



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 9, 2026

Favoritism and Marginalization

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: In a world that favours the wealthy, the powerful,
and the affluent

People: you prefer the poor and powerless.

Leader: When we have privilege and excess,
when we have means and standing

People: remind us to use these things for the marginalized.

Leader: When we are the favourite, and we receive a coat like Joseph

People: let us surrender that coat to the cold and lonely.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #47 God of Our Strength

VT #499 In the Morning When I Rise

First Reading: Matthew 14: 22-23

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

We pray

Thanks

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

Hymn: VT #161 I Sought the Lord

Second Reading: Genesis 37:1-11

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan where his father was an immigrant. This is the account of Jacob's descendants. Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long robe. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him and couldn't even talk nicely to him.

Joseph had a dream and told it to his brothers, which made them hate him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had. When we were binding stalks of grain in the field, my stalk got up and stood upright, while your stalks gathered around it and bowed down to my stalk."

His brothers said to him, "Will you really be our king and rule over us?" So they hated him even more because of the dreams he told them. Then Joseph had another dream and described it to his brothers: "I've just dreamed again, and this time the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

When he described it to his father and brothers, his father scolded him and said to him, "What kind of dreams have you dreamed? Am I and your mother and your brothers supposed to come and bow down to the ground in front of you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father took careful note of the matter.

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 #549 Be Thou My Vision

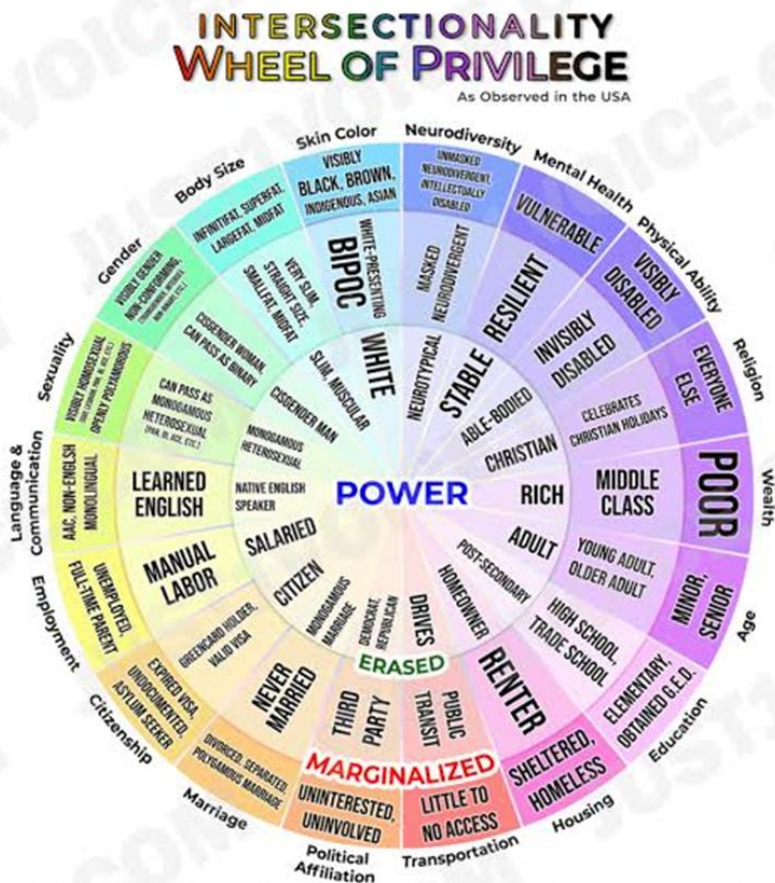
Sermon: Favoritism and Marginalization

O Thou, in Whose Presence

Benediction: Go from here bringing Shalom with you to those who need it. Let us live in abundance and equality with all of creation.

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

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



TODAY August 9

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Luke Bushman
Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie
Story: Jake Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Harold/Lloyd
Offering Counter Team: Jim/John Gascho

Yard Maintenance for the week of Aug 10 – 15 – D. Feick & B. Schroeder families

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

No Friday Coffee Time *until September*

Brad's Week: usual work days are 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

Luke's Week:

Birthdays this Week: 9 - Lyle Stucky; 10 – Eva Martens (81); 12 – Matthew Braun

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30 Snack & Coffee time –Everyone is welcome to join the Wedding Shower celebration for Liam Boldt & Julia Herperger. You're encouraged to sign the card in the lobby to offer your congratulations. Gifts are always appreciated, and for those who'd like the option, you may contribute to a communal cash gift the day of.

MCC Connects: On Monday August 17, we're celebrating National Thrift Shop Day! This is a day to celebrate the value of thrift shops in our communities, and we encourage you to visit your local MCC Thrift Shop in Saskatoon, Warman, Rosthern, Lanigan, Herbert, or Swift Current for special sales.

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week? This past Sunday, Len was part of a group that met with one of the co-presidents of Congregation Agudas Israel Synagogue in Saskatoon following the targeted vandalism they experienced on Saturday during their service. Included in the group was another member of MC Sask and two other board members from MultiFaith Saskatoon. This visit was significant for all of us and helps to make the Jewish community feel less isolated. (New)

RJC Summer Sports Camp | 9 AM–3 PM • August 12–14 Youth entering Grades 5–8 are invited to join us for a three-day camp focused

on skill development in soccer and volleyball. Cost is \$150 per athlete and includes a daily lunch and camp t-shirt. Family rates are available. Registration and information at rjc.sk.ca/sportscamp. RJC is still accepting applications for the 2026–27 school year! Applications are open for students entering Grades 9–12. Book a school tour or meeting, email admissions@rjc.sk.ca with your questions, or apply online at rjc.sk.ca/apply. NEW Grade 9 and 10 dormitory students are eligible for 50% off first-year dormitory fees.

Registration is open!

Once again this fall MC Sask is offering a CMU course in Saskatoon. This year's course is Anabaptist Peace Theology and Gender Justice, and it will be taught by Susanne Guenther Loewen. The course will be on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm from September 10th until December 3rd, online and in-person at the MCC Centre. CMU students can register for this course now. For those interested in taking it for personal development: <https://mcsask.ca/events>

MC Sask's CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team) is sponsoring a TREE PLANTING event in mid to late September. Tree seedlings which are native to this region will be harvested from local properties and transplanted into a river lot at Fish Creek. Please join us as we strive to care for creation through biodiversity, wildlife habitat and carbon capture. Call Cynthia at MCSask (306 249-4844) indicating your interest. Claire Ewert Fisher will follow up with details as they develop. (New)

Save the Date! Wildwood Mennonite Church 50th Anniversary // October 16-18, 2026 // To honour 50 years of being WMC, the church is planning a celebration weekend! This will be a weekend to share stories and memories and join together in worship.

Simply Superb, the singing group from Superb Mennonite Church, reunites for one night of music and stories at The Barn Playhouse on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. The concert supports Wonderland Theatre's 2027 season. Tickets are on sale at The Barn Playhouse website.

Summertime Prayers! July and August mark the season when a number of Mennonite congregations and individuals spend time visiting Indigenous Communities, whether it is a culture camp, learning tour, treaty days celebrations, a pow-wow or to offer day camps or vacation bible school. Prayers that all of these summertime interactions work together to build kinship, understanding and demonstrate God's love for all. (New)

Receive up to \$3000 from Mennonite Church Canada's Emissions Reduction Grant to improve your church building's efficiency, reduce energy usage and environmental impact. Get ideas for projects and learn how to apply here or watch this video for inspiration! Applications are due Sept 30, 2026! (New)

We are proud to partner with the creators of Healing Haunted Histories: A Settler Discipleship of Decolonization (by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers) to bring "Throughlines" directly to you - at a significant discount! Visit <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4455> for more information and access to your exclusive Canadian discount code.

Great Plains College is sharing information about the Administrative Skills program at the Warman Campus that is running from September of 2026 through June 2027. This part-time evening program is designed with flexibility in mind. Please check out the poster on the bulletin board for more details

CALENDAR

Sun. Aug 9 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

- 11:15 am Education Committee mtg

Sun. Aug 16 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

Sun. Aug 23 – 10:00 am Outdoor Joint Service on the Buhler yard

Sun. Aug 30 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Sun. Sept 6 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY – Aug 16

Speaker: Luke Bushman

Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Kathryn, Ben

Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Kaytee

Sound: Jamie

Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Shelley

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