



Christ Among Us,

the Way of Mercy

## 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.*

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**Lent 4**

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Welcome

Prelude

*What Wondrous Love is This*

*arr. John Carter*

Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

*One: Give thanks to God, for God is good!*

**Many: God's love endures forever.**

*One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.*

**Many: God's love endures forever.**

*One: We may make careless choices and lose our way.*

**Many: God's love endures forever.**

*One: We call out to God when we are in trouble.*

**Many: God's love endures forever.**

*One: God rescues us from our anxieties and fears.*

**Many: God's love endures forever.**

*One: God's word sets us free to walk in newness of life.*

**Many: God's love endures forever.**

*One: God gathers us in, from the east and the west, from the north and the south.*

**All: For God's unfailing love, we give thanks to the Creator of all that is good.**

Hymn

*The Love of God*

Voices Together 162

Storytelling

Carolyn Funk

Hymn

*I Sought the Lord*

Voices Together 161

Prayer of Confession

*based on Psalm 19*

*One: Merciful God, we forget that you are the light of the world.*

**Many: Forgive us for our short memories.**

*One: Remind us that you are rich in mercy*

**Many: when we wander away from you.**

*One: Loving God, convict us of your immense love*

**Many: that shines brightly on us.**

**All: Merciful God, light of the world, we come seeking new life in you.**



## Upcoming Worship Schedule

2024	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Scripture/Theme	Music
March 17 Lent 5	Norma Duerksen	Lori Schmidt	Mike Matson	Jeremiah 31:31-34	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 April 14, and April 28 on your calendars. We'll meet in the fellowship room behind the sanctuary.

**Maundy Thursday Service:** 6pm March 28<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Room. Includes a simple meal: Soups, breads, fruit, cheese. Communion will be a part of the service. If you would be willing to make a soup, please contact Carolyn, 785-643-6649.

**Easter Sunrise Service:** 7am March 31<sup>st</sup> outside of Butch and Marla Stucky's Home, 1817 E. Schippel Road, Salina, KS. Potluck breakfast follows. Sign-up at the back table to bring your favorite breakfast items, table service provided.

**Dinner with the Amish at Yoder:** Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Wayne and Marlene Waltner are gathering a group of 15 people to share an Amish meal. Details are on the separate flyer on the back table. Please contact Marlene asap if you would like to attend. 785-493-1848. Drivers are also needed.

## 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:** Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for pastors, worship planners, and musicians in WDC congregations, as they give special attention to shaping the church's journey through the season of Lent and Easter.

**Everence® March Workshop:** Social Security and retirement income  
Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income workshop on Thursday, March 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. The in-person workshop will be at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton, KS. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or [central.kansas@everence.com](mailto:central.kansas@everence.com).

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**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); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). 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).

**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/>

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.

**Mennonite Church USA:** In honor of Women’s History Month, the MC USA Archives has compiled a Mennonite Women’s History timeline. Explore the rich history with this engaging resource: [mennoniteusa.org/women's-history-timeline](http://mennoniteusa.org/women's-history-timeline)

**Mennonite World Conference:** Myanmar is in the worst situation due to wars. The civil war is intensifying and spreading across the country. There is inflation and lack of employment. Due to the disruption of trade routes and insecurity within the country, a third of Myanmar (more than 18 million people) are in need of food. Among them, more than 200 Mennonite families are in dire straits. The war between the Myanmar military and the revolutionaries continues with losses for the government. The military junta announced 12 February 2024 that every citizen (ages 18 to 35, regardless of gender) must serve in the military. Young people are banned from leaving the country and face a 5-year prison sentence for refusing conscription. That law will cause suffering for all citizens. Unrest is growing. Some young people many flee to avoid military service. Others seek refuge in the revolutionary groups. The conscription law poses a special challenge for our Mennonite youth. They are also afraid to attend church and venture outside. Our country faces many problems, but on the other hand, God is also opening a great door for the spread of the gospel and peace movement. We are doing great in here by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for us and for peace in Myanmar.

—*a message from the leaders of Bible Missionary Church, Mennonite*