



# 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

October 5, 2025

*Feast of St. Francis*

## **Prelude**

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

**Call to Worship:** Thanksgiving litany from the Psalms

L: It is good to praise the Lord.

**P: To proclaim his love in the morning and his faithfulness at night.**

L: Let us sing for joy to the Lord.

**P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving.**

L: Worship the Lord with gladness.

**P: For the Lord is our God. It is God who made us,  
and we are God's people.**

*All: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving  
and God's courts with praise.*

## **Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #751 There Is in Every Person**

**VT #440 Ask the Complicated Questions**

**First Reading:** Psalm 137

Alongside Babylon's streams, there we sat down,  
crying because we remembered Zion.

We hung our lyres up in the trees there  
because that's where our captors asked us to sing;  
our tormentors requested songs of joy:

"Sing us a song about Zion!" they said.

But how could we possibly sing the Lord's song on foreign soil?

Jerusalem! If I forget you, let my strong hand wither!

Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth

if I don't remember you,  
if I don't make Jerusalem my greatest joy.  
Lord, remember what the Edomites did on Jerusalem's dark day:  
"Rip it down, rip it down!  
All the way to its foundations!" they yelled.  
Daughter Babylon, you destroyer,  
a blessing on the one who pays you back  
the very deed you did to us!  
A blessing on the one who seizes your children  
and smashes them against the rock!

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

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**  
**Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

**Prayers:** Earthquake in the Philippines

-Peace talks in Gaza

**Thanks:** Pleasant Point Mennonite is celebrating 100 years

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

**Hymn: VT #585      Faith Begins by Letting Go**

**Second Reading:** Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.'"

**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 #198      Restore Our Faith, O Saving God**

**Sermon:          Learning to See**

**Hymn: VT #722      Help Us to Help Each Other**

**Benediction:**

\*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                      Oct 5**

Speaker: Brad Schroeder      Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Michelle      Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Brad      Sound: Benjamin      Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Dave Feick

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

**Luke's Week:** Wed. PLC interview; Thurs. First Aid course; Fri. Office;  
Sat. taking as Stat

**Brad's Week:** his 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 his new work number.*

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

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

**Birthdays this Week:** 6 – Lanae Martens-Funk; 6 – Jadrian Guenther;  
8 – Matthew Stefaniuk

**Sunday Coffee:** Oct 5 – Louise  
Oct 12 - Casadi

**Today**

**October 5 | Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm.** Thomas Friesen will guide our time of outdoor worship with his gentle spirit and keen insights. All are welcome! (new)

**From Community Connections:**

Every October MCC hosts Buckets of Thanks, an opportunity to get involved in disaster relief by packing around 2,000 relief kits before the end of the month. The Community Connections team is inviting anyone who's interested to join us on October 16th from 6:30 - 8:00 as we help out at the MCC Centre. Registration is required. Contact Kaytee for more information. 306-221-1729

**Community Connections is exploring a volunteer opportunity at the Good Neighbours Food Centre in Rosthern** - there are various opportunities on Tuesdays and Fridays. Time commitments vary from an hour to an afternoon. Interested in getting involved? Talk to Alex or Kaytee if you would like some more information.

**YOUTH SCHEDULE**

- Oct. 10th: NO YOUTH, THANKSGIVING
- Oct. 17th: Fall Dinner and a Movie Night
- Oct. 24th: Games and Bible Lesson Night
- Nov. 1st: Mega Menno: *Menno Glows in the Dark*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 9 am to 10 am starting October 1 to November 5 at the MHSS Archives at Bethany Manor. All are welcome.

**Forever in Motion** free drop in classes will begin on September 30<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday and Fridays at the Osler Community Hall. See the poster on the bulletin for details.

**MCC Connects:** MCC's large kit-packing event, Buckets of Thanks, will be on Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 pm! Join us at the Main Office (600 45th Street West) for an evening of building community and packing relief kits for displaced families around the world. To sign up, as well as to help us raise \$20,000 to cover the cost of supplies, please call the office at 306-665-2555 or visit <https://mcc.org/events/buckets-thanks-sk>.

## **MC SASK Updates:**

**Prayer:** In early September, Indonesia saw widespread protests over rising cost of living, government neglect of people's hardship and police brutality. At time of writing least eight people have died; more than 1 000 protesters were arrested in the greater Jakarta area alone; and hundreds are injured. Cities across the country have seen clashes between protesters and security forces, destruction of public property, and deepening social tensions. Please pray for the Indonesian government to see this as a turning point for better governance. Pray for peace, protection for the vulnerable, wisdom for leaders, and healing for communities affected by the violence.-- Elina Ciptadi & Andi Santoso, Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia, from Mennonite World Conference, Prayers of Gratitude and Intercession (new)

**Praying for each other:** Please pray for **Pleasant Point Mennonite Church** as they celebrate their 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 5. May their celebrations be a reminder of the faithfulness of God and may God's spirit continue to guide them and lead them. (new)

**October 9, 7pm (CDT):** Help shape a nationwide conversation about new churches and church renewal. Across Mennonite Church Canada, individuals and small groups are dreaming new things. Maybe it's a new congregation, worship gathering, or ministry. Maybe it's an experiment to bring new life, vitality, or purpose to an established congregation. We welcome you to join others in the sharing, dreaming, and conversation. Bring your questions and your stories to a nationwide online event on Oct. 9, 7pm (CDT)! Register here:  
[https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/revitalization\(new\)](https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/revitalization(new))

**October 17, 6-8 pm | Join us at Eigenheim Mennonite Church** for a dessert buffet hosted by EMC. Choose from many delicious desserts, including gluten-free options. Admission by donation. All proceeds will provide support for refugee families. (new)

**October 24 | CMU Discover Day** – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of October 24 to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend a sample lecture, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/discover-days](http://cmu.ca/discover-days). (new)

**October 25 5:00 pm | RJC's Annual Fundraising Dinner - A Place at the Table** Join us for a meaningful evening of food, community and celebration at RJC High School. This year's theme, A Place at the Table, invites us to reflect on the food that brings us together and the relationships that are built around it. Featuring tasting tables, a cooking demonstration, dinner, live music, silent auction and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are \$25/person or \$200/table and go on sale October 1. Call (306) 232-4222 or email [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca) to reserve your spot. We hope to see you there! (new)

**October 29 | RJC Spend-A-Day** Prospective students in Grades 7–11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC! From 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, you'll shadow a current student, attend chapel, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and explore music, sports, and dorm life. Meet teachers, connect with future classmates, and discover why RJC is a vibrant, welcoming community. Come spend the day with us and see what we have to offer! Please register at [rjc.sk.ca/spendaday](http://rjc.sk.ca/spendaday). (new)

**November 1 9:00 AM – 3:45 pm | Walking the Long Path: How to Build Peace Sustainably** peace conference at First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. If you are working to make your community better, you are a peacebuilder !We invite you to Walking the Long Path: How to Build Peace Sustainably, a one-day peace conference exploring what it means to be grounded in hope amidst turbulent times. Together, we will reflect, learn, and practice the skills needed to continue the work of peacebuilding within ourselves, with our neighbours, and in our broader world. Learn more and register at <https://mcc.org/events/mcc-saskatchewan-peace-conference-2025> (new)

**November 10-14: CMU and MC Sask present Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Identity: From Reformation to Global Movement**, a week-long intensive course in Saskatoon, SK (in-person or online). In this course, students will survey the development of the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition from its medieval origins through its transformation into a global movement. We will trace the development of Mennonite identity and theology over the last 500 years, paying particular attention to the ways that history can be a source for theological discernment. Available as a credit course or a personal

enrichment course. Details and registration available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) under coming events. This course is open to all.

**2025 J.J. Thiessen Lecture Series: A Sacred Way of Life: Theology as a Guide to Spirituality** – CMU invites you to hear Dr. Kevin Hector from University of Chicago on October 21-22 at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on October 21 and at 11:00 AM on October 22 in the CMU Chapel. The lectures will explore spirituality through three forms of sacredness—transcendent value, beauty, and power— and examine how religion can play a crucial role in helping us hold these together. All lectures are free and open to all. More information and recordings at [cmu.ca/jjt](http://cmu.ca/jjt).

InCERT: The Osler Youth group together with the Climate Emergency Response Team (CERT) have created a series of interviews. Watch the first interview "Effects of Climate Change in Guatemala and Areas of Hope" at <https://mcsask.ca/news/12097-incert-sept-9>

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## **International Witness**

**International Witness Sunday, October 26.** Theme: Walking with Global Companions - Seeing Jesus on the Road (Luke 24:13-35). Our global companions are inviting us to walk with them – be in relationship with them. All resources are now available:

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday>.

**The Clan Mothers Healing Village and Knowledge Centre** - on the eastern shores of Lake Winnipeg - is a further realization of a dream to help heal Indigenous survivors of generational trauma, human

rafficking, sexual violence, and exploitation. Grand opening was on June 20. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45649>

## **CommonWord**

**Last week we served our 100,000th retail customer** since CommonWord began in 2015! Thank you for purchasing Anabaptist and related books, local, fair-trade and specialty foods, Indigenous artisan's gifts, CMU textbooks and branded merchandise – in store, online and at offsite sales. Looking forward to many more good interactions. (new)

**Sat., Oct 18, 7:00 PM (CDT). Book launch of Hearts of Freedom** based on interviews with 145 former refugees (1975-1997) from Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia who share deeply moving accounts of oppression, concentration camps, genocide, and perilous escapes over land and sea. Buy or borrow the book – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4275>

## **CALENDAR**

**Sun. Oct 5 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

**Sun. Oct 12 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching** – Thanksgiving

**Sun. Oct 19 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

11:11 am Worship mtg

**Sun. Oct 26 – 10:00 am Youth program**

**NEXT SUNDAY** Oct 12 *Thanksgiving Service*

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Brad Schroeder

Song Leader: Kathryn, Loretta      Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kathy      Sound: Stephanie      Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

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