

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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The Messenger

Sep 2023

Worship Services Schedule

9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Summer Sanctification – The Simul

By: Pastor Bruce Greutz

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I know summer is almost over but even though the kids are back in school and we are almost back in our normal non-summer routines, we still need to think about our sanctification – becoming like Christ (Romans 8:29).

You might have wondered about the title of this article, “The Simul.” The simul is short for a Latin phrase Martin Luther coined that describes our condition as believers. It stands for “Simul Justus et Peccator” (see mul you stus et peck a tour). In Latin that means, **at the same time, simultaneously, believers are both saints and sinners.** We see this in Paul’s life, a faithful believer, struggling with his flesh in Romans 7. He knows he needs to be delivered from his flesh and also, that he has been delivered from his flesh through Christ. He cries this out in Romans 7:24,25, **“Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.”**

The simul fits with my personal experience as well as many others I counseled. As I worked with clients for over twenty years, it could be very helpful to clients with a perfectionistic bent to let them know they were both saints and sinners. This was before I became a Lutheran so when I read and studied “the Simul” it made total sense to me. Luther’s understanding of a believer’s experience as both saint (justus – just) and sinner (peccator) squared with my experience and many believers I had counseled. Hence, Luther’s description of the simul resonated with me both intellectually and practically.

What is so interesting to me is that Object Relations Theory of human development agrees with Luther. Object Relations asserts that healthy individuals accept both their good and bad sides. Being a secular theory of development, it does not use terms like “saint” or “sinner.” However, it does admit that everyone has good and bad parts of them and everyone considers themselves either good or bad. When we don’t accept either the good or bad side of ourselves, then we are using a defense mechanism labeled as “splitting.” Dr. Kristalyn Salters-Pedneault defines splitting as **“a term used in psychiatry to describe the inability to hold opposing feelings, or beliefs. Some might say that a person who splits sees the world in terms of black or white—all or nothing. It's a distorted way of thinking in which the positive or negative attributes of a person or event are neither weighed nor cohesive.”**

www.verywellmind.com “Splitting and Borderline Personality,” November 17, 2022

Unfortunately, when we use “splitting” as a defense mechanism, we often project either our good or bad sides onto others. Narcissists project their bad side onto others as no one is as skilled, smart, sophisticated as they. Others, particularly borderline personalities project their good side onto others. They need others to be good because they are so bad, they can’t make it without the all-good other. But if the all-good other lets them down in any way, they will go from all good to all bad in a heartbeat and the relationship might even end over a minor problem.

For believers, we must embrace that we are both new creatures in Christ, forgiven, justified, clothed in Christ’s righteousness, saints and selfish, self-centered, egotistical, self-promoting, proud, self-worshipping sinners at the same time. Embracing both sides of us, saint and sinner, good and bad, will align our spiritual perspective of ourselves with God’s perspective of us. He knows how deeply fallen we are yet loves us with a love and grace that is greater than all our sin.

As Pastor Bruce Timm said in an article on The Simul at www.steadfastlutherans.org, **“You are declared right in Christ while you are a sinner. (That is who you are.) You will sin, even as you are holy and righteous in God’s sight through Christ, and by that same grace of God you will always be fighting your sin. (That is what it is like to live the Christian life.) That’s living in “the Simul.”**

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch

Council President September Newsletter Article Submittal

Last month I highlighted one part of our Mission Statement, and since I believe that understanding our Mission Statement is critical to our being unified in purpose as a congregation, I would like to continue the emphasis on our Mission Statement in this month's article.

“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.”

In this article, I will focus on what it means to be **“Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.”**

First off, we are Lutheran, and adhere to the confessions, beliefs, and disciplines of the Lutheran faith. We will honor the history and traditions of both Lutheran theology and of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. We will be open minded to adapt when new circumstances and changing times require it, but always we will confirm our faith and not conform it. We are also a member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, which places emphasis on the freedom for our congregation to be creative in how we do ministry and for how we work together to transform lives as we serve our Triune God.

Next, we are a Church; we will look to our Pastor to be the spiritual leader of our congregation and to the Council to manage business affairs and to direct the functions and activities of our church. We have an obligation to support them and respect their leadership, but also to hold them to account for their actions and decisions. Every member has voice that should be listened to and considered, and every member has a duty to express concerns so that the Pastor and Council have the knowledge and awareness to make informed decisions on behalf of the congregation. We will respect that actions taken by our church’s leadership need to be taken in the best interest of the entire congregation and not to serve any individual member or group.

And now on to some Church business. At the time of this writing, we have two Ministry Leader positions that we are needing to fill. The Connect Ministry Leader role has been open since January, and the Grow Ministry Leader role just recently opened when Justine Ashcraft made the difficult decision to resign from that position after serving wonderfully for two years in that role, plus many more as a Sunday School teacher. She will continue to help with Sunday School. These two ministries are well established and have committed volunteers supporting them, so anyone who steps into these

leadership roles should have a relatively easy and smooth transition. If you have questions about or are interested in filling one of these two vacancies, please contact the Council Liaison for the ministry you are interested in. For the Grow Ministry, contact Adam Nourse; and for the Connect Ministry, contact Annie Baugh. You can also let any member of the Council know and they will be able to pass your questions or interest along.

To wrap things up, I would like to say that as your Council President, it has been and continues to be an honor and a privilege to represent and serve each and every one of you. With such a diverse congregation and with everyone coming from different backgrounds and having different experiences and being at different points on their walk of faith, it can sometimes be a challenge. However, it is well worth the effort because we all share a common faith and recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior; and there is no challenge too great when we come together to praise and worship and serve our Triune God. I am also blessed with an incredible Council team! I respectfully request that you pray for me, and for the Council, 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 Grentz (Co-Chairman)

Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)

Nothing to report

Grow Ministry:

Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)

Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

Sunday School will be starting September 17th. Hope everyone had a great summer!

Connect Ministry:

VACANT (Chairman)

Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on September 9th, which is on the second Saturday due to the Labor Day holiday. It will 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. We are in search of a couple of men to host this month of September. Thank you.

Service & Outreach Ministry:

Ashley Kaiser (Chairman)

Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)

Roy Elementary was so very thankful for all of the school supplies that were donated. Thank you to all who donated. One day I checked the basket and there were only a few things, and two weeks later upon returning from vacation, the basket was overflowing. I look forward to supporting them in the future.

I also want to thank those of you who were able to help with Family Promise in August. If you are interested in getting involved and helping in the future, please let me know. Our next week to help will be in November.

The Second Sunday Offering in September, will take place September 10th. It will go to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Weber State.

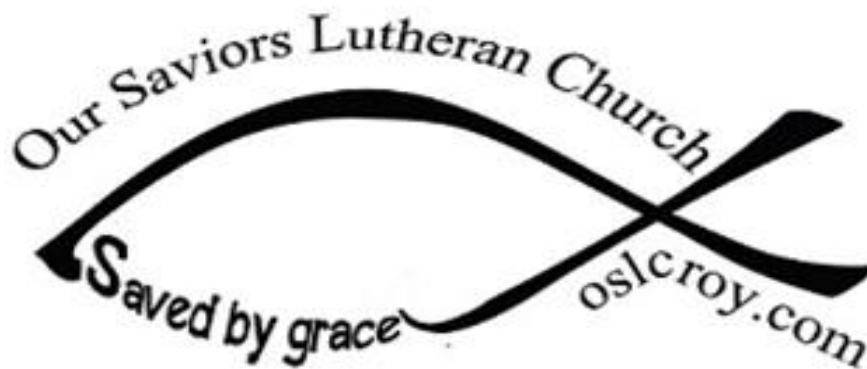
Lastly, I was touched by Janet Tow's announcement about Open Hands last week, and the number of people in need. There is a basket in the back for Open Hands, and I would love to see it filled with non-perishable food items during the month. If you can, pick up a few extra items while you are out shopping, and we can donate it all at the end of September.

Thank you for supporting this ministry and showing your love to those in the surrounding community. Our little church is filled with so much love.

Ashley

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 Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694
3 Sep	9:30	Nate	Schmid's	Schmid's	Jack Baldor		Kim S
3 Sep	11:30	Lexie	Mary L	Mary L			
10 Sep	9:30	Wyatt	Pat S	Katherine	Antonio	Anden	Kim F
10 Sep	11:30	Lexie	Stacy A	Stacy A			Diane
17 Sep	9:30	Callie	Campbell's	Campbell's			Sandee
17 Sep	11:30	Lexie	Stacy A	Stacy A			
24 Sep	9:30	Wyatt	Don and Barb	Don and Barb			Kim F
24 Sep	11:30	Lexie	Diane N	Diane N			



Church Wide Info

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Sep 9, 8:00am

Rally Day – Sep 10, 10:30am

Oktoberfest – The men's prayer breakfast group voted to host Oktoberfest to be held on October 7th. With the help of other ministries and individuals, we can have a successful fellowship celebration. The menu will consist of brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, German chocolate cake and BYOB. There will be sign ups in the back for food donations and attendance. The cost will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 13. More information will follow.

2023 Advent Bruch and Secret Sister – 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!

- **A Look Ahead –**
- Saturday Sept 9th Men's Prayer Breakfast.
- Sunday Sept. 10th Rally Day
- Saturday Sept. 16th Sylvia Jones Memorial Golf Tournament
- Saturday Oct. 7th Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Saturday Oct. 7th Oktoberfest
- Fri-Sun Oct. 13-15 LCMC Annual Meeting Idaho Falls, Idaho
- Friday Oct. 20th Trunk or Treat
- Saturday Nov. 4th Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday Nov. 5th Alpha Food Drive Starts
- Saturday Dec. 2nd Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday Dec. 3rd Alpha Food Drive Ends
- Sunday Dec. 10th Deliver Alpha Food Drive
- Sunday Dec. 17th Childrens Christmas Program
- Sunday Dec. 17th Annual Meeting



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	2
6 8:15a Band Practice 9:30a Worship Service 11:30a Contemporary Worship	4 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773 	5	6 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	7 6:00p Praise Band Practice 6:00p Girl Scout Troop #807	8 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	9 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
10 8:15a Band Practice 9:30a Worship Service 1030a Rally Sunday 11:30a Contemporary Worship	11 5:30p Suncrest Service Unit (GSA) 	12 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #111	13 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	14 9:00 Quilters 5:00p Girls Advisory Board (GSA) 6:00p Praise Band Practice 6:30p Church Council Meeting	15	16 Sylvia Jones Memorial Golf for the Son Tournament
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2023 Church Council Members

2 Aug 2023

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	Secretary Sub		

Ministry		Ministry Liaison	Ministry Leader
Worship & Music	Wedding Coordinator	Alan Huss	Mark Nourse
	Funeral Coordinator		Minuette Grentz
	Musicians		
	Altar Guild		
	Pulpit Supply		
	Audio Visual		
	Acolytes		
	Communion Assistants & Lectors		
	Ushers & Greeters		
	Grow		Adam Nourse
	Children's Education		
	Adult Education		
	Bible Study Groups		
	Vacation Bible School		
Connect		Annie Baugh	VACANT
	Fellowship		
	Men's Activities		
	Women's Activities		
	Hospitality Team		
	Home Visits		
	Visitor Bags		
Service & Outreach		Leo Seeber	Ashley Kaiser
	Communion Teams		
	Card Ministries		
	Angel Team		
	Prayer Warriors		

SEP HOSPITALITY TEAM

Kim & Tim Fasig – Coordinator

Lana Junk

Don & Barb McFarland

Diane Nath

Leo & Karen Seeber

Darrell Wolfe

Garrett & Karina Fasig

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Sep Dawn Baldor

4 Sep Kim Showman

5 Sep Pat Turner

8 Sep Laurie Hall

10 Sep Cody Kapinos

12 Sep Steve Molding

14 Sep Elizabeth Boll

17 Sep Katherine Redwine

21 Sep Barb McFarland

25 Sep Terry Schmid

26 Sep Annie Baugh

26 Sep Bob Harvey

28 Sep Callie Cooper

28 Sep Lee Allen

29 Sep Vicki Ramirez



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Sep Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
3 Sep	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
10 Sep	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Psalm 32:1-7	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 18:1-20
17 Sep	16 th Sunday After Pentecost	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:1-12	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
24 Sep	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:6-9	Psalm 27:1-9	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30	Matthew 20:1-16