



# 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**

**September 14, 2025**

*Inclusion for the Excluded*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:** *inspired by Luke 15:1-10*

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us

and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

**All: let us worship God together.**

**Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #563 Come, Thou Fount**

**VT #43 God, Be the Love**

**First Reading:** Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!

Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

Because I know my wrongdoings,

my sin is always right in front of me.

I've sinned against you—you alone.

I've committed evil in your sight.

That's why you are justified when you render your verdict,

completely correct when you issue your judgment.

Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin,

from the moment my mother conceived me.

And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places;

you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean;  
wash me and I will be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and celebration again;  
let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.  
Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!  
Create a clean heart for me, God;  
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

**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:** for a safe Harvest season  
-for peace in the light of politic unrest

**Thanks:**

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

**Hymn: VT #533      Quietly, Peacefully**

**Second Reading: Luke 15:1-10**

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.'

In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

**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 #389 Together**

**Sermon: Inclusion for the Excluded**

**Hymn: VT #386 One Is the Body**

**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 Sept 14 Potluck Sunday**

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Casadi Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Dick/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Stephanie

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

**Luke's Week:** Mon. & Tue RJC Retreat; Wed. OMC Office Hours;  
Thurs. NPMC; Fri. OMC Youth; Sat. Work from Home

**Brad's Week: this week only it will be Mon. Tues. Wed.** but 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 with the OMC staff will be back in October!!**

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

**Birthdays this Week:** 14- Mark Bigland-Pritchard; 16 – Doug McKinnell – 1949; 17 – Adeline Cox; 18 – Anna Peters (81); 18 – Brad Schroeder

**Sunday Coffee** with snacks resumes Sept 14 – Potluck group A-B  
Sept 21 – *please sign up*

**Church Yard Maintenance:** Sept 28 – Oct 4 – Garry Harms

### **Check the Bulletin Board**

- for new information from CMU
- Poster re: Sept 24 - Bethany Manor Fund Raiser
- Poster re: Oct 4 - Shekinah Fund Raiser

**Council** is looking for delegates to attend the MCC AGM scheduled for *Wednesday, September 24 from 6:30 -9:00 pm*. Anyone interested should speak with Shelley, Ben or Steve

**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> (new)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**From the Education Committee:** We are hoping to start a nursery time during Sunday worship service. Please contact someone on the education committee if you are interested in helping out and getting on the schedule.

Since, kids church is moved to the Sunday school hour, this is a reminder that the kids activity table is open and people are welcome to use it!

Casadi, Naomi, Stephanie, Marlene *Education Committee members*

**Mosaic Class** is a motley crew that gathers in the Nursery at 11:15-ish and is facilitated by Casadi and Melanie. We share what's happening in our lives, how it intersects with our faith, and most times, we have more questions than answers. We laugh, cry, debate, listen, learn, and no matter what, we support one another in friendship. Everyone is welcome to join.

“ **The adult bible class** will *begin classes Sept 21*. It will follow the curriculum as prepared by Mennonite Church Canada/USA. Each participant gets a quarterly booklet in advance. Texts are chosen from new and old testaments. The curriculum is cutting edge that requires cutting edge participants” Jake Buhler

**MCC Connects:** The MCC Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, Sep 24 at 6:30-9 pm. This meeting will be hosted over Zoom to accommodate participation from across the province. You may register for the AGM, as a guest or church delegate, by calling the MCC office at 306-665-2555 or by email to [saskoffice@mccsk.ca](mailto:saskoffice@mccsk.ca). We will celebrate the past year of MCC ministry in SK and hear stories from Janet Plenert about the breadth of Anabaptism across the world after 500 years and how MCC and Mennonite World Conference are able to witness together to God's love for all.

**MCC is hiring a Senior Accountant!** Are you passionate about not-for-profit accounting and ready to join a fabulous team in Saskatoon? Put your skills to work for something bigger: supporting relief, development, and peace here at home and around the world. We're looking for someone who's detail oriented, solves complex problems, loves a good spreadsheet, and wants their work to make a real impact. Apply today at [mcc.org/careers](http://mcc.org/careers) (new)

### **MC SASK Updates:**

**Prayer:** Please continue to pray for Myanmar after the earthquake on March 28, 2025. Pray for a holistic recovery for people who were injured, and for rebuilding of all the infrastructure. Pray for the government and the local communities together to work hand in hand across all sectors to restore hope and livelihood, witnessing to Christ's love and peace in challenging times. (Mennonite World Conference, Prayers of Gratitude and Intercession) (new)

**Praying for each other: Zion Mennonite** (Swift Current) We are grateful to God for bringing this wonderful congregation together. We are a diverse and unique congregation who have a deep capacity for love. We pray that this love may be known to our community. We also pray that in this time of harvest, farmers may have a safe and successful season. (new)

**Please pray for Peace Mennonite (Regina) chair, Zahara Alli** as she visits with family who are living in a refugee camp just inside the Uganda border. This is a very dangerous camp and we pray for her safety and that it will be a good visit. (new)

**September 15, 7:00 pm: The Micah Mission's Annual General Meeting** at the MCC Building (600 45th Street West). Join us as we reflect on the past year, share updates, and look ahead to the coming year. Please RSVP by September 10 to [info@themicahmission.org](mailto:info@themicahmission.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

**September 18 & 19 For years students from RJC and CMU have connected to SEMILLA Latin America Anabaptist Seminary** in Guatemala. Now you have a chance, as well! Come learn how to cook a delicious Guatemalan dessert, and hear from Karla Vasquez, Ambassador of SEMILLA Latin America Anabaptist Seminary, about the impact on church leaders in countries of Latin America and Caribbean. Thursday, September 18, 7:00 pm at Rosthern Mennonite Church; Friday, September 19, 7:00 pm at Nutana Park Mennonite Church

**September 19, 7:00 pm; CMU at 25** – You are invited to a special celebration of CMU's 25th anniversary on Friday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in Marpeck Commons (and live streamed). Visit [cmu.ca/25](http://cmu.ca/25) for more information.

**September 20, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm: Fall at CMU** – CMU's annual alumni and community gathering Highlights include 30+ craft and food vendors, food trucks, activities and the Bubbleman for children, artist workshops, live music, reunions, an evening Song Feast and the MennoCross cyclocross race. Visit [cmu.ca/fall](http://cmu.ca/fall) for more information.

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**September 23 -26, 1pm – 4:30 EST** “Leading the Church Through Times of Conflict” (Online) Spots still available. Facilitated by Betty Pries and Malcolm McKinlay, as part of the Conflict Management Certificate Program at Conrad Grebel University College. Details and

registration at [uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/leading-church-through-times-conflict](http://uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/leading-church-through-times-conflict) (new)

**October 3 & 4 RJC Tournament of Memories:** Alumni & Friends Volleyball & Soccer - Join us for a weekend of connecting with friends through sport. Register a volleyball team or as an individual (\$25/player). Soccer will only take place October 4 (\$10/player) at 9:00am, pre-registration is not required for soccer. On Saturday, lunch will be available in the RJC dining hall for \$15/person (10 & under free). To register or for more info, visit [rjc.sk.ca/tom](http://rjc.sk.ca/tom). We look forward to a fun-filled weekend of friendly competition, community, and connection! (new)

**October 4: You are invited to the Shekinah Burger Bonanza Fundraiser** @ the Timber Lodge! Doors open at 5:30, supper served at 6:30. Entertainment by *The Willie Sons*. Admission by donation (Receipts issued for the amount greater than \$45).RSVP at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/ShekinahRetreatCentre/SHEKINAHRETREATCENTREFALLFUNDRAISER> (new)

**Join the CMU team** – CMU invites inquiries and applications for a full-time Admissions Communications Coordinator position (one-year term, salaried with benefits). Visit [cmu.ca/employment](http://cmu.ca/employment) for details. (new)

**Xplore**– CMU’s Xplore extended education program investigates dimensions of the Christian faith, our world, and life in it—all without assignments or exams! Consider taking a course on depolarization, Anabaptists at 500, understanding Roman Catholicism, the book of Daniel, the book of Ruth and more. Courses begin September 23rd. Churches may consider hosting an Xplore watch party with people from your community. For course information and to register visit [cmu.ca/xplore](http://cmu.ca/xplore)

**Mennonite Church Canada** welcomed two new employees on Sept. 1: **Stefan Froese** joins MC Canada as Executive Coordinator (in Susan Reynar’s role as she retires). Stefan’s appointment reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening our organizational capacity and supporting our mission to engage the world with the reconciling work of Jesus Christ. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45565>.

**Stephen Reist** joins MC Canada as part-time Database Coordinator. Stephen also serves as a pastor within MC Canada, bringing a unique blend of ministry experience and IT proficiency to this new role. We are

excited to have Stephen join our team and look forward to the contributions he will make in strengthening our organizational systems. Read more: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45562>.

**Climate Action** - 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 at <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/climate-action/ERG> Applications are due Sept 30, 2025 – APPLY now!

**You are invited to “Practicing Peace with Creation”** - an online session led by For the Love of Creation with Wendy Janzen and others. Explore practices for the work and ministry of creation care. Wednesday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 pm (EDT). Email [splett@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:splett@mennonitechurch.ca) to register and for Zoom link.

**Common Word** – Upcoming Book Event  
Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7:00pm (CDT). Book launch of *White Women. Get Ready*. Join author, artist, and anti-racist organizer Amanda Gross as she shows how white women have been groomed to uphold systems of oppression and how to help upend these violent structures. Join us in person or by livestream –<https://www.commonword.ca/go/4271>.

## CALENDAR

**Sun. Sept 14 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder peaching**

11:15 am SS forum with Dan Siebert

Noon Potluck group A-B helping

**Sun. Sept 21 – 10:00 am Ken Bechtel speaking**

**Sun. Sept 28 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking** – Communion

Tues. Sept 30 – 7:30 pm Community Connection mtg

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

NEXT SUNDAY Sept 21

Speaker: Ken Bechtel Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Loretta Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Jake Sound: Steph Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Diana /Kevin

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