



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 20, 2025

Resurrection Sunday
Christ Collides with Death

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: The stone is rolled away!

Many: Why look for the living among the dead?

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: No nonsense here!

Christ collides with death, affecting the universe.

Many: Christ collides with death, affecting each of us.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #218 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (v1)

VT #333 Low in the Grave He Lay

VT #346 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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 neighbors as ourselves.

Many: We linger in the shadows of fear and death, afraid to fully embrace the love you showed us through the resurrection.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us fully live in the love you showed us in Jesus' death and resurrection 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: Isaiah 12:2-6

God is indeed my salvation;

I will trust and won't be afraid.

Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield;
he has become my salvation."

You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation.

And you will say on that day:

"Thank the Lord; call on God's name;
proclaim God's deeds among the peoples;
declare that God's name is exalted.

Sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things;
proclaim this throughout all the earth."

Shout and sing for joy, city of Zion,
because the holy one of Israel is great among you.

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

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 #353

Now the Green Blade Rises

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1–12

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalen, Joanna, Mary the Mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

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 #332 In Christ Alone

Sermon: Is the Resurrection an 'Idle Tale'?

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

Benediction: As we journey, Jesus collides with our death. New life comes forth in this collision! In resurrection hope, 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 20 *Easter Sunday*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Benjamin, Ben, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Wilf Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd, Stephanie

Sunday School – none this week

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: Wed. OMC Office Hrs; Thurs. Work from Home; Fri. OMC Office Hrs, NPMC Youth; Sat. OMC Youth?

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031
or Julie 306-250-2995

Birthdays: 26 – Eugene Penner

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: April 20 – Potluck Brunch
April 27 – Diana & Ben

Consider signing up to bring the snack

Note: No need to wash up – just return dishes to the kitchen and rack cups near the dishwasher – *someone will wash them later.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday May 4 at 7:30 pm - Warman Community Band Concert - ***Peace, Love and Joy*** at the Warman Home Centre Communiplex.

In October, Jacob Friesen, who is 101, was in the hospital with pneumonia and ended up with a chronic heart condition. From there, the family moved him and Junko to an assisted living place. They are receiving wonderful care and their nearby kids, Helene and Jon & Joanne visit often.

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

There will be a Memorial Service for the late Howard Janzen here at OMC on Saturday, May 17 at 3 pm.

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!

OMC council as approved the attendance of Dave Feick and Matthew Braun as delegates to represent OMC at the MC Canada Gathering.

Hello Churches with Anabaptist roots:

Come celebrate **Anabaptism 500 Years** with **Gareth Brandt** at *Rosthern Mennonite Church, May 31 and June 1.*

Gareth will guide us through reflections on the beginning of the Anabaptist Movement through to contemporary interpretations of the movement for our lives. He will use visuals, lectures and biblical reflections to animate his presentations. Join us *Saturday 10:00 to 2:00* (please bring a bag lunch) and again for worship on *Sunday morning at 10:00*. Please let us know if you are coming for these FREE presentations: rosthernmc@sasktel.net or 1 (306) 232-5577.

Please see bulletin board poster for more details.

Look forward to seeing you.

Denise Epp on behalf of RMC

MCC Connects: Easter greetings to you and your congregation from the staff and board members of MCC Saskatchewan. Christ is risen!

MC Sask News:

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.

BIG DAY at CAMP ELIM on Saturday May, 10th! CAMP CLEAN UP starting at 9:30am at Camp Elim. Come and go as you wish. Bring your own lunch. BINGO Fundraiser starting at 7:00pm in the Camp Elim Tabernacle! We've got snacks. We've got prizes. We've got a FREE night stay in a suite to give away!! and more!! Spread the word,

and reserve your BINGO cards before May 1st to receive your 4th card FREE! Contact: 306-631-8463 or elimdirector@sasktel.net

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/>

Behind the Scenes at the MCC Thrift Store. Andy Arthur, who oversees MCC thrift stores in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, helps us understand some of the global considerations around thrifting. It's no trifling matter! Read about it at <http://mcsask.ca/behindthesceneatMCCthriftstores>

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>.

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>).

"The Mennonite Nursing Home is happy to announce that we will be hosting our Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser on **Thursday, May 8th, 2025 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission is by donation.

The proceeds from the event will go towards replacing the raised garden beds that have deteriorated from the many years of gardening. Everyone is welcome to attend."

If any church members are interested, donations of cakes for the cakewalk would be greatly appreciated. Cakes can be dropped off at the Nursing Home on the day of the Tea before 2:00 p.m.

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

CALENDAR

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*
Followed by an Easter Hunt

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

Sun. May 4 – 10:00 am Karl Martens speaking

Sun. May 11 – 10:00 am Larry Epp speaking

NEXT SUNDAY April 27 *Second Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Katherine Bretecher Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd, Alex

Sunday School – Loretta/Olivia

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