his actions never evidenced a disagreement with his beliefs.

For us, not so much. If Sanctification is God conforming us to the image of His Son, Jesus, then, as we become more like Him, our actions and beliefs will become increasingly congruent. But for any number of our heroes of the faith, this incongruence between their beliefs and actions has overwhelmed them at times. Think of King David who knew the Law of God. He had to know the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> commandments – **thou shalt not murder and thou shalt not commit adultery.** Yet he broke both of them

Paul, also, had a similar disconnect between his beliefs and his actions. We read in Romans 7:16, 18-19, “<sup>16</sup> **And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.....For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.**<sup>[c]</sup> **For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.** <sup>19</sup> **For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”** Paul admits that the law is good but he can’t keep it. In fact, he admits he continues to do what he doesn’t want to do and winds up in verse 24 in despair saying, “**What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?** <sup>25</sup> **Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!”**

So, how do our beliefs and actions become congruent? By continuing to look at Jesus in His Word and the sacraments. In a way, it’s counter-intuitive to look to Jesus to become like Him because when we look at him, we see how we aren’t like him. But under the New Covenant, as Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 3:18, “**And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate, behold, look, see, reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”**

So, keep looking to Jesus. If we are being transformed into his image by the Spirit of God, and we are, then we will not only have the mind of Christ, (1 Corinthians 2:16) but also, act like him as well (Acts 10:38).

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bruce

## OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch

I want to start off by saying that I remain encouraged and have faith in God's plan for Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

In previous Newsletter articles I have listed all or part of our Mission Statement, as I feel it defines who we are as a church and that it also gives us a common purpose to unify around, despite our differences and despite our imperfections. This month I will again list our Mission Statement, and then focus in on one part of it.

**“Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a scripture based, welcoming fellowship of believers who proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who, through our support of and connecting with each other, the local community, and children of God everywhere, strive to love Christ and all others.”**

I would like to focus on what it means to be a **“welcoming fellowship of believers.”**

*Our congregation should be our extended family, and our church a place where we feel loved, and cared for, a welcoming place where we can find support and respect; where we can get away from the hustle and bustle of life and escape the political nature of this world. It should also be a place where we welcome strangers with open hearts, where they can feel the love of our Lord surrounding them.*

*As a fellowship of believers, we should appreciate our differences. We should understand that our relationship with our God is a walk of faith, and that each of us may be at a different point on that walk of faith. At any time, some may be supporters and connectors and proclaimers of the Gospel, and some may need to be supported and connected with and to hear God's Word proclaimed. Some may need to come to church as a refuge from daily life, and some may need to be actively engaged in ministry. Some may be somewhere in between or a combination of all the above. We should recognize our different needs and experiences as a strength; and embrace our diversity and strive to always be kind, compassionate, and empathetic to one another.*

As your elected representatives, I believe your Council has a responsibility to create an environment where we can all be that welcoming fellowship of believers. We are working hard, if imperfectly, to accomplish that. We had a special Council meeting in June in addition to our regular monthly meeting, and we have another special meeting in July, a month in which we traditionally take a break for the summer. Josh Ashcraft was elected to fill the vacancy for the position that runs through the end of 2023, and we hope at the special meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> to get the majority vote of Council members

required to fill the vacancy for the position that runs through the end of 2024. Adam Nourse is heading up the Small Focus Groups to review duties and responsibilities of roles in our church, for which 24 members of our congregation volunteered; and we are continuing to work, with the LCMC pastors as a resource, to resolve issues and get things back on track so we can **truly and undistractedly** be that welcoming fellowship of believers and serve our awesome God.

As always, I ask for your prayers for myself and the rest of the Council team, that we may provide the leadership that you all deserve. Together we are OSLC Strong!

## MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

### Worship & Music Ministry:

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

**Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)**

The *ReClaim Hymnal* was commissioned by the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) and the NALC (North American Lutheran Church), and the OSLC Worship & Music Ministry has discussed supplementing our current printed resources with a few Accompaniment and Pew Editions of the *ReClaim*. Pastor Bruce, Council Liaison Alan Huss and Worship & Music Ministry member Don McFarland will be sharing information in more detail with the council regarding this topic, and the Worship & Music Ministry will wait to receive feedback from the council and the congregation before moving forward on this matter to possibly supplement our printed resources. If approved, pew editions would be available for purchase for \$23 each and accompaniment editions would be available for \$52 each with the opportunity to dedicate each hymnal to the OSLC congregation on behalf of a loved one (the first Accompaniment Edition of the *ReClaim Hymnal* was gifted to OSLC in loving memory of Gary Courtney). Please note that we do not intend to abandon the LBW (green) hymnal as a resource for our Worship Services, and we deeply appreciate all those who have submitted request lists from the LBW and the “Black Book”. Your request lists are respectfully, prayerfully, and lovingly considered each and every week.

We are in the early stage of consideration regarding this matter, and we are open to feedback from all members of the congregation. We want to hear from you. We know these songs and hymns mean a lot to so many of you, and we want to be respectful of everyone’s ideas, thoughts, and feelings. Please keep sharing your song requests with us, and we will try our best to accommodate your requests and to include your suggestions. If you would like to know more about the *ReClaim Hymnal*, you can visit Sola Publishing at [www.solapublishing.com](http://www.solapublishing.com) (type “ReClaim Hymnal” in the search box). There are four different books in the *ReClaim* series, and they are as follows: the

Introductory Edition (an abridged version of the *ReClaim Hymnal*), Pew Version (the unabridged hymnal in a hard back cover), Spiral Bound (the unabridged hymnal for accompanists) and *ReClaiming the Lutheran Liturgical Heritage* by Oliver K. Olson.

Our congregation continues offering praise and worship to the Lord every Sunday at 9:30 (with mostly traditional hymns and Via de Cristo songs and one Christian radio song from time to time) and at 11:30 (with songs from contemporary Christian radio such as K-LOVE and The Message). Thank you to Pastor Bruce, the Altar Guild, the Music Team, the Acolyte Team, the ushers and greeters, the projectionists, and the Narthex Cam operators. God's blessings to you all as you enjoy the summer. Stay cool out there.

In God's service and grace,  
Alan Huss, Mark Nourse, Minuette Grentz

### **Grow Ministry:**

**Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)**

**Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)**

Nothing to report.

### **Connect Ministry:**

**VACANT (Chairman)**

**Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)**

All, I wanted to share a prayer with you this month that I found. It highlights our need to CONNECT with one another and support our ministries. This was one I have had close to my heart since 2016 when I saw it from [Kay Swatkowski](#). I hope you all enjoy!

Lord,

We thank you for the gift of the church. From the days of Abraham, you have made it known that you desire to have a people, a royal priesthood that will bring honor and glory to your holy Name. This holy nation was destined to be a source of blessing to the world. Father, it is a privilege to be part of the Body that you have created to be the dwelling place of truth, grace, loving fellowship and the salt and light the world so desperately needs.

We celebrate this community and we thank you for each member that you have called and equipped to serve. Each one is precious. Today, we commit ourselves to the care, nurture, building up, edifying and protection of the precious Body of Christ. We thank you for the Head of the Body, Jesus Christ. Lord, teach us to humbly depend upon you for guidance and help in every situation.

We pray that you will give us a sincere love for our brothers and sisters so that the world will recognize the truth and power of the Gospel.

We pray that as we walk in the Spirit, we will diligently preserve the unity of the Spirit by living in peace with you and with one another.

We pray that you will enable us to be patient with one another, to bear one another's burdens and to generously offer mercy and forgiveness to each person, just as you have offered mercy to each of us.

Lord, may our spiritual communities be a safe place where we each can confess our sins and share our struggles and grow in holiness. Give us the courage to speak the truth in love in a way that brings maturity to the Body. Help us to take seriously the ministry of extending grace and accountability to a brother or sister who stumbles. May those we love and care for be fully restored.

May we seek not only our own interest but intentionally work to further the interests of and honor of our brothers and sisters.

Father, protect our church from bitterness, gossip and division. Convict us of – and forgive – our sins of selfishness, greed, anger, tendency to take things personally and desire for control. Grant us instead, selflessness, generosity, gentleness, long-suffering and submission.

Make us a people of prayer who intercedes daily on the behalf of the needs of our spiritual family both here and around the world.

Keep us on our knees, always submitting to you and mutually submitting to one another.

May our churches be known as the houses of prayer of which Jesus spoke.

May we love and live in harmony with one another, so that those around us will be filled with a longing for the Christian life. Lord, fill us and use us so that our friends, neighbors, family and loved ones will be drawn to Jesus as they observe Christian love in action.

We, your people, look forward to the day when believers from the four corners of the earth will gather before your throne. On that day, men and women from every tribe and nation will give you the honor and glory you are due. Give us strength and wisdom as we work to bring others in to the fellowship of the Church, ready to join with those who worship you with gladness and thanksgiving.

Heavenly Father, build your Church we pray,  
Amen

Also, just a heads up so you can mark your calendars and save the date. This year's Steak Fry is currently scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>. More details to come as that date gets

closer. Thank you all for supporting the Connect Ministry and for participating in our activities.

**Service & Outreach Ministry:**

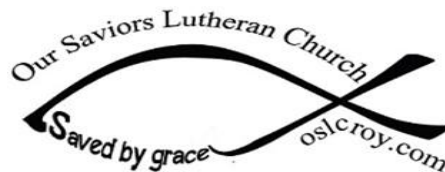
**Ashley Kaiser (Chairman)**

**Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)**

August is here. The 2nd Sunday Offering for August will go to Open Hands Food Pantry. There is also a basket in the narthex for food donations.

Just one more week for the school supply drive. Please bring any donations and drop them off by August 6th. Thanks for your support and God Bless.

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 Sande Isaacson 801 388-6694
6 Aug	9:30		Rena Schmid	Terry Schmid	Jack Baldor		Chuck Guenther
6 Aug	11:30		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames			
13 Aug	9:30		Ashley Kaiser	Don McFarland	Antonio Ramirez		
13 Aug	11:30		Mary Leshcke	Mary Leshcke			
20 Aug	9:30		Bill Lange	Pat Simonson	Antonio Ramirez		Katherine Redwine
20 Aug	11:30		Mary Leshcke	Mary Leshcke			
27 Aug	9:30	Wyatt Colvell	Lucie Smith	Russ Smith			Katherine Redwine
27 Aug	11:30		Diane Nath	Diane Nath			



## AUG HOSPITALITY TEAM

Andrea & Jake Anopol – Coordinator  
Debbye Boe  
Sheila Courtney  
Eileen Frey  
Edel Jones

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 Aug Gail Campbell  
6 Aug Steve Morlan  
8 Aug Josh Ashcraft  
9 Aug Kim Hastings  
11 Aug Taryn Schmid  
14 Aug Cathlene Smith  
16 Aug Diane Nath  
21 Aug Russ Smith  
22 Aug Aaron Washington  
22 Aug Dale Toone  
25 Aug Joyce Bellucci  
26 Aug Jacob Colvell  
27 Aug Elton Sutherland  
27 Aug Kim Fasig  
31 Aug Larry Isaacson  
31 Aug Jan Saterlie

BECAUSE OF  
**God**  
i'm  
STRONGER. SAVED  
Hopeful. Loved  
FORGIVEN. FOUND  
Blessed. Inspired

*Faith*  
does not make things  
easy. It makes them  
*possible.*  
Luke 1:37



## Church Wide Info

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – Will Kick off on August 5th, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. The Prayer Breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all! Great food, a Devotional, and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth) can be expected by all who attend. Dan Kartak will host this month. Thank you  
Dan Kartak.

**Annual school supply drive** – Has started and will run to Aug 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.

**Steak Fry** – August 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm. This is a popular, church wide, family Event. There will be a sign-up sheet out by the July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please be sure to sign up by August 12<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to specify what food item (side dish, salad, baked potatoes, rolls or dessert) you want to bring to share. Hot dogs will be served as well. Cost for this event is free, **except** for the price of meat, which is to be determined. For any questions, ask the Anopol's or Renae and Terry.

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

**Sylvia Jones Memorial Golf for the Son** – September 16<sup>th</sup> at Schneiter's Bluff. Shotgun start 7:30 am. Registration sheets are located in the Narthex. Stay tuned for more details. Questions may be referred to Dave Engen, Russ Smith, John Deitsch or Pastor Bruce.

**Acolytes** – Parents of Acolytes, please check the calendar and sign up for either 9:30 or 11:30 services. If you have any questions call Sheila Courtney 385-626-8291

**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!



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**SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 2023**

**3:00 PM until 5:00 PM**

(Open meeting of the Secretariat at 2:00 PM)

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROY**

(5506 South 2300 West)

Abrazos in abundance

Singing

Devotion followed by Holy Communion

Community update plus question-and-answer period

Fellowship and great conversation

Potluck Meal as a magnificent conclusion

Bring your Name Tag, a Friend & a Dish to Share

## August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> 6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>School Supply Drive Aug</b>		<b>2 Jul – 6</b>	5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook			
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**Aug Lectionary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
6 Aug	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26)	Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)	Matthew 14:13-21
13 Aug	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:4-18	Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16)	Romans 10:5-17	Matthew 14:22-23
20 Aug	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matthew 15:21-28
27 Aug	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 11:33-12:8	Matthew 16:13-20