



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 9, 2025

Pastor Brad's Installation

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: *written by Carol Penner, professor at Conrad Grebel*

“And Jesus said, “Come!”

To the light-hearted and the heavy-hearted: he said, “Come!”

To the well-off and the cast-off: he said, “Come!”

To the youngsters and the oldsters: he said, “Come!”

To the faithful and the faithless: he said, “Come!”

“Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble of heart
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (*Matthew 11:28-29*)

Jesus, we long to meet you in this hour of worship,
we hear your call.”

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #368 Spirit of Life

VT #809 Sing a New World into Being

First Reading: Mark 9:30-37

From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. This was because he was teaching his disciples, “The Human One will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up.” But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about during the journey?” They didn’t respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all.” Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.”

Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Marlene

Offering Prayer/Special Music for Meditation

Michelle, Kathryn, Christy, Naomi and Lynette

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers –for the Philippines as a typhoon devastates the country

Condolence to the Doell family at the death of Linda on Nov 6

Funeral service will be Nov 15 here at OMC

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

Hymn: VT #513 When Hands Reach Out

Second Reading: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, Zebedee’s sons, came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They said, “Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory.”

Jesus replied, “You don’t know what you’re asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?”

“We can,” they answered.

Jesus said, “You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn’t mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared.”

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their

authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

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#386 One Is the Body

Sermon: Leadership – the Jesus Model

Litany of Installation

Installation Litany

People: "Each of us has received God's grace in the measure in which Christ has bestowed it."

Len: "And to some, the gift they were given is that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers. These gifts were given to equip fully the holy ones for the work of service, and to build up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-12)

People: Today we affirm the call to Brad Schroeder to exercise the gifts God has given him in ministry as Pastor at Osler Mennonite Church. We thank God for the leading of God's Spirit and for this ministry in and of the church.

Len: Brad, seeing that by the grace of God, you have been called into leadership in the church, and specifically at Osler Mennonite Church. I now ask you: Do you promise, as pastor of Osler Mennonite Church, that you will faithfully endeavor to carry out the duties of your ministry, seeking to exercise wisely and in Christian love the authority that has been entrusted to you in this office?

Brad: I promise to do so, with God's help.

Len: Brad, a call to leadership in the Mennonite Church is a call to shared ministry. Even as you exercise your gifts are you prepared to enter into a community of leaders, with Luke and other congregational leaders and staff?

Brad: I rejoice in the wealth of leadership gifts God has given the church, and pledge to work with others in a spirit of cooperation and openness to God's presence in our midst.

Len: Kevin, Luke, and Kathy representing the leadership and staff of Osler Mennonite Church, Brad has been called to join you in the work of the church here at Osler. As companions in ministry, will you willingly receive each other's gifts, insight and counsel in this shared ministry?

Congregational leaders and staff: We promise to do so, with God's help; we commit ourselves to prayerful support and joyful service together with Brad.

Len (to congregation): Siblings in faith, you have heard the commitment Brad Schroeder has made in accepting the call to pastoral leadership in this congregation. Do you receive him as your Pastor, and do you promise to be co-workers with him in this congregation, accepting him as one sent by God to lead you in the work of Christ in this place? If so, I invite you to stand and join in affirmation.

People: As God's Spirit calls and the church commissions, we accept your service to and through this congregation. We pledge our support to you, as you in turn, support our ministries. We join with you in seeking first the reign of God. May you be given a deep love for the church, for each of us, and for each life you touch on our behalf. May Christ be known in you and through you. Our prayers will continually support you.

Len: Representing the extended church family, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan values the partnership demonstrated here, and promises to be supportive.

Brad, based on this covenant between the congregation and you, I now joyfully install you as Pastor of Osler Mennonite Church, committing them to your Spiritual care and guidance.

May God empower you and the congregation with the wisdom, insight, strength, and tender love that can only come from on high, as you carry

out your mission in this community and beyond. In the name of God, our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer and Friend. Amen.

Prayer: God of grace, you are a God who calls us and invites us to be partners in your work, in your church, and in your world. Today we celebrate the way you have called Brad Schroeder here in our midst, to serve in pastoral ministry at Osler Mennonite Church. You have heard his commitment to serve and also the congregation's commitment to support him in this ministry. Bless these commitments, these responses to your calling. May your Spirit continue to go with Brad and in this community, leading and guiding, supporting and giving strength, bringing joy in the work and peace in the rest.

We pray these things in the name of the one who calls us by name: Jesus our brother, our teacher, and our Lord. Amen.

Brad: [response]

Len: Blessing

May God grant you tender love
and a heart for this congregation;

May God grant you joy
in your work and your rest;

May God grant you peace
with just enough discomfort to keep you moving forward;

May God grant you patience through the challenges
and hope in God's care;

May God grant you a generous heart,
giving of yourself and receiving from others;

May God grant you a gentle spirit,
holding the lives of others with care;

May God grant you wisdom as you serve
and curiosity as you learn;

And may the Spirit ever be your guide
lighting your path

as you reflect the light for those around you.

Amen.

Hymn: VT #828 There's a Wild Hope in the Wind

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord's face turn towards you and grant you peace. Amen.

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

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

TODAY Nov 9 Brad's Installation *Peace Sunday*

Speaker: Len Rempel Worship Leader: Olivia /Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Benjamin Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Marlene Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Susan/Stephanie

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

Luke's Week:

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

Birthday this Weeks: 16 – Uma Boldt; 18 – Sarah Guenther (85); 18 – Steve Guenther; 18 – Nettie Siemens (90); 20 – Mika Schroeder; 22 – Lois Siemens

Sunday Coffee: Nov 9 – Julie

Nov 16 - ?

CALENDAR

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*

Mon. Nov 24 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg

-7:30 pm Council mtg

Wed. Nov 26 – Hanging of the Greens

Sun. Nov 30 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching – *1st Advent*

**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.*

FYI

The latest edition of the *Canadian Mennonite* was delivered to church.

Please pick up your copy in the foyer.

Viola Kruger, wife of the late Isaac Kruger (brother to Abe, Peter & Bill) died on November 2 and was interred in our cemetery on Friday, November 7.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Connects: Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development, and peace work by participating in our quilt sale! Each of these beautiful quilts has been sewn by generous donors, and you can explore the collection of quilts on display at Mount Royal Mennonite Church in Saskatoon from November 9–17 or online at www.mccskquiltsale.com

MC SASK Updates:

We pray to God, our refuge and strength, for the people of the Philippines. Typhoon Kalmaegi has ripped through central Philippines causing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes and killed at least 85. May God's presence be felt in the midst of suffering and grief. We read the words of the psalmist from the safety of our homes, knowing our words can ring hollow yet we continue to pray for those who have lost their homes. Lord, have mercy. (new)

Praying for each other: We thank God for the harvest that has been gathered this fall, from the fields and gardens. We give thanks for the community and fellowship we experience as we gather at Eyebrow Mennonite Church on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship as a small congregation of children, teens, young adults, middle age and seniors. We give thanks for Eyebrow and surrounding community of which we are a part. Above all we give thanks for Jesus, for his call to "follow me" as we work, share and live for Jesus, in this place, among our neighbours and friends, at this time in history. Pray that we may be witnesses for Jesus in our words and actions. And that others may come to know Jesus, too. (new)

November 16, 2:30 pm Ordination service for Lisa Martens Bartel at North Star Mennonite Church, Drake. Coffee and snacks to follow. Please come and join in the celebration and pray for Lisa and the people of North Star Mennonite. (new)

RJC Kielke Supper Fundraiser at Bethany Manor | November 19

You're invited to join us for a kielke and sausage supper prepared by the RJC kitchen staff, with musical performances by the RJC Singers at Bethany Manor in the Fellowship Centre (110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon). First dinner seating at 4:30pm for Bethany Manor Residents & Guests. Second dinner seating at 6:30pm for RJC families & friends. Admission by donation. Receipts will be issued for any donation over \$15/meal. RSVP to the RJC office by phone (306) 232-4222 or by email to development@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Basketball Mini Sports Camp | November 28 & 29 We invite youth in Grades 6–12 to join U of S Huskies Assistant Coach Reed Fitzgerald and other university-level coaches for a fun, skill-building weekend at RJC. The day camp runs Friday, 6:00–8:30 PM, and Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM. Cost is \$50 per player, including lunch. Players will be grouped by level (Grades 6–8 and 9–12). Register at rjc.sk.ca/sportscamp.

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). Details and registration at <https://mcsask.ca/history-and-identity-course>

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.

NEXT SUNDAY Nov 16

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Julie

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Wilf Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Diana/Kevin