



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 3, 2025

*Music Sunday
"Growing in God's Love"*

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 61:10-11

Leader: We come rejoicing in the Holy One,
who clothes us with compassion,
wraps us in grace, and plants seeds of new life in us.

All: *Like a garden planted with care, we are tended by God's love.*

Leader: As the earth brings forth shoots,
as a garden bursts with growth,
so the Spirit causes justice and praise to spring up in every place.

All: *Let us worship with joy, rooted in promise,
reaching toward the light.*

Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #9 **Come Away from Rush and Hurry**
VT #419 **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

First Reading: Psalm 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

and he delivered them from their distress;
he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.
Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

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

Condolence – to the extended Funk family at the death of their brother/uncle Otto Funk. The Funeral service was Wednesday - to Garry & Jean Harms at the death of their daughter-in-law Karen. Funeral service was Saturday in Grenfell, SK

Prayers – for the Funk family as Erna has become a permanent resident of the Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern
-For our OMC members on Kitchen duty at Shekinah next week

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

Hymn: VT #458 The Water Is Ready

Mark 4:26-29 "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Hymn: VT #551 Beautiful Things

Luke 12:22-28 **22** Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to

your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!

Song: Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me (words *on screen only*)

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn VT #162 The Love of God

Isaiah 55:10-12 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Hymn: VT #703 Rain Down

Benediction: Go now in joy, rooted in God’s love. May you be soil where compassion grows, water where justice flows, and sunlight where grace shines. The Spirit goes with you — to every corner of the garden.

*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

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

TODAY August 3 Music Sunday

Speaker: Music/Worship Worship Leader: Luke
Song Leader: Anna/Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette
Story: Lynette Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Carl/Lanae
Offering Counter Team: Susan/Shelley

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

Luke's Week: Wed. OMC Office; Thurs. NPMC; Fri. OMC Office; Sat. work from home

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

Birthdays: 9 - Lyle Stucky; 9 – Kendra Reddekopp

Church Yard Maintenance: Aug 4 – Aug 9 – Dave Feick
& Steven Guenther

Thanks to Bill Peters and our Custodian Team for the clean and shiny Multi-Purpose floor.

Still Seeking: OMC Librarian...

For more information on what the commitment entails, please reach out to Steph S, Naomi S, Casadi S, or Marlene C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Visioning Committee was formally approved to begin their discernment on the implementation of the visioning report produced earlier this year. Their first meeting is scheduled for August 7.

The members are, Co-Chairs Michelle McKinnell and Ben Buhler, Brandee Borne, Dave Feick, Lanae Martens-Funk, Kaytee Edwards-Buhler, Terry Stefaniuk and Katherine Bretecher. Ex-officio Luke Bushman, Brad Schroeder, and Kevin Boldt.

Thanks for your commitment to our congregation. (updated)

MCC Connects: Join the School Kit Challenge this month and help support 25,000 children around the world! Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies, and many children can't get the education they need. To learn more about this challenge, access a fun activity guide, and for details on how to be entered to win a pizza party with your School Kit-packing group, please visit:

Here's what each school kit includes:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5" x 11", approx. 140 pages each; total 500–600 pages)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 flat, good-quality ruler (must show 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)
- Kit bags are available at MCC Saskatchewan (600 45th Street W, Saskatoon).

Ready to get started? Gather your supplies, go back-to-school shopping, and pack kits with your family, friends, or Sunday school class! You can also enter to win a pizza party for your school kit packing group? Visit <https://mcc.org/school-kit-challenge> for details!

Prefer to give instead? Donations for school kit supplies are welcome at the office or by calling 306-665-2555. Let's learn, pack, and give— together. (new)

MC SASK Updates:

Prayer: Merciful God, we give thanks for the joy and beauty of summer. We ask for your protection as we travel, and for safety in our homes and communities. Grant us refreshment of mind and body, and let us experience the blessings of this season with joy and gratitude. (new)

Praying for each other: Osler Mennonite Church is in an exciting and transitional time. Brad Schroeder will be starting his position as Lead Pastor. Pray for us as we enter this new chapter of working together. We are thankful for what lies ahead! (new)

August 3: Forest church at Shekinah 3pm. A beautiful summer afternoon can be enjoyed with outdoor worship. Mark Bigland-Pritchard expands on the theme "to everything there is a season." All are welcome! (new)

The deadline has been extended for the 2025 MC Sask Education Scholarship! Eligible schools and service programs include: RJC High School, Canadian Mennonite University, SALT (MCC), 3E Internship

(Youth Farm Bible Camp), and more. Application deadline is August 15, 2025. Visit <https://mcsask.ca/youth-ministry> for application forms and full eligibility details.

RJC Summer Sports Camp Aug 11-14 Looking to develop your sports skills? Youth entering Grades 7-12 are invited to join us this summer at RJC for a 4-day sports camp! Facilitated by University level athletes and offering development in Volleyball, Basketball, Football or Soccer. The camp runs from 9:00am-3:30pm each day and includes lunches and a t-shirt for each participant. Cost is \$250/athlete with discounts offered for additional children. Register today at ! (new)

MCC invites you to Gardens for Good Tour & Tea, a garden party fundraiser at Floating Gardens, a local greenhouse close to Saskatoon. Join us on Thursday, August 7 from 10:30 am – 12 pm as we gather for a guided garden tour, live music, refreshments, and to hear about sustainable farming and climate resilience, locally and globally. Admission is by donation, and limited spots are available. For more details and to RSVP, visit: <https://mcc.org/events/gardens-good-tour-and-tea>

CALENDAR

Sun. Aug 3 - 10:00 am Music Sunday

Thur. Aug 7 - 6:30 pm Visioning Committee mtg @ Church

Sun. Aug 10 – 10:00 am Cindy Wallace speaking

Sun. Aug 17 – 10:00 am Dave Feick speaking

Sun. Aug 24 - 10:00 am 4 Church Picnic on the Buhler Farm

NEXT SUNDAY August 10

Speaker: Cindy Wallace Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leader: Ben Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Marlene Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Dave

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