



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

Leader: Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

**Many: Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

**Many: Praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,**

Leader: Praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Many: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #88 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
VT #340 Lift Your Glad Voices**

First Reading: Psalm 118: 14-29 NIV

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

The Lord has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

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 – for our country with elections on Monday

Thanks –

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

Hymn: VT #347 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 CEB

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you

forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

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 #364 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Sharing: Balancing doubt and praise through seasons of change

Hymn: VT #837 Lead Me Forth

Benediction:

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

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

TODAY April 27 *Second Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Katherine Bretecher Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd, Alex

Sunday School – Loretta/Olivia

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: Mon. AMBS course; Wed. office; Thurs. Home; Fri.

Office/OMC youth

For Pastoral care you may also call Dave 306-270-5031

or Julie 306-250-2995

Birthdays: 27 - Jeremiah Bird; 28 – Lucy Friesen; 28 – Edna Zacharias (86); May 2 – Brady Buhler

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: April 27 – Diana & Ben

Consider signing up to provide Coffee Time

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you all for your loose change donations on April 6. We are able to donate \$230.70 to the Warman Food Bank! With gratitude, Community Connections (Alex, Kaytee, John, Scott).

Community Connections Committee invites you to The Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Circle's 7th Annual Rural Reconciliation Educational Gathering!

When: May 9th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, doors at 8:30 am

Where: Dakota Dunes Resort

How: Register at prceducationalgathering.eventbrite.com

Official Invite:

Join us at the beautiful Dakota Dunes Resort for a day of learning, sharing, and collective knowledge-building as we move into reconciliACTION. This year's gathering is more than an event—it's an opportunity to honor Indigenous voices, explore contemporary and traditional storytelling, and engage in meaningful discussions that respond authentically to the Calls to Action.

Through interactive workshops, exhibits, and insightful presentations—including a keynote by Connie Walker—we will reflect on the power of

story and its role in truth, healing, and change. We invite you to contribute your ideas, seek guidance from community members, and be inspired by creative expressions through art, music, and Indigenous literature.

Come ready to listen, learn, and commit to action. Your voice, your story, and your presence matter.

We can't wait to see you there!

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 2 pm. The Janzen family were long time members of OMC

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

Arlyn Friesen Epp has written and will perform the drama *Spirit Acts* during the MC Canada Gathering 2025 in Kitchener, ON. Watch a teaser of the drama: <https://youtu.be/CgTuYV5CtSM>

Youth Gathering 2025 - The Things that Stick. Youth Gathering event planner, Audrey Wichert reflects on her and her youths' experiences at Youth Gatherings. Prepare for a positive impact. Read here: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45410> (new)

MCC Connects: Happy Volunteer Appreciation Week! MCC would like to express gratitude for the many dedicated volunteers who contribute countless hours to the work of relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ. With over 1000 volunteers throughout Saskatchewan, this work could not be done without you!

MC Sask News:

Praying for each other: Tiefengrund Mennonite Church: we are mindful of changing demographics in rural settings as well as a general decline in religious affiliation. It is good to hold these realities before God in prayer. We are grateful for the meaningful connections and worship which happen in a smaller congregation. It is good to hold this gratitude before God in prayer.

May 4: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. Kirsten Hamm-Epp will expand on the year's theme: To everything there is a season. All are welcome! (new)

"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.

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

12 Native Plants to Consider Planting in Your Garden If everyone in Saskatoon planted 1 sq. m. we would have 85 acres of native plants; in Regina 62 acres. What should you grow? If you are just starting out here are 12 plants to attract and benefit butterflies:
<https://mcsask.ca/news/12016-incert-april-16>

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>.

MCM Spring Bible Study. Join Michael Pahl, Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Manitoba, for a six-session series on Paul's letter to the Colossians, called "Rooted in Jesus." Participate as an individual or couple, or form a group with others from your congregation! Register here: www.mennochurch.mb.ca/biblestudy. May 8-June 12, 2025, Thursdays at 7:00pm Central via Zoom.

We invite your prayers for MDS volunteers this spring and summer. Dozens of volunteers, from across the country, are rebuilding homes in Constance Bay, ON, North Shuswap, BC, and Lytton, BC. Please pray for the volunteers' safety and that, together, we are able to respond, rebuild and restore hope this year. To learn more about these responses, visit mds.org/current-responses.

Youth Schedule for MAY

Friday May 2nd: Youth Discussion (last of the year) and Egg Night @ OMC 7-9

Friday May 9th: Joint Event with Mount Royal Climate Group @ OMC 7-9

The Mount Royal Climate group was very interested in what our youth had to say at the 2024 Peace Conference. They will be coming, bringing some snacks, discussing the climate crisis with us, and then playing some fun intergenerational games. Erika Thogerson will also be attending and facilitating the discussion time.

Saturday May 10th: Mega Menno OMC Garage Sale Day BBQ Fundraiser 11:00am-4:00pm

This fundraiser is being organized by MC Sask but will be hosted at OMC during the town's garage sale day. I will send more details as they come in, but all funds will go towards reducing costs for our Ontario trip this summer.

Friday May 16th or Sunday May 18th: Potential Ice Cream party at Lil Bean hosted by Luke and Becca

Friday May 23rd: OMC at Apex Trampoline Park
More details to come.

Saturday May 31st: OMC Escape Room and Outdoor Games @ OMC

CALENDAR

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

Mon. May 12 – 7:30 pm Council mtg

Sun. May 18 – 10:00 am Sarah Buhler speaking

Sun. May 25 – 10:00 am Jake Buhler speaking

NEXT SUNDAY May 4 Third Sunday of Easter

Speaker: Karl Martens Worship Leader: Becca Bushman

Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta, Benjamin Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Becca Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Susan, Matthew

Sunday School – Kathryn/Emmett

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