



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.

Lent 2

March 16, 2025

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Lynn Newcomer

Prelude Call to Worship

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Glenda Austin

One: Christ collides with our thoughts to condemn others.

Many: Put them in their place.

One: Who is more guilty of wrongdoing?

Many: Do you condemn? Should I condemn?

All: For your reign, O God, transform us as we worship you.

Hymn

Let's Walk Together

Voices Together 6

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Carolyn Funk

Hymn

Gentle God, When We Are Driven

Voices Together 150

Confession and Words of Assurance

**All: Loving and merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you.**

North: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**South: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do
and what we have chosen to neglect.**

North: We have not fully accepted your love for us.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**South: We are quick to pass judgment
and to assume your authority to condemn others.**

**All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.
Please help us open our hearts to your love.**

**Help us shake free from our quickness to condemn
so we may better share your peace in your world,
rejoicing in your name. Amen.**

Leader: Now hear these words of assurance:

God tells us that we are created in God's image. God created us for relationship with God and each other. In this, we know that God will never break our relationship. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn	<i>Move in Our Midst</i>	Voices Together 827
Scripture	<i>Luke 13:1-9. 31-35</i>	
Sermon	<i>Christ Collides with Our Condemnation</i>	Tammy Duvanel Unruh
Hymn	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	Voices Together 621
Community Life – Sharing		
Community Life – Prayer		
 Community Life – Announcements		
Hymn	<i>Christ Has No Body Here but Ours</i> (with recorded music)	Voices Together 568
The Lord’s Prayer	<i>Pray using the words “sins” and “those who sin against us.”</i>	
Benediction		

Third Sunday Potluck Follows in the Fellowship Room

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Salt and Light Study* – In the basement
- Gathering in the Fellowship Room – *Rejoice* Devotional

Upcoming Events

Wednesday	March 19	Church Board	5:30pm
Sunday	March 23	Sunday Worship – Lent 3	10am
Sunday	March 30	Sunday Worship – Lent 4	10am
Wednesday	April 2	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	April 6	Sunday Worship – Lent 5	10am
Sunday	April 13	Sunday Worship – Palm Sunday	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
March 23	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Vera Zerger	Tom Claassen	Carolyn Funk	Aaron Howard	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
3/9	Zoom 1 Church 18 Total 19		Rent \$100.00 \$1,200.00		\$1,300.00

Local Announcements

Pastoral Care: During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During March, if you have need of pastoral care of any kind, Pete Smucker is the person to contact. His phone number is 785-201-5075.

Carolyn's Hours: I will be working Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons from my home and Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings at Church.

MCC 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.

The Offering Plate is located on the back table. Offerings can be left there or mailed to the church.

Worship Schedule: There is a copy of the Mar-Apr Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

First Comes A Butterfly -Sherry Krehbiel will be doing a book signing on April 5th at Faith & Life Bookstore in Newton. Contact Sherry for more information.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Lent-at-Home: *Christ Collides*, a free downloadable Lenten devotional from Mennonite Education Agency -[Download it for free](#) or <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/lent-at-home/>

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:

April 6, 2025, 4pm Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton, KS.
April 13, 2025 4pm Tabor College, Hillsboro, KS.

Western District Conference: During this season of Lent, pray for pastors in WDC as they encourage, teach and help guide congregations to walk faithfully in the way of Jesus.

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Executive Board celebrated organizational milestones, financial growth, and the latest plans for the denomination's largest faith formation gathering, Follow Jesus '25, at its Feb. 8 meeting via Zoom. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/board/>

Mennonite Church USA: Thousands attended, in-person or online, MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 celebration at College Mennonite Church, Jan. 21. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/anabaptism-500-event](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/anabaptism-500-event)

Mennonite Mission Network: Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst are preparing for ministry in Taiwan, where they will renew relationships between the Mennonite Christian Hospital, in Hualien, and North American churches. Pray for them as they learn the Chinese language and finish raising the necessary funding. The Schrock-Hursts are jointly appointed through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

Mennonite World Conference: 500 years ago, courageous men and women defied the powers in their society to follow their convictions as they understood Scripture in new ways. In the birthplace of Anabaptism, this faith continues to be nurtured through our churches. Pray for new ways for members to live out the courage to love, to share the Spirit of God with others.

Everence announces spring webinar series for 2025: Everence® will host a four-part webinar series in March. In this series, you'll hear how Everence can help you make important financial decisions that reflect your faith values. Specific topics will include:

- Retirement readiness: Understanding your income options
- Invest in a better world
- Understanding Medicare

The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for your questions. To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national

Save the Date for the Kids Meet Christ Launch Events! Western District Conference invites you to celebrate and learn more about the new grant-funded worship initiative Kids Meet Christ on **Saturday, May 3, from 11am-3pm** at First Mennonite Church, Newton, KS both in-person or virtually. Come join the conversation about reimagining worship to fully engage children. In-person participants will be the first to receive a kit of ready-to-use materials for children in worship! This is for anyone! (worship leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, anyone who is passionate about children).

MCC: A letter from Mennonite Central Committee-

Dear Friends,

Your prayers and expressions of care over these last three years mean so much to Ukrainian families deeply impacted by the ongoing crisis.

This update will give you a glimpse into how your gifts are sharing Christ's love by providing food, comforters, heaters, other household essential items and trauma care to families with young children, elderly people and people with disabilities:

- [Ukraine disaster report update](#)

Your support is helping people survive and hope for a more peaceful tomorrow.

Together, we are showing families in Ukraine that they are not forgotten.

Thank you for your caring heart.

With gratitude,

Ann Graber Hershberger
Executive Director, MCC U.S.

P.S. More stories about how your gifts are ministering to families in Ukraine can be found at <https://mcc.org/our-stories/bringing-comfort-weary-ukrainians>