



# 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*

*April 30, 2023*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
*The Good Shepherd*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements**

**Call to Worship** *from Psalm 23*

**Gathering Hymns:** VT #9    **Come Away from Rush and Hurry**  
VT #352    **This Joyful Eastertide**

**First Reading:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

For grace is given if you endure unjust punishment for your conscience in the name of God.

What credit is there if you patiently endure harsh punishment as a result of your sin? But if you put up with suffering for doing what is right, this is acceptable in God's eyes. It was for this that you were called, since Christ suffered for you in just this way and left you an example. You must follow in the footsteps of Christ, who did no wrong, who spoke no deceit, who did not return insults when insulted, who, when made to suffer, did not counter with threats. Instead, Christ trusted the One who judges justly. It was Christ's own body that brought our sins to the cross, so that all of us, dead to sin, could live in accord with God's will. By Christ's wounds you are healed. At one time you were straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

**Children's Gathering Song:** VT #509 See the Children Here before Us  
*The name of the tune Deanna reminds us of Deanna Reddekopp who loved children and died June 2019.*

Children's Time: Luke

## **Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church**

*Congratulations* - to Chalan Sawatzky (daughter-in-law to Lloyd & Loretta) on receiving her degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing

*Prayers* – for farmers safe seeding

-Braeden and Zenon on RJC service week

### **Hymn: VT #499      In the Morning When I Rise**

#### **Gospel Reading:** John 10:1-10

“The truth of the matter is, whoever doesn’t enter the sheepfold through the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber.

The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep, the one for whom the keeper opens the gate. The sheep know the shepherd’s voice; the shepherd calls them by name and leads them out.

Having led them all out of the fold, the shepherd walks in front of them and they follow because they recognize the shepherd’s voice.

They simply won’t follow strangers—they’ll flee from them because they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.”

Even though Jesus used this metaphor with them, they didn’t grasp what he was trying to tell them. He therefore said to them again:

“The truth of the matter is, I am the sheep gate. All who came before me were thieves and marauders whom the sheep didn’t heed.

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be safe—you’ll go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy. I came that you might have life and have it to the full.

#### **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 #458      The Water Is Ready**

**Sermon                      The Good Shepherd**

**Hymn: VT #574      We Shall Walk through the Valley**

**Benediction:** Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**      **April 30**      *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Jake Buhler

Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben

Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Luke

Sound: Keri/James      Ushers: Anne/Bill

*Kids S.S. - Julie Bergen, Youth S.S.- Matthew Braun*

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

**Patty's Week:** Mon. Exec, council; Tues. sermon; Weds. office; Fri. Office, Bethany Manor

**Luke's Week:** Mon. Council Mtg; Wed. Work from home, meeting at Bethany Manor; Thurs. Anabaptism at 500 Bible Study; Fri. OMC & NPMC; Sat. Youth Group

**Every Friday 10:00 Drop-In coffee with staff available**

**Birthday:** 2 – Brady Buhler; 4 – Sandra Grismer

**Snack/Coffee Schedule:** April 30 Wilf

## **TODAY**

Please join us at our Spring Recital Sunday afternoon at 1pm following a pizza lunch. While the pandemic separated us from each other, it also provided room for developing skills and talents, and music was something that helped many of us through difficult times. That is something to celebrate! The addition of a projector in our sanctuary was critical during the pandemic, helping us stay connected and increasing accessibility for anyone participating in our services - any donations will go toward finishing off our projector project!

**Pastoral Connection:** Want to connect with your pastors in person? Please call or invite them out for coffee/lunch! Want to connect with your pastors on Facebook? Please friend request Patster Patty Friesen and Luke Bushman but don't expect any exciting posts as they have boring lives.

**Thank you** for your generous donations in support of the special Family Fund/Community Aid and the relief it provided these past few months! The Community Aid Fund is ongoing, so financial support is always welcome. Please earmark donations for "Community Aid" if you are interested in providing help for future needs.

**The OMC Green Fund Fundraiser** was a great success, thanks to the support of many. Thank you all for your wonderful contributions!  
*Community Connections Committee*

**All are welcome to the Anabaptism 500 Community Bible Study** led by Pastor Luke on Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Osler School Retirements:** Please sign retirement cards on lobby table for Audrey Kampen, principal (10+ years) and Pat Bodnar, music teacher (40+ years), who have served our school and community well.

**Spring Baptism or Church Membership:** please let Patty or Luke know if you are interested in talking about your relationship with God and Jesus and if you are interested in baptism or joining the church at Pentecost May 28.

**\*OMC Spring Tea at Bethany Manor, Fri. May. 5,** 2:00 p.m. for Oslerites who live and don't live at Bethany. Featuring talk on small space gardening by Linda Stucky.

**\*Saskatoon Chamber Singers** concert is on May 7 at 3:00pm at Knox United Church. See Michelle for tickets.

**\*Light Music for Spring:** North Sky Chorale, led by Richard Janzen and featuring Philip Klassen, has two upcoming concerts. Saturday May 13 at 2:00pm at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern and Sunday May 14 at 3:00pm at Knox United Church in Saskatoon. Tickets can be purchased by searching North Sky Chorale at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca) (Michelle, Dayna and Scott Feick are singing in it)

**On May 27th,** we are doing a "Menno Run" with some other churches in MC Sask. This is a town wide game, and we are looking for people to volunteer their homes as "safe houses" as part of the game, as well as additional leaders who want to participate as "hunters for the game". Contact Luke for more information.

**\*RJC Golf Classic | Saturday, May 27** Join us at the Valley Regional Park in Rosthern for an afternoon of golf in support of RJC's athletics program. Beginning at 11:00am with registration, lunch and pre-game activities, with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. The evening will wrap up with a closing program and meal at the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern. Cost is \$175/golfer which includes lunch, cart, dinner & 18 holes. Register your team today! Visit [rjc.sk.ca/golfclassic](http://rjc.sk.ca/golfclassic) for more information and to register.

**RJC is hiring: Women's Dormitory Dean (1.0 FTE)** - RJC is inviting applicants for a women's dormitory dean position, beginning Fall 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year. Our dormitory staff, along with the RJC Student Life Team, are responsible for overseeing the dormitory and supervising students who live on campus. A primary emphasis in the role is student care, including relationship building and individual support. Visit [rjc.sk.ca](http://rjc.sk.ca) for the full job description or contact Ryan Wood, Principal, at [ryan@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:ryan@rjc.sk.ca) or call (306) 232-4222.

**\*MCC Connect:** Another growing season begins! As Grow Hope Saskatchewan launches its 6th season, this is an opportunity for you to sponsor the cost of fertilizer, seed and other inputs needed to help local farmers grow a crop to support the work of MCC and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide emergency food supplies and long-term food security. There are 828 million people who are hungry today. To hear stories and for more information and to donate, please visit: <https://www.growhopesk.ca/>. As little as \$15 can provide food assistance to one person for a month.

### **MC SK Updates:**

**\*The Watoto Children's Choir** will be at the Youth Farm Bible Camp on Sunday, April 30th for a 7:00pm Concert. Come be a part of this vibrant worship experience! The children are from Uganda and love to sing! At the heart of the Watoto Children's Choir is a message of God's unfailing love. On Monday morning, the choir will be serving at the Mennonite Nursing Home.

**The Bethany Chorus present a Spring Concert** "With a voice of Singing" with conductor Duff Warkentin, pianist Verna Olfert and featuring percussionist Darrell Bueckert. Performances are on Sunday, April 30 at 2pm and Monday, May 1 at 7pm in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre, 110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon. All are welcome!

**Bethany Manor** invites you to a **Education Day For Wills** on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Centre at Bethany. Amity Trust, Abundance Canada and Bethany Manor will do presentations on how to plan a good will. No registration required.

**The Youth Farm Complex Auxiliary** is glad to announce that we will be hosting our Annual May Day Tea and Cake Walk Fundraiser this year. The event will be held on Thursday, May 11th, 2023 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Mennonite Nursing Home Auditorium. Admission is by donation. The proceeds from

### CALENDAR

Apr 29 3:00 pm Memorial Service for Helen Kruger

**Apr 30 10:00 am Jake Buhler**

12:00 pm Pizza lunch

1:00 pm OMC Spring Recital

May 4 7:00 pm Anabaptism 500 Bible Study @ OMC led by Luke

**May 7 10:00 am Patty Friesen** *Nine Mile-markers for Peace*

May 11 11:00 am Deacon mtg

**May 14 10:00 am Rick Guenther** *from MCC Sask*

11:00 am SS Forum on MCC's current work

12:00 Second Sunday Lunch Bunch Osler Restaurant

**May 21 10:00 am Patty Friesen**

*What does non-resistance in Ukraine look like?*

**May 28 10:00 am Luke Bushman** *Pentecost Communion*

**NEXT SUNDAY May 7** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Speaker: Patty Friesen      Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Dayna, Kathryn      Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Edna      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

*Kids S.S. – Naomi Schellenberg, Youth S.S – Luke Bushman*

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