



## LISTOWEL MENNONITE CHURCH

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### *Communion Hand and Foot washing*

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LMC will meet at 10am for Sunday Worship, followed by coffee fellowship and Sunday School for all ages.

The entire worship service will also be live streamed from the LMC sanctuary on YouTube from 10:00-11:15am. Click on [www.lmchurch.ca](http://www.lmchurch.ca) a few minutes before 10am, and click on the "Livestream" button.

You can view the livestream afterwards by going to our website under the "Past Sermons" page.

<http://www.lmchurch.ca/past-sermons.html>

Greeters - Ron & Peggy  
Usher - Ernie

Coffee - Ruth Ann C, Dorothy E John C  
AV - Robert & Sid

#### **GATHERING**

Led by Tian Ip

Gathering hymn: HWB 6 Here in This Place

**Welcome & Announcements** (Nancy Frey)

#### **Lighting a Candle for Peace**

A Christian Prayer of Lament on the **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**  
(inspired by words of Psalm 5)

One: Listen to our lament, loving God, Creator of the universe  
hear our cry!

**All: Listen to our lament! Hear our cry!**

One: You have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus  
And appoint us to be ambassadors of reconciliation.  
Today we lament the bitter truth of Indigenous hosts

betrayed by their guests on this land.  
Treaty promises and relationships broken.

**All: Listen to our lament! Hear our cry!**

One: Today we especially lament children forcibly taken from family and home,  
for indoctrination intended to “kill the Indian in the child”.

**All: Listen to our lament! Hear our cry!**

One: We lament relationships that remain broken.  
We lament systems of ongoing harm and injustice.

**All: Listen to our lament! Hear our cry!**

One: We turn to you, Lord God, who can help us  
turn away from an attitude of cultural superiority,  
turn away from hiding or ignoring the truth,  
turn toward relationships of respect and justice that honour  
Your intentions and hopes for the world.

**All: Lead us in the right path, O Lord, ... Make your way plain for us to follow.**

One: We acknowledge and celebrate the resilience and  
resurgence of Indigenous peoples.

**All: Lead us in the right path, O Lord, ... Make your way plain for us to follow.**

One: We give thanks for the gift of life we have from God.  
We commit to being part of the healing on this land  
so that all people can enjoy the good gifts intended by our Creator God.

**All: Lead us in the right path, O Lord, ... Make your way plain for us to follow. Amen.**

## Call to Worship

## Opening Prayer

How did we get here? (Tian Ip)

## SINGING, PRAISING, THANKING

VT 715 Longing for light  
HWB 459 I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord (new)  
VT 482 let us break bread together

## Communion Service:

### Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

Leader - 14 When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. 15 Jesus said, “I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. 16 For I tell you now that I won’t eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.”

**Left side - 19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Right side - 20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.**

### Confession prayer and words of assurance (VT 938)

Leader: Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven, loved, and free.

## Invitation

Move to tables to share communion

Video: [Journey of an MCC relief kit & Moments for Children](#) (Ernie Reesor)

## Children's Sunday School song - Countless

### Foot washing and Hand washing

**Scripture:** John 13:1-5, 12-17 NIV

1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

### Litany: VT 951

Leader: Eternal Love, gentle God, you invite us into the mysteries of your presence  
as we bow before one another with devotion.

**People: As you have loved us, let us love one another.**

**As you have washed us with grace, we wash one another.**

Leader: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who on the night he shared a final meal with friends,  
rose from the table, laid aside his outer robe, then took a towel and washed the feet of his disciples.  
Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end, saying,  
"I have washed your feet and you also ought to wash one another's feet."

**People: With our hands we offer God's tenderness.**

**With our feet we receive Christ's abundant care.**

Leader: Jesus said to his disciples, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, wash us with your mercy,  
pour your grace over our lives,  
and flood the world with the gentleness of your love. Amen.**

### Closing prayer (VT 952)

Leader: Jesus Christ, our Savior, you did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,  
but emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant.

Humbling yourself before your disciples, you washed their feet and named them as your friends.

**All: With water and a towel, you befriend us. As we kneel before one another,  
we pledge ourselves to your love, in the power of your servanthood. Amen.**

## WITNESSING & PRAYING

### Sharing Time

We will have "Open Mic Sharing" time. This will not be part of the livestream.

### From MCEC

1. Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for **Markham Christian Worship Centre**. **Kapilan Savarimuthu** provides pastoral leadership to this congregation, which is primarily made up of individuals from Sri Lankan background. Pray for God's guidance and strength as they minister to the community in Markham.
2. Pray for **Al Rempel**, MCEC Regional Minister, and his wife Brenda as they grieve the loss of Brenda's mother, Elma Rempel, who died this past week. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please pray for Al and Brenda as they travel to Manitoba.

3. Pray for **Benin Bible Institute**, an interdenominational Bible school that offers leadership training for churches in Benin. St. Jacobs, Poole and Wanner Mennonite churches have been long-term supporters of this important ministry. Currently, visitors from Benin are in Ontario as part of a regular exchange, fostering relationships and strengthening connections with their Canadian partners. Pray that their time together will be rich in fellowship, spiritually fulfilling, and mutually edifying for everyone involved.
4. Pray for **Nhien Pham and Garry Janzen**, from Mennonite Church BC, as they travel in Vietnam and serve the **Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam (EMCV)** with training courses based on Palmer Becker's Anabaptist Essentials. EMCV has requested more basic-level Anabaptist training for church leaders. Pray for safety in travel, and life-changing response to the training.
5. Hold in prayer the **gathering of Indigenous Relations and Climate Action working group** leaders from the 5 regional churches of MC Canada, including MCEC, gathering in Pinawa, MB from Oct. 4-6. The weekend will be a time to learn what each other are up to in the regions, develop shared goals and postures of engagement and build community around the ministries we hold in common towards the healing of relationships with Indigenous neighbours and creation.
6. **Continue to pray for areas in the world who cry out for peace.** We grieve for all who have experienced the horrors of war and violence. May God bring comfort, healing, and justice to those suffering. Lord, have mercy on us and hear our prayers for peace and reconciliation in these troubled regions.

#### **From MCC**

- We give thanks that during the week of September 2nd that MCC trucks loaded up with 2,000 emergency food packages were able to cross into Gaza. Children and families are getting the relief they need — like rice, oil, canned meat and vegetables. Along with emergency food, MCC is providing cash transfers, hygiene items and bedding for families in need. Please continue to pray for peace in this region.
- Please pray for young adults who just finished work in their home countries through Summer Service in the U.S. or Summerbridge in Canada and for so many other young people who give their time and talents to serve through MCC.

#### **Congregational Prayer**

**Sending Song:** VT 480 I am the bread of life

**MCC Video - How to assemble hygiene kits:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ot1XQ5ZIGD4&authuser=0>

#### **Benediction**

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## Announcements Sheet

### Upcoming:

- Sept 29, 10am - **Communion** during the worship service
- Sept 29 - Intergenerational Sunday School following worship & Chili Lunch.
- Sept 29, 12:30pm - **Ride for Refuge**, starting from LMC.
- Sept 29, 7pm - **Christin Dennis, Indigenous Speaker at LMC.**
- Oct 3, 6pm - Community Suppers starting.
- Oct 5 - Jr Youth in New Hamburg at MCC
- Oct 20, 1-5pm - Jr Youth Retreat in Leamington.
- Sat Nov 16 - Ladies Event
- Fri Dec 6 - Adult Christmas Banquet.

### LMC Announcements

- **Sunday School Hour & Chili Lunch Sept 29:** Missions Team are inviting those interested to pack Hygiene Kits and cut Milk Bags during the Sunday School hour on Sept 29. Missions Team will provide a **chili lunch for the Ride for Refuge participants and others interested in staying for lunch.** If you are planning on staying for lunch please bring a side dish or dessert. ~ The Missions Team
- **Ride for Refuge! Sunday Sept 29 12:30pm, after worship.** We will be biking (or walking) from LMC towards Atwood, - the same route as last year! You can sign up to bike 10 or 20 km, or walk 2.5 or 5 - in support of Compass Refugee Centre - The need is greater than ever!
  - Donate to the LMC Peace Pedalers here: <https://ride.w-ith.me/LMCPeacePedalers> . Donate online or talk to Dorothy T for other options.
  - Donate through the Sunday School Offering - All Sunday School donations in September 2024 will go to support Compass Refugee Centre through the Ride for Refuge!
  - and/or
  - Join the LMC Peace Pedalers here! <https://ride.w-ith.me/LMCPeacePedalers>
  - For more info contact Dorothy T or anyone on the Missions Team.
- **Sunday evening Sept 29! Christin Dennis, Indigenous Speaker, Sunday Sept 29, 7pm at LMC:** You are invited to hear local indigenous knowledge keeper, **Christin Dennis** (Gzhiiquot), Aamjiwnaang First Nation, speak about the lasting impact the Sixties Scoop and residential schools have had on First Nations as we observe the National Day to honour Truth and Reconciliation. Dennis is a Sixties Scoop survivor, a spiritual healer and an artist. He is also the organizer and facilitator of the Tipi of Huron Perth. He will present at Listowel Mennonite Church on **Sunday September 29 from 7:00-8:30 PM.** The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, originally and still colloquially known as Orange Shirt Day, is a Canadian holiday to recognize the legacy of the Canadian Indian residential school system. The first step in reconciliation is to know the truth.
- **Next Sunday! Christmas Choir:** Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, **Oct 6 at 12:00 - 12:45** in the sanctuary. further rehearsal dates to be determined. ~ Tian
- **Ladies Event!** Save the date of **Saturday, November 16** for our next event. We will be holding a **make-a-Christmas urn or centerpiece** fundraiser. Lisa Cossar (Fraser's mom) will be bringing all the greenery and showing us how to build our own. Suggested donation of 25.00 for one or two for 40.00. Please supply your own container. Proceeds will be going to Life Water Canada, a charity that is very dear to Lisa's heart. More details and signup will follow closer to the date. Don't forget to bring your friends.
- **Save the Date: Adult Christmas Banquet is Friday, December 6th.** Punch at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30. More details to follow. ~ Peggy & Ron, Kathy & Willis, Dave & Louise, Paul & Esther

- **Community Suppers** will begin again on **Thursday October 3** at 6pm! Helpers needed starting at 2pm. Volunteers needed for setting up tables and chairs, food prep serving food, clean up, greeting guests. This is also an opportunity for high school aged youth to gain volunteer hours. If you want to be part of this amazing program, please speak with Shirley Koch.
- **Shuffleboard** will begin again on **Monday October 7** - 9:30am for women, 1:30pm for men!
- **How did we get here? Series (Sept & Oct):** Many people who live in Canada today are the descendants of people who were fleeing hardship and suffering. Canada became a safe haven for them. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation confronts us with the legacy of the arrival of settlers and the displacement of First Nations people. In order to understand what happened, we need to hear the story of the settlers who came from somewhere else, to learn what Canada meant to them, as well. We cannot change the past, but understanding it will help us to build a better future. **Over the next two months we will hear the stories of many different routes to Canada from members of our LMC family.** We will hear stories of God's faithfulness. And we will ponder how we are called to live today in light of past events.
- **MCC Soap for hope:** MCC urgently needs soap donations for countries where soap is scarce. Both **bath soap** (85g or larger, in wrapper) **and laundry soap** (e.g. Sunlight) are needed. Please donate to meet this crucial need. Donations can be dropped off at your local [MCC Thrift Shop, office or the Material Resources warehouse.](#) **If anyone would like to bring in soap to LMC, there is a box in the foyer, someone will take it to KW.** ~ Grace Snider, Linda Weber
- **In the week up to Sunday Sept 22, 2024 we offered \$ 10,693.00 in worship before God.**
  - PAR (Pre Authorized Monthly Giving) \$ 7795.00
  - General Fund \$ 2210.00
  - Ride for Refuge \$ 350.00
  - Potluck (Hands & Hearts for Africa) \$ 320.00
  - Sunday School Offering (Ride for Refuge) \$ 18.00
  - Sept 22 attendance: 106
  - Sept 22 SS attendance: 79
  - Sept 22 livestream viewers on Sunday: 11 (views after one week: 26)

### Community Announcements:

**MCEC Intercultural Worship Gathering and Potluck - October 26, 2024, 4 - 6pm** at First Hmong Mennonite Church, 93 Doon Rd., Kitchener, ON. We warmly invite everyone to join us for the MCEC Intercultural Fellowship Worship. This will be a special time of worship, unity, and celebration, as various congregations come together to honour our diversity in Christ. This year's speaker: Hruai Tu, Chair of Young Adult Ministry at Chin Christian Church (Kitchener). Potluck follows - bring food to share! Worship led by different MCEC congregations, featuring a variety of worship songs that celebrate our unity in diversity. Potluck: Bring a dish to share for a time of fellowship and food following the service. Free Will Offering: Contributions are welcome to support MCEC's mission ministry. Our Speaker: Hruai Tu, Chair of Young Adult Ministry at Chin Christian Church. "My name is Hruai Tu, and I am currently studying full-time at Heritage Baptist College and taking a Bachelor of Theology. I am a youth leader in our congregation and also a Sunday school teacher. If it is God's will, I am hoping to become a youth pastor in our congregation. I dedicated my life to live for Christ."

**Listowel Food Bank is experiencing increased demand!** They particularly need: canned tomatoes, canned meat, canned pasta, instant meals (kraft dinner, hamburger helper), kid's lunch items (granola bars, fruit cups, puddings, juice boxes), instant coffee/tea/hot chocolate, spreads (peanut butter, honey jam), juice, baking items (oil, sugar, flour), personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, deodorant).

**MCEC Palestine Israel Networking Group presents Challenge for the Church: Antisemitism**, Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo. How has the Church been antisemitic in the past? How can the Church resist antisemitism today? Join us for a day that calls us to a deeper examination of Mennonite thought and action. We invite churches to join us for this workshop on antisemitism, as well as a companion event March 2025 Challenge for the Church: Islamophobia. [Register at mcec.ca/events](https://mcec.ca/events).

**AMBS Free lecture: How to Challenge Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism:** Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7–8 p.m. EDT at Kern Road Mennonite Church, 18211 Kern Road, South Bend, Indiana. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Associate Professor **Drew Strait**, PhD, will share insights from his new book, *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism*. Learn about why Christian nationalism is a threat to democracy and the church's witness, and how faith communities can counter it. **The event will be livestreamed**, and a book signing will follow. Learn more: [ambs.edu/challenge-christian-nationalism](https://ambs.edu/challenge-christian-nationalism)

**MCC Bucket of Thanks: Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Material Resources Warehouse, 65 Heritage Dr, New Hamburg** This fall, the Material Resources warehouse is opening its doors and welcoming visitors to **an event for the whole family with games, snacks and hands-on activities for all ages.** Enjoy activities for kids, pack a kit or two and experience the joy of community service. Admission is free, but we kindly ask for donations of large bath or laundry bars of soap (in original wrapping) to help fill our kits. Learn more at [mcc.org/events/bucket-thanks](http://mcc.org/events/bucket-thanks).

**MCC Learning Tour: Travelling Together Through Truth October 21-25, 2024 in Timmins, ON** Reserve your space today! Get ready to be inspired and learn as we embark on an exciting journey of connecting and engaging with First Nations communities, organizations and partners of MCC Ontario's Indigenous Neighbours program in Timmins. To learn more, contact Cam McEachern at 705-264-2494, ext. 220 or by email at [cammceachern@mcco.ca](mailto:cammceachern@mcco.ca).

**MCC Hearts of Freedom: Stories from Southeast Asian Refugees November 9, 2024 from 7-9:30pm at Brock University.** Join MCC for an evening dedicated to sharing the powerful stories of Southeast Asian refugees from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam who fled the Vietnam War, the Lao Secret War, and the Cambodian Genocide to find safety in Canada. You'll have the unique chance to watch a screening of the documentary "Passage to Freedom" and tour the exhibit Hearts of Freedom. Learn more at [mcc.org/hearts-of-freedom](http://mcc.org/hearts-of-freedom).

**MCC You're invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of MCC Thrift in St. Catharines October 6, 2024, 2-4pm at Bethany Community Church (1388 Third Street, St. Catharines)** We're throwing a fabulous party celebrating 50 years of making a difference through our MCC Thrift Shop. Enjoy light refreshments, fellowship, and a look back at all we've accomplished together over the last 50 years. Space is limited so please reserve your seat by September 30 by signing up at the shop, emailing [grantham@mcco.ca](mailto:grantham@mcco.ca) or calling 905-682-8944.

**Listowel Christian School** welcomes new teachers and paraeducators to join our supply list. If you are able to come in on an as needed basis, have some flexibility in your schedule, and have a teaching degree or certification, please feel free to contact Donna Veenstra about being placed on our **Supply Teacher/Paraeducator List**. Although formal training is an asset for paraeducators, we would consider individuals who have a love for children and some expertise in the area of student support. If interested in either of the above roles, please send a cover letter indicating your availability, a resume, and a brief statement of faith to [principal@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:principal@listowelchristianschool.ca). We would love to have you join us.

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