



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.

**Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025**

Salina Mennonite Church

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Lori Schmidt

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard arr. Jerry Ray

Call to Worship

One: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

Many: Have we not collided enough?

One: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

Many: Form us fully, Jesus.

One: "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Many: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

All: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we worship you!

Hymn

Jesus Is Coming

Voices Together 312

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Annelle Claassen

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Voices Together 313

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 cling to our expectations,
and we do not make space for you to challenge them.**

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

**Help us let go of our narrow expectations 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 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Voices Together 315

Scripture *Luke 19:29-44*

Sermon *Christ Collides with Our Expectations* Tammy Duvanel Unruh

Hymn *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* Voices Together 316

Community Life – Sharing
Community Life – Prayer

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* (Recorded Music) Voices Together 568

The Lord's Prayer *Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."*

Benediction

Help is needed in the Fellowship Room to set up for Maundy Thursday Service.

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday – no Sunday School on Easter Sunday

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

Upcoming Events

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| 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 with Communion | 10am |
| Wednesday | April 23 | Church Board | 5:30pm |
| Sunday | April 27 | Reflection Sunday | 10am |

Upcoming Worship Schedule

| 2025 | Speaker | Worship Leader | Storytelling | Zoom PowerPoint | Greeter | Music |
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| April 20 Easter Sunday Communion | Tammy Duvanel Unruh | Tom Claassen | Butch Stucky | Carolyn Funk | Ted Zerger | Lori Schmidt |

Worship Totals

| 2025 | Attendance | | Unified Budget | Other | Offering Total |
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| 4/6 | Zoom 1 Church 24 Total 25 | | Rent \$250.00 \$2,870.00 | | \$3,120.00 |

Local Announcements

Pastoral Care: During this time, we are without a pastor, the Board will try to fulfill that role of Pastoral Care. During April, if you have a need of pastoral care of any kind, Lori Schmidt is the person to contact. Her phone number is 785-823-0941.

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

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 May-June Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

Dinner with the Amish at Yoder: Marlene and Wayne Waltner are gathering a group to share an Amish meal. Please sign up on the sheet on the back table if you are interested in going. The meal will be around \$25 per person. A date in late April or early May, on a Saturday, will be determined if there is enough interest. Please contact Marlene if you have any questions. 785-493-1848.

Maundy Thursday Service: 6:30pm April 17th in the Fellowship Room. A simple meal will be provided: Soups, breads, fruit, cheese, etc. Communion will be a part of the service.

Good Friday I-70 Zoom gathering: The I-70 pastors would like to invite Salina Mennonite to join our Good Friday Zoom service on Friday evening, April 18, at 7:00 pm. Pastors from Southern Hills Mennonite, Manhattan Mennonite, Peace Mennonite, Rainbow Mennonite and First Mennonite Beatrice are collaborating on a service, and we would like to include Salina as well. We know that Salina is without paid pastoral leadership, and we want to include you in the fellowship of the wider church and maintain our connections. Here is the link for the service:

Topic: Shared Good Friday Service

Time: Apr 18, 2025, 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82071794422?pwd=va8BKz3fCJqPDrxI6Q6S6WL1Ica1Ig.1>

Meeting ID: 820 7179 4422

Passcode: 806177

Easter Sunrise Service: 7am April 20th outside of Butch and Marla Stucky's Home, 1817 E. Schippel Road, Salina, KS. A Potluck breakfast follows the short service. Bring your favorite breakfast items to share, table service will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on outside.

Easter Sunday: Bring fresh flowers from your gardens to decorate the altar. No lunch Potluck.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus: April 13, 2025, 4pm Memorial Hall, Bethel College, North Newton,

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

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC staff as they gather tomorrow for a retreat for fellowship, planning, prayer and discernment together.

Public Witness: Saturday, April 26, 11:30 am the WDC Israel-Palestine Task Force with Mennonite Action are hosting a "God's Love Knows No Borders" gathering at the Harvey County Courthouse, 800 N Main St, Newton, KS. Please join us at 10:30 am at Military Park, 200 E Broadway, if at all possible, to prepare for the event. For more information, please email robertleeatchison@gmail.com.

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: MC USA has launched the newest Learn, Pray, Join, initiative, titled Undoing Patriarchy. This educational initiative provides an opportunity for churches to deepen understanding around a common topic and to come together in prayer and support. Learn more about Undoing Patriarchy here: mennoniteusa.org/lpj/undoing-patriarchy

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for those participating in a 12-day Christ at the Borders Just Peace Pilgrimage to Calais, France, where they are visiting organizations that work with migrants who are trying to cross the English Channel. Pray for the participants as they get first-hand experience with Mission Network partner ministries at Maria Skobtsova House, in Calais, and Peaceful Borders, in the United Kingdom.

Mennonite World Conference: A pastoral letter from Anabaptists in Ecuador: <https://mwc-cmm.org/en/stories/a-pastoral-letter-from-anabaptists-in-ecuador/>