

Holyrood Mennonite Church

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| Speaker: | Pastor Suzanne Gross |
| Worship Leader: | Mary Bundor |
| Children's Church: | Helena Chokpelleh |
| Music Group: | Amie, Esther, Evanna, Daniella, Grace, Josh, Thomas |
| Tech Support: | Arthur Elliott, Edward, Dixon |

Our Vision:

Training Apprentices of Jesus to share God's abundant hospitality with people of all ages and cultures through the power of the spirit.

Welcome to Worship Service at 10:30 am
Sunday, October 5, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Gathering Song: Mountain of God
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer

PRAISING GOD

- There is Joy in the House of the Lord
- Joy Overflows My Heart
- Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him #3 STJ

Invitation to Greet Each Other

Offering:

Can be made by e-transfer to holyroodmchurch@gmail.com

Offertory: Gentle Shepherd

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Feature: Pastor Nathaniel Bimba

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8, Hebrews 13:2, read by Samuel Jr.

Reflection:

God's Heart of Hospitality for All of God's Children!

- Transition Song: Healer of Our Every ill #377 HWB vs. 1 and 4

SHARE AND PRAYER

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song: Guide My Feet #546 HWB

Announcements

From Holyrood

- **Wednesday, October 8:** Bible Study at 7 p.m. in person in the library & on Zoom
- **Thursday, October 9:** Music lessons and music practice; Church cleaning between 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 12:** Bring money offerings for Holyrood Church and MCC and food gifts for the food bank. We will joyfully dance our offerings up to the altar -- African style.
- **Sunday, October 19:** Community Thanksgiving and potluck

Thanksgiving Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m.

- Speaker: Joyce Baergen
- Worship Leader: Don and Joyce Baergen
- Children's feature: Little Reader's Theatre

Our Shared Prayer

- O, Great Author and Teacher of Love, Today we pray for those who have felt the call on their hearts to lead Your people into new understandings of who You are and deeper communion with You and each other.
We pray for our pastors and church leaders who consistently, with dedication, do their utmost to serve You and our churches. For those who are presently shepherding us as our pastors: We pray for strength, energy and passion. We pray for wisdom and discernment. We pray for people to walk alongside them. And most of all, we pray for the outpouring of the Spirit's grace, welcome, and inspiration to fuel their ministry.
God of Love and Generosity, Christ of Welcome and Restoration, Spirit of Life and Renewal: May we appreciate and support the work of those called to the ministry of pastoral care and teaching. May we be open to receive the insights and the empowerment of the Spirit through their words and actions. May we share in all the joys, cares and endeavors of being communities of faith, together. Amen.

Written and shared by Laura Wiebe, Trinity Mennonite

Mennonite Church Alberta 2025 Prayer Request for October *Please pray for our Pastors*

- For the month of **October, Pastor Appreciation Month**, please pray for *all* the **MCA pastors** and particularly pray for those congregations who are searching for a pastor -- Bergthal Mennonite and Calgary First Mennonite, and following Pastor Terry's term as interim pastor, Trinity Mennonite.

Mezgebu Tucho, Ryan Dueck, Bill Christieson, Debbie Bledsoe, Rachel Siemens, Caleb Kowalko, Tany Warkentin, Rueben Tut, Suzanne Gross, Nathaniel Bimba, Amanuel Abdisa, Terry Fachs, Aiden Scherzinger.

Mennonite Life and Church Activities

- **From Abraham's Tent: A shared legacy of hospitality.** Our MCA Bridge Building Facilitator, Suzanne Gross, will be one of the speakers on **October 25**, 10:30 to 2 p.m. at Al Ameen Mosque, 5410 – 122 Avenue, Edmonton. **A Common Word Alberta** is facilitating a Christian-Muslim Dialogue focusing on the importance of hospitality in creating peace in our world today. We will use the common story of Abraham who welcomes visitors as described in the Bible and Quran to help facilitate discussion on how we are called to be people of hospitality. All are welcome.
- **International Witness Sunday, October 26, 2025.** Walking with global companions: Seeing Jesus on the road! Celebrate relationships we have and gifts we share with our global family of faith.