

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Good News...

Offering Reminder and Announcements

Scripture: John 20:19-23

Meditation: "Finding God's Grace in the Wilderness – Part Three"

Revelations 1:10, 17-19; 2:2-3, 6, 7, 8-11, 12-13, 17, 18-19, 24-29; 3:4-6, 7-13, 21-22.

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Praise and Prayer

- Please pray for the family of Joseph Lal, whose younger brother David passed away. He was living with their parents in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith. Re-awaken our love for God, let your flames warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ and dare us to do great things in his name. Holy Spirit of Power and Promise, Blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us energy to serve you in Christ's church. Open our eyes to recognize needs for ministry and mission, and to learn from this time when we have had to do things differently in worship and pastoral care. Open our hearts to connect with those for whom the time of social distancing has been very difficult. Open our hands to share in the tasks that need doing, and open our lips in prayer and praise. Holy Spirit of Power and Promise, Blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding: For those whose lives seem so different from ours and those facing situations because of the pandemic that we didn't encounter; Understanding for those with whom we've disagreed;

and for problems and challenges we will now face at home, at work, and in your world as we try to recover from the effects of coronavirus. Holy Spirit of Power and Promise, Blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment, made so much keener because of isolation; healing for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief, and for those who face stress and pressure as they try to rebuild their lives. Bring healing to the earth, to places of upheaval and to ecosystems at risk. Spirit of Power and Promise, Blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus. Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers, equipped to serve the world you love in his name, as together we say the words he taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, let Your name remain holy.

Bring about Your kingdom.

Manifest Your will here on earth, as it is manifest in heaven.

Give us each day that day's bread—no more, no less—

And forgive us our debts as we forgive those who owe us something.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

But let Your kingdom be, and let it be powerful and glorious forever.

Amen.

Going out to Serve...

Closing and Benediction

THIS SUNDAY

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Floyd Bartel

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Donna Friesen

Please note that all events at North Star (worship, meetings, etc.) will be cancelled until further notice. We will continue to send weekly bulletins and information will also be posted on the church website. If you have any questions or comments please call or email the church.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Monday, August 17-Thursday, August 20

VBS at North Star (depending on COVID-19 restrictions)

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Thank you Drake Mennonite Church for your recent donation to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. It is a time of uncertainty and change, but it is always good to be generous to others. People in the developing world are/will face greater risks of food insecurity in the coming months due to this pandemic. Thank you for putting funds into our “foodbank” so our member agencies, like MCC, are able to respond where needed. Also, please note the article about the new growing project in nearby Jansen that is on our website news feed can be found at: <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/jansen-helping-neighbours-locally-and-globally/> which was printed in the Lanigan Advisor.
- To see the video of the sermon, please click on the sermon title on the North Star web site (northstarmc.ca)
- We are looking for pictures for our church website. These could include worship, church activities, Sunday School, clubs, etc. Please email any suitable photos to the church as soon as possible.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

Sunday, June 28

Shekinah Retreat Centre is having its (virtual) Friends of Shekinah Fundraiser. Please save the date and watch for more information.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for Each Other: Pray for Superb Mennonite Church as they hold their final service as a faith community today. Due to physical distancing restrictions it is a closed service, but they will be sharing a recording of the service. Please pray for them as they celebrate their life together and grieve as they bring their ministry to a close.

MC Sask Connects: Calling All Kiddos!!! You are invited to a weekly MC Sask digital Sunday school starting Sunday, May 31, at 9:30am. This 20-25 minute Zoom gathering will include a song, a story, and a time to share and pray (and show off your weekly craft). Shared leadership will be needed. If you are interested in a) signing up your kids, b) leading some of the sessions, or c) have some questions, please contact Josh Wallace at churchengagement@mcsask.ca.

MCC Connects: We are pleased to announce the official launch of the Grow Hope Saskatchewan growing season! YOU can be a (virtual) farmer by sponsoring an acre of Saskatchewan farm land. This year, when you sponsor an acre before June 30th, we will send you a packet of flax seed (courtesy of SaskFlax) to grow from home. Visit www.growhopesk.ca to sponsor your acre today!

Greetings Volunteers/Blanket Making Groups. We just wanted to let you know that we will be opening up the MCC Sask, Saskatoon building to accept donations from our material resource volunteers first. I know some of you have been doing work from home and for this we are truly grateful. We are now able to take some of this stuff off your hands and starting June 1 we will

be opening to accepting donations Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-12 pm. To avoid close contact we will have a cart at the warehouse doors (which we can open for you) that we will ask you to load your stuff onto, if you are able. We are starting this process slowly and as such, if you do have something to drop off, we would appreciate it if you could call the office (306-665-2555) ahead of time to “schedule” an approximate time of your drop off. We plan to open to public donations at a later date. Thank you for all your work even during this time of isolation and uncertainty. We really appreciate your generosity both of time and resources. You are making a difference in the lives of people all around the world. Blessings, Karla Koehn, Donor Stewardship Coordinator.