



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 12, 2025

Thanksgiving

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: God stretches out the heavens
and shapes the earth.

P: Come and give thanks!

L: God raises up the mountains
and pours water into the seas.

P: Come and give thanks!

L: God calls forth plants from the soil
and forms animals in infinite variety.

P: Come and give thanks!

L: God breathes upon us
and fills us with life.

P: Come lift your voices in praise!

L: God gives our lives meaning
through laughter and tears.

P: Come lift your voices in praise!

L: God touches our hearts
through family and friends.

P: Come lift your voices in praise!

L: God loves us and blesses us
with everything good.

P: Come and worship!

L: God loves us and overwhelms us
with never-ending generosity.

P: Come and worship!

L: God loves us and surrounds us
with love in abundance!

P: Come and worship!

Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #419 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
VT #644 Healer of Our Every Ill**

First Reading: 2 King 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me."

When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel's king had ripped his clothes, he sent word to the king: "Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he'll know that there's a prophet in Israel."

Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent out a messenger who said, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean."

But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger.

Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had

said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean.

He returned to the man of God with all his attendants. He came and stood before Elisha, saying, "Now I know for certain that there's no God anywhere on earth except in Israel. ."

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church
Prayers:
Thanks:

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

Hymn: VT #114 Nun danket alle Gott

Second Reading: Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

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 #814 O God Beyond All Praising

Sermon: Thankfulness, Forgiveness

Hymn: VT #34

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY Oct 12 *Thanksgiving Service*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Brad Schroeder

Song Leader: Kathryn, Loretta Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Alex

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

Luke's Week: Wed. OMC office; Thurs. KCC; Fri. OMC Youth; Sat from home.

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: 12 – Stephanie Siemens; 16 – Loretta Sawatzky
17 – Rachel Buhler

Sunday Coffee: Oct 12 – Casadi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visioning Committee: October 19 - during coffee time; Please take 15 minutes to participate in a round of Roses and Thorns hosted by the OMC Visioning Committee. It will be a chance to get together in small groups and share the highs and lows of our past week. We are excited to practice our conversation skills and learn more about each other!

Book Club is starting up. The book we are reading is **Call Me Indian** by *Fred Sasakamoose*. If you are interested, please contact Loretta Sawatzky for a book. Discussion about the book will be on Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 pm at Loretta's house.

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.

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 30th on Tuesday and Fridays at the Osler Community Hall. See the poster on the bulletin for details.

MCC Connects: Thursday, October 16 marks World Food Day, and on this day each MCC Thrift Shop will donate all proceeds to Grow Hope Saskatchewan! Visit your local shop in Saskatoon, Warman, Rosthern, Lanigan, Herbert, or Swift Current and help support the work of MCC and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security around the world.

MC SASK Updates:

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ~ Psalm 95:1-2
We come before God with gratitude. It is not that everything in our lives is good, but God remains present with us regardless of our situation and we are called to extend this presence to all. (MC Sask) (new)

Praying for each other:

On this Thanksgiving weekend, **Nutana Park Mennonite Church** gives thanks for the many volunteers who contribute to the ministries of the congregation which span from children's education, elder care, worship services, the broader Mennonite community and our engagement in concerns of the city. We are currently deepening our

connections with The Mustard Seed organization which seeks to provide emergency housing for guests and supports them move toward stability and permanent housing. The congregation asks for wisdom and stamina as we engage with the 1500 homeless of Saskatoon and the organizations which seek a healthier city. (new)

October 16 at 6:30 pm | MCC's large kit-packing event, Buckets of Thanks! 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>. (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.

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.

RJC Annual General Meeting | 5:00pm, Saturday, October 25 We invite the extended RJC community to join us for our Annual General Meeting in the RJC High School Chapel. The 2024-25 RJC Report Book will be available on our website and audited financial statements are available upon request from executiveoffice@rjc.sk.ca.

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 to reserve your spot. We hope to see you there!

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.

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>

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). (updated)

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.

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>.

Commonword

Thursday, Oct 23, 7:00pm (CDT). Book launch of Nothing Will Save Us: A Theology of Immeasurable Life. Join author David Driedger, in conversation with Jane Barter and John Samson Fellows. Join us in person or by livestream – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4272>.

Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:00pm (CST) Our First Bite-Sized Book Club, in partnership with Canadian Mennonite, Register for a one-time, one-hour, online conversation with author April Yamasaki. Attendees will be sent a chapter of the book in advance to discuss with April. To register (or to buy/borrow the book) – <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4286>.

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*

CALENDAR

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
Sun. Nov 2 – 10:00 am Gareth Brandt speaking

NEXT SUNDAY Oct 19

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leader: Loretta, Benjamin, Ben Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Becca Sound: Doug Ushers: Carl/Lanae
Offering Counter Team: Susan/Matthew

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis