



# Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace  
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 2, 2025

*Jesus Saves*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** Based on Psalm 119:137-144

Leader: You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right. You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

**People: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.**

Leader: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

**People: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.**

Leader: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

**People: Your decrees are righteous forever; give us understanding that we may live.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #37 Be Still and Know**

**VT #437 The Lord Is My Light**

**First Reading:** Psalm 32:1-7 *International Children's Bible*

Happy is the person whose sins are forgiven,  
whose wrongs are pardoned.

Happy is the person whom the Lord does not consider guilty.

In that person there is nothing false.

When I kept things to myself, I felt weak deep inside me.

I moaned all day long.

Day and night you punished me.

My strength was gone as in the summer heat.  
Then I confessed my sins to you.  
I didn't hide my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my sins to the Lord."  
And you forgave my guilt.  
For this reason, all who obey you  
should pray to you while they still can.  
When troubles rise like a flood,  
they will not reach them.  
You are my hiding place.  
You protect me from my troubles.  
You fill me with songs of salvation.

**Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing**  
**Story for All Ages:** Lynette

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

**Prayers** – for those impacted by Hurricane Melissa

- the people of Palestine who are trying to rebuild while being attached
- the citizens of Al-Fashir in Sudan who are being massacred

**Thanks -**

**Congratulations** to Luke Bushman who has been recommended by the pastoral leadership committee at MCSask for ordination. OMC will be working with NPMC and MCSask to plan an ordination service and celebration.

**Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires...**

**Hymn: VT #540 Will You Come and Follow Me**

**Second Reading:** LUKE 19:1-10 *Peace Table Translation*

After healing Bartimaeus Jesus went into Jericho. Zacchaeus the chief tax collector lived there He Was rich and had fancy clothes and a fine home. But he did not have many friends. His neighbors hated him. He worked for the Roman government and cheated the people in his own city, demanding more money than was required by the law and keeping it for himself. Zacchaeus heard that Jesus was coming. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he was a short man and knew he wouldn't be

able to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed into a sycamore tree along the road. When Jesus came to the tree, he looked up and said "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down! I am going to stay at your home today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down. He was happy to welcome Jesus into his home. What a special honor! All the people grumbled to each other, "Zacchaeus is a sinner and treats us harshly. Why would Jesus go to his house?" Zacchaeus heard them and stopped. Turning to Jesus, he said, "I will give half of what I own to people who are poor. For each person I have cheated, I will pay back four times what I took." Jesus said, "Salvation is here today! Zacchaeus is part of the family of God. I have come to find and save those who are lost."

**Scripture Response:**

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: VT #536 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**Sermon: Salvation Comes to Zacchaeus**

**Hymn: VT #544 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

**Benediction:** May God grant us wisdom to see our faults, and strength to undo our wrongs. May we be blessed with a zeal about the goodness of Jesus, a zeal so great we cannot help but climb the tree. Amen.

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

\*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

**TODAY Nov 2**

Speaker: Gareth Brandt      Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Kevin      Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Lynette      Sound: Benjamin      Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Susan/Loretta

**Office Hours:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday

**Luke's Week:** Tues. Ed. Mtg; Wed. OMC Office Hours; Thurs. KCC  
Fri. Palestine Land Exercise; Sat. Work from home

**Brad's Week:** usual work days will be Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. If you'd like a visit please call him @ 306-361-0601.

**Coffee Time Friday - 10:00 am with the OMC staff**

There may or may not be treats but there will be good conversation

**Birthday this Weeks:** 2 – Marlene Campbell; 5 – Kaytee Edwards-Buhler

**Sunday Coffee:** Nov 2 – Marlene

Nov 9 – Julie

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"Contemplative checkin"** Wednesday evenings at 7pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

**Book Club:** The book we are reading is **Call Me Indian** by *Fred Sasakamoose*. Discussion about the book will be at Loretta's house on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 pm.

**On Wednesday November 5, 11:45 am, the Deacons and Brad** will be hosting a lunch at Bethany Manor for *Oslerrites* who live there. Please contact Brad or one of the Deacons if you wish to join the group.

**On November 7th, from 7-9pm, MCC will be leading a Palestine Land Exercise at OMC.** While this is scheduled at the same time as the youth group, everyone is invited to attend. It will hopefully be a great intergenerational evening of learning, reflecting and lamenting. Here is a short description of the exercise from MCSask:

"A Palestine Land Exercise has been developed by MCC and the United Church of Canada for use in congregations to increase an understanding of the history of conflict in Palestine. It is an experiential learning tool which simulates the experience of Palestinians. The facilitated exercise requires about two hours."

**Note time change:** MHSS is offering a Mennonite History virtual class via Zoom. The presenter is Roydon Loewen, the topic is the Anabaptists at 500. Classes are Wednesdays from **10 am to 11 am** starting October 1 to November 5 at the MHSS Archives at Bethany Manor. All are welcome.

**Forever in Motion free** drop in classes from 10:00 to 11:00 am, Tuesdays and Fridays at the Osler Community Hall. See the poster on the bulletin for details.

**MCC Connects:** MCC invites your prayers for the people who have been and will be affected by Hurricane Melissa. MCC will continue assessing the situation with our partners in the Caribbean and is accepting donations to provide emergency assistance. To donate, call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555 or visit [mcc.org/get-involved/giving/designations/hurricane-melissa-response](http://mcc.org/get-involved/giving/designations/hurricane-melissa-response)

### **MC SASK Updates:**

We pray for the people of the Caribbean who are being impacted by Hurricane Melissa. In particular those in Jamaica and Cuba. In places where infrastructure is poor, a storm of this magnitude can be devastating. May God grant protection and strength.

Remember our siblings in faith of Jamaica Mennonite Church and Sociedad Misionera Cubana Hermanos en Cristo.

**Creator God, the one who sends the rain and wind, have mercy on the people of Jamaica and Cuba. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer and theirs. (new)**

**Praying for each other:** Please pray for your staff at MC Sask. Please pray for Len and Marianne as they work to support the congregations of MC Sask, MC Canada and the work of the church globally. (new)

**November 2, 3pm | Forest church @ Shekinah.** In the setting of outdoor worship, Shekinah's own Sharon Murugiah will share his perspective on the work of God in that place. All are welcome!

**November 7, 7pm | All are welcome to Shekinah's "Tremendous Time with Trifles" Fundraiser at Bethany Manor.** Come out to hear stories from our campers and summer staff! Shekinah's own

"troubadour," Sterling Boehm, will serenade us as we indulge in sweet goodness and continue to work together to ensure that "all are welcome to experience the presence and glory of God" at Shekinah. Admission by donation. Please send an email to [office@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:office@shekinahretreatcentre.org) or call the office on 306-945-4929 to RSVP

**November 10-14 | CMU and MC Sask present Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Identity:** From Reformation to Global Movement. Are you looking to learn more about Anabaptist history or understand what global Anabaptism looks like today? MC Sask, in conjunction with Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) is offering this course in November. It is a week-long intensive course in Saskatoon, SK. The course is available for credit or for those who wish to take it only for personal enrichment (in-person or online).(updated)

**December 7, 3pm | You are invited to a 'Very Shekinah Christmas':** Join us for a festive afternoon of musical offerings by RJC students. Devour some sweet Christmas treats and catch up with your Shekinah friends and neighbours in the Timber Lodge at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Admission by Donation. All proceeds will go towards upgrading our winter equipment. (new)

**InCERT: Storing Renewable Energy without Toxic Chemicals?** Yes, it can be done, as Wayne MacDonald, of Wildwood Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, reminds us. Read more at <http://mcsask.ca/Storing-Renewable-Energy-without-Toxic-Chemicals>

## **From Mennonite Church Canada**

### **Climate Action**

**Debt Justice = Climate Action! Jubilee 2025:** Turn Debt into Hope is a global ecumenical initiative that builds on the transformative success of Jubilee 2000 which canceled \$100 billion of debt for 36 low-income countries. Participate by organizing a Jubilee Walk for Debt Justice on Sunday, November 16 (<https://t.ly/FBXum>) and/or have people sign the Jubilee 2025 petition (<https://cpj.ca/jubilee/>). Learn more through MC Canada partner For the Love of Creation (<https://t.ly/ICpNZ>). (new)

## **Indigenous Relations**

**What are the economics of reconciliation?** Shantz Mennonite Church recently hosted an event with Adrian Jacobs (CRC Senior Leader for Indigenous Justice and Reconciliation) and Sarah Augustine (Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery) – exploring themes of the Sacred Covenant and economic reconciliation with Churches. Full video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RP8dCjXQtdg> (new)

## **Commonword**

**Salt of the Earth.** This unique calendar (beginning on the first day of Advent) tells the story of the Christian year through scripture, liturgical colour, and artwork. An annual favourite for many. Buy at <https://www.commonword.ca/go/2177>. (new)

## **Upcoming Book Events**

**Wed., Nov 5, 7:00 PM (CST). If Indigenous hearts are broken by Christianity, what is it in Christian theology that is life giving at all?** Join us in person or by livestream for a conversation with Carmen Lansdowne, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4284>.

**Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:00pm (CST) Our First Bite-Sized Book Club,** in partnership with Canadian Mennonite, Register for a one-time, one-hour, online conversation with author April Yamasaki. Attendees will be sent a chapter of the book in advance to discuss with April. To register (or to buy/borrow the book) – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4286>.

## **YOUTH SCHEDULE**

**November. 1st:** Mega Menno: *Menno Glows in the Dark* at Wildwood

**November 7th from 7-9pm at OMC,** several MCC Staff have agreed to come and lead a Palestinian Land exercise. This will hopefully be a multigenerational event, as it is open to anyone at church, but it felt relevant so I scheduled it at the same time as our regular youth gathering

## CALENDAR

**Sun. Nov 2 – 10:00 am Gareth Brandt speaking**

Wed. Nov 5 – 7:00 pm Book Club discussion @ Loretta's house

Fri. Nov 7 – 7 – 9 pm MCC led Palestine Land Exercise @ OMC

**Sun. Nov 9 - 10:00 am Len Rempel – Brad's installation**

Noon – Lunch \* C – M setup and clean up

**Sun. Nov 16 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

**Sun. Nov 23 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching – Memorial Sunday**

Wed. Nov 26 – Hanging of the Greens

*\*We will be using the hot dogs/Buns left over from the summer so people are asked to bring dessert or sides to go with the hot dogs.*

**NEXT SUNDAY      Nov 9              Peace Sunday**

Speaker: Len Rempel              Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Ben, Kathryn, Benjamin              Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Marlene              Sound: Matthew              Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Susan/Stephanie

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