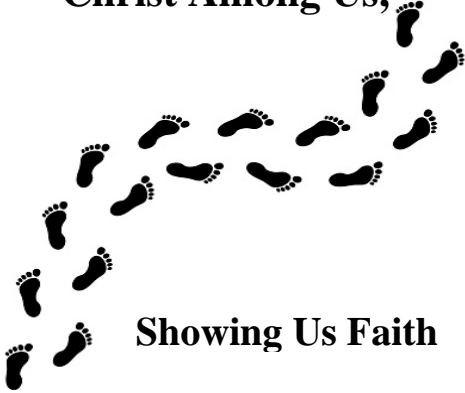


Christ Among Us,



Showing Us Faith

## Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

*Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.*

*We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.*

**February 25, 2024**  
**Lent 2**

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Welcome

Prelude

*Lift High the Cross*

*arr. John Carter*

Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 22:23–31*

One: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God's glory!

**Many: All who are isolated and feel alone,**

One: come.

**Many: All who are hungry,**

One: come.

**Many: All who wander,**

One: come.

**Many: Come, from all ends of the earth.**

**All: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God's glory, and walk in faith.**

Hymn

*God of the Bible*

Voices Together 420

Storytelling

Annelle Claassen

Hymn

*Great is Their Faithfulness*

Voices Together 419

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Trustworthy God,  
we want to live with faith,  
yet we worry there will not be enough.  
We want to believe in your promises,  
yet we lose hope.  
We want to follow you,  
but sometimes the road is too hard.

People: **We confess before you  
our unbelief, our worry, our hopelessness.**

Leader: Shape us into a people  
who will live in faith.  
Strengthen us so we can deny ourselves,  
take up your cross,  
and follow you.

**People: In your grace, Lord, give us faith  
to believe that you will call into existence  
the things that do not exist. Amen.**

**Scripture** Mark 8:31-38

**Sermon** Carry a Cross

**Hymn** I Bind My Heart This Tide

Voices Together 556

### **Community Life – Sharing & Prayer**

**Interlude** Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Melody Bober

### **Community Life – Announcements**

**Hymn** We Will Walk with God

Voices Together 815

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

**My Coins Count:** We are collecting money to be given to MCC for service projects around the world.  
Place your loose change and paper money in the container on the back table.

## **Christian Education**

For Children – *Jesus Brings Good News*

- Activities to do at home.

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God Connections* – In the basement
- Bible Study – Reading *Rejoice!* – In the fellowship room

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday	March 3	Sunday Worship	10am
Sunday	March 3	Congregational Meeting	11:20am
Wednesday	March 6	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	March 10	Transitional Conversations/Exercises	9am
Sunday	March 10	Sunday Worship	10am
Sunday	March 17	Sunday Worship	10am
Wednesday	March 20	Board Meeting	6pm

## Worship Totals

2024	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
2/18	Zoom 7 Church 23 Total 30	\$7,700.00		\$7,700.00

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

2024	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Scripture/Theme	Music
March 3 Lent 3	Anita Kehr	Tom Claassen	Rebecca Thomson	Christ Among Us, Showing Us Justice	Donna Burnett

## Local Announcements

**Pastor Luann’s Office Hours:** Wednesday afternoons 1pm to 5pm. You are welcome to reach out to her anytime by phone or text 316-288-8897 or email [luannyutzy@gmail.com](mailto:luannyutzy@gmail.com)

**Announcement from the Board:** On the Sundays when Luann Yutzy is with us, we will be meeting from 9:00-9:50 before church for conversations and activities that invite us to think about who we have been, who we are now, and who we hope to be moving forward as a community and congregation. These sessions will initiate and center our collaborative transitional work together. Please put March 10, April 14, and April 28 on your calendars. We'll meet in the fellowship room behind the sanctuary.

**Committee Reports:** Please turn in your committee reports for the upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> after Worship. If I could have them by tomorrow, February 26<sup>th</sup>, that would be helpful so that I can have time to type the church reports. You may either email to [salinamennonite@gmail.com](mailto:salinamennonite@gmail.com) or leave in my mailbox located in the fellowship room. Thanks, Carolyn

## Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Pray for our sister church,** Iglesia Camino de Santidad (Path of Holiness Church) in Liberal KS, Pastor Moises Romero and his wife Teresa.

**Western District Conference:** Prayer for our current church planters and for those that feel called to undertake this ministry. Also, prayer for the developing opportunity to travel to Guatemala to support and encourage our WDC church plant in that location. Prayers for resolve to continue the day to day challenges of planting churches. -WDC Church Planting Commission

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Mennonite Education Agency** has released its 2024 Lent at Home worship guide and calendar – *Christ Among Us*. Available for download in English and Spanish at the MEA website:

<https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/>

**MCC Comforter Blitz:** Mark your calendar now for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual **MCC Comforter Blitz, March 4-6** just outside of Yoder, Kansas. If you can tie a knot, you can make a difference! Curious to find out more? Please check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) or the Kansas MCC Comforter Blitz page on Facebook. The blitz takes place on Monday, March 4 from 9am-5pm, Tuesday, March 5 from 9am-9pm and Wednesday, March 6 from 9am-4pm at the 3605 East Longview Rd. Haven, KS. Questions? Please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org).

**MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: *new* infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); wide-toothed combs; laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min); fingernail clippers (good quality); and hand towels (dark colored). Locally, MCC distributes prisoner care and returning citizen care kits, for those kits we currently need: men's T-shirts (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's underwear (sizes L, XL, 2XL, 3XL -- any color); men's crew socks; lotion (12 oz min); and adult backpacks. Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

**MCC Central States annual meeting, Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.** You are invited to join the meeting in-person or virtually to hear MCC U.S. Executive Director Ann Graber Hershberger share an MCC update. Please email [centralstates@mcc.org](mailto:centralstates@mcc.org) if you would like the Zoom link to join virtually. Otherwise, join us at MCC Central States, 121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St in North Newton, Kansas.

**Donations for KS MCC Sale:** WANTED—Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, RV's, Campers, Tractors, Modern Farm Equipment, etc. for the KS MCC Sale. Items you no longer need can help Feed and Cloth Thousands in desperate living conditions. ALL donations are Tax Deductible. Call Jerry Toews for info: 620 367 8257. Help make a difference.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Jae Young Lee, Karen Spicher and their children, who live and work for peace from their home in the Peace Building in South Korea. Pray for them and all the ministries housed in the Peace Building — restorative justice programs, Grace and Peace Mennonite Church and Circle Café & Bakery.

#### **Mennonite Church USA:**

Learn more about Safe Church, Mennonite Church USA's newly formed abuse prevention ministry here: [mennoniteusa.org/safechurch](http://mennoniteusa.org/safechurch) View the PDF here: [mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-resources](http://mennoniteusa.org/safe-church-resources)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Recently Ecuador has experienced situations of extreme violence and social disorder, and the government has responded with militarization. We pray that the families and communities that are experiencing situations of violence in any form – extortion, robberies and all kinds of insecurities – may find peace in God, that the ecclesial community may be the arms of the Lord and ears to listen to how people feel, and that the churches may know how best to witness to the values of the Kingdom of God.