



## 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 3**

**March 23, 2025**

### Salina Mennonite Church

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### Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Vera Zerger

### Prelude

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

arr. John Carter

### Call to Worship

One: As we worship, Christ collides with our priorities.

**Many: We gather and pause from the important busyness of our lives.**

One: Jesus reveals the depth of God's purposes.

**Many: Help us come to our senses by your Spirit.**

*All: For your reign, O God,*

*help us celebrate being found as we worship you.*

### Hymn

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Voices Together 347

### Greet those around you

### Storytelling

Tom Claassen

### Hymn

*Gott ist gegenwärtig (God Is Here among Us)*

Voices Together 62

### 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 prioritize the wrong things and the wrong people.**

*All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.*

*Please help us open our hearts to your love.*

*Help us bring our priorities in line with yours 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**                      *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*                      Voices Together 544

**Scripture**                      *Luke 15:1-32*                      Aaron Howard

**Sermon**                      *Christ Collides with Our Priorities*                      Tammy Duvanel Unruh

**Hymn**                      *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*                      Voices Together 718

**Community Life – Sharing**  
**Community Life – Prayer**

**Interlude**                      *Lift High the Cross*                      arr. John Carter

**Community Life – Announcements**

**Hymn**                      *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours*                      Voices Together 568

**The Lord’s Prayer**                      *Pray using the words “sins” and “those who sin against us.”*

**Benediction**

### 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

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
Thursday	April 17	Maundy Thursday Service w/meal	6:30pm
Sunday	April 20	Sunrise Service w/ Potluck Breakfast	7am
Sunday	April 20	Easter Sunday Worship	10am

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
March 30	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Pete Smucker	Mike Matson	Miles Weathers	Mark Krehbiel	Donna Burnett

## Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
3/16	Zoom 0 Church 23 Total 23		\$180.00		\$180.00

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Women in Mission:** (WDWM) invites women and girls to our annual potluck salad supper on Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Tabor Mennonite Church. Our theme is "For the Beauty of the Earth." After the potluck and a meditation on God's creation, Rebecca Schrag will lead a floral design workshop with flowers provided by Firebranch Farm and other sources. Each participant will make a small bouquet to take home. RSVP appreciated and required by April 15 at our website link:

<https://www.westerndistrictwomeninmission.org/events-1>

Please bring:

- \* a salad to share (table service will be provided)
- \* a small vessel to make a bouquet (a tea cup is ideal)
- \* several flowers from your garden if you have them to share
- \* a kitchen or garden shear if you have one

Questions: Email [westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com](mailto:westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com)

**Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale:** A benefit for Mennonite Central Committee - April 11 & 12 at Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. More Information at [www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) or Facebook @ Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale.

**MCC Children's Auction** - Consider donating new, in-the-package, items to this year's auction! Talk with the youth in your church to see what items they would like to bid on, but you can never go wrong with Hot Wheels, Barbie, board games, Lego sets, art kits, and sports equipment. If you wish to volunteer for the auction by clerking or helping in other ways please contact Brad Kohlman [bkohlman32@gmail.com](mailto:bkohlman32@gmail.com)

**Western District Conference:** Pray for WDC's Executive Board meeting this week, as they discern priorities, resources and vision for WDC.

**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).

**Mennonite Church USA:** Watch the recording of MC USA's webinar, "Following Jesus in challenging times... What does it mean to provide sanctuary for undocumented people?" in English here: [mennoniteusa.org/following-jesus-challenging-times-recording](http://mennoniteusa.org/following-jesus-challenging-times-recording)

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Lane Miller, one of Mennonite Mission Network's regional directors for Africa and Europe, is in Europe this month to improve his French language skills. Pray for him as he also visits partner institution LCC International University and Robin Gingerich, who has served with Mission Network at LCC in Lithuania since 2001.

**Mennonite World Conference:** Pray for the migration of people seeking a better life in other countries. Pray for the families who are searching for their loved ones who have gone missing due to organized crime and human trafficking. —Rebeca González Torres, Conferencia de Iglesias Evangélicas Anabautistas Menonitas de México, México

**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:

- 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](http://www.everence.com/national)