



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Christ Collides with Our Normal

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: As we worship, Christ collides with our selfishness.

Many: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you.

One: Lord, shake our perspective as you work in our lives.

Many: Help us center on you!

*All: We are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day,
our living God.*

Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
VT #758 Who Will Speak a Word of Warning**

Confession and words of assurance

All: Loving and merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you.

One: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**Many: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do
and what we have chosen to neglect.**

One: We have not fully accepted your love for us.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**Many: We cling to what we have and trust in material things,
ignoring the needs of those around us.**

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.

*Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip
on what we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with*

open hands so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

Leader: Now hear these words of assurance: God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing

Story for All Ages: Luke Loose Change

Money will go to Warman Food Bank

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for persons affected by deaths in the community

- For Linda Doell in hospital (RUH)

Thanks –

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

Hymn: VT #563 Come, Thou Fount

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham

far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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 #562 What a Wonderful Savior

Sermon: Christ Collides With Our Normal

Hymn: VT #568 Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

Benediction: As we journey, Jesus collides with our selfishness. Know Christ! Listen to Christ! Follow Christ! Expand the reign of God! Go, growing peace!

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

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

TODAY April 6 *Christ Collides with Our Normal*

Speaker: George Janzen Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Luke – *loose change* Sound: Doug Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Dian Buhler, Kevin Boldt

Sunday School – Lynette/Bree

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

Friday Coffee time at church – 10:00 am *all are welcome*

Luke's Week: Monday: Executive Meeting

Wednesday: OMC Office Hours, MC Sask Youth Mtg

Thursday: Sermon from Home

Friday: OMC Office Hours

Saturday: Mega Menno

Sunday: NPMC

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

or Julie 306-250-2995

Birthdays: 12 – Olivia Martens

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Apr 6 – Julie and family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council has set up a Pastoral Transition Team: this group would be an ad hoc team formed to support Luke and the Deacons with crisis care and other duties during this time of transition. They are Dave 306-270-5031 or Julie 306-250-2995

Education Committee - Please join us in the sanctuary on April 6 from 11:15-12:00 for a time of sharing from Karla Koehn, currently serving as the Donor Engagement Coordinator at MCC Saskatchewan. In addition to managing donation processing and donor engagement, she also coordinates the Material Resource Program and its volunteers. Join her to hear inspiring stories of your generosity and the impact of MCC's work both locally and globally. You'll also get an inside look at how the Material Resource Program is supporting those affected by conflict and disaster around the world.

MC Canada Gathering 2025 Registration is now open! Three exciting "tracks" for registration: Gathering 2025; U30 Gathering 2025 and Youth Gathering 2025. Go to <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-events/Gathering2025> to read more about our speakers, workshop choices, child care information, Leadership Day, youth information, young adult opportunities and more! (new)

MC Canada Gathering – OMC Council is looking for members who wish to attend these sessions as a delegate. Early bird registration is in

June so we seriously need to consider plans to attend. Please contact Kevin, Shelley or Loretta if you are considering attending this event

MCC Connects: MCC invites your prayers for Myanmar following the magnitude 7.7 earthquake that struck on March 28. MCC will be responding with local partners to provide cash assistance for immediate medical needs, food, and water. The situation is made even more challenging by ongoing conflict and civil war. Donate today to provide emergency relief to people in need at mcc.org/Myanmar

Bethany Family / Friends are you willing and able to serve the Bethany Community? Get involved by becoming a Volunteer Dining Room Server! This is your opportunity to get some light exercise while serving your community. Plus, you receive a meal free each time you serve! We especially need volunteers on Sundays, even one Sunday a month can help! Check the bulletin board for more details....

MC Sask News:

Praying for each other: Rejoice with us as we celebrate baptism on Easter Sunday. We give thanks for the fellowship and support we find in our church. Aberdeen Mennonite (new)

April 6: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. Ed Olfert will center our time of outdoor worship around the well-known lyric: "*Gott ist de Liebe, er liebt auch mich!*" All are welcome!

The Bethany Manor Music Committee would like to welcome you to enjoy our Easter concert. On April 5th at 2pm, and on April 6th at 7pm, we are delighted to welcome you to the Bethany Fellowship Centre. Admission is by offering at the door.

RJC Spend-a-day | April 9 Prospective students in Grades 8-11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC on Wednesday, April 9 from 9:00am – 3:30pm. Shadow a student, enjoy a meal in the dining hall, attend chapel, explore music, sports, and dorm life. Come and see what RJC is all about and what we can offer you! Register at rjc.sk.ca/spend-a-day.

Spring at CMU – All are invited to Spring at CMU on Friday, April 25 at 7:00 PM in the Loewen Athletic Centre. Attend in person or via livestream to hear CMU choirs and graduate student reflections.

Reception to follow and opportunity to contribute to a freewill offering in support of CMU. Visit cmu.ca/springatcmu for more information and for the livestream.

Shekinah Spring Work Day Saturday, April 26, 9:00 - 5:00: Do you love painting/staining, cutting up and/or splitting firewood, demolishing old shanties, washing windows or pruning trees and bushes? Do you love sharing good food with good friends? If the answer to either question is yes, come out and join us for all or part of the day! Leave a message at the office (306) 945-4929 to ensure we have enough food. (new)

Anabaptism at 500

Saturday, July 26 3:00 pm at the Mennonite Youth Farm, Rosthern
Join fellow heirs of the Anabaptist Reformation in celebrating with music and stories the 500th anniversary of the beginning of our Anabaptist faith family, and our 130 years in Saskatchewan. Supper will be available for purchase on the grounds. Bring your own seating.

April 24 12:00 pm Engaged Citizenship - The Role of Faith

Communities During an Election The Participants' Assembly is a unique moment to enhance interfaith co-operation and advocate for religion in a pluralistic society. The Assembly is sponsored by the Canadian Interfaith Conversation which gathers representatives of over 60 faith-based communities and organizations believing that people of faith can contribute positively to the benefit of all in Canadian society. For more information and to register (free) go to <https://particpantassembly2025.eventbrite.ca/> (new)

Nutana Park Mennonite Church is celebrating 60 years of congregational life the weekend of April 5 & 6. Lots of music, special features and food. Anyone that ever attended NPMC is welcome.

Celebrate Emissions Reduction Grant stories and possibilities. Read how Langley Mennonite Fellowship (MCBC) chose a more expensive green option for their HVAC

(<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45375>). Join Sandy Plett (MC Canada Climate Action Coordinator) for celebration of 2024 ERG grant recipients and prepare for the 2025 launch of further grants. Details (<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45377>). (new)

Indigenous Relations

Calls for Justice Certainly, this month is all about the lead up to Red Dress Day (May 5) - consider joining a local march, walk or vigil. Considering the ongoing Calls for Justice (https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Calls_for_Justice.pdf), MC Canada congregations are invited to pray on May 4 for the safety and care of Indigenous women and girls. CommonWord has a variety of online worship resources available <https://www.commonword.ca/Browse/10647>. (new)

Mennonite Heritage Archives

Tales from the Mennonite Heritage Archives podcasts Tales from the Mennonite Heritage Archives is a story-telling podcast that lifts up unique voices from the past. Join host Dan Dyck as we feature people, places, and events from Mennonite history. New episodes are released weekly at www.mharchives.ca/tales-from-the-archives/ and on Spotify and Apple platforms. (new)

CALENDAR

Sun. Apr 6 - 10:00 am George Janzen speaking – *loose change Sunday*

11:10 am Karla Koehn MCC Sask

Mon. Apr 7 – 7:00 pm Executive mtg

Sat. Apr 12 – 6-8 pm Mega Menno @ OMC

Sun. Apr 13 – 10:00 am Julie Bergen speaking – Palm Sunday

Thurs. Apr 17- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Light supper & Communion
(*Soup and bread will be provided*)

Fri. Apr 18 – 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Sun. Apr 20 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking – Easter Sunday

11:10 am Easter breads/eggs Potluck Brunch *Group C-M*

Wed. Apr 23 – 7:00 pm Emission Reduction Celebration *via Zoom*

Sun. Apr 27 – 10:00 am Katherine Bretecher speaking

Tues. Apr 29 – 4:30 pm Worship mtg @ John's house

NEXT SUNDAY April 13

Speaker: Julie Bergen Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Anna Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy Braun Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Diana Buhler, Shelley Penner

Sunday School – Stephanie/Zoe

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