



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.

**Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025**

Salina Mennonite Church

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Tom Claassen

Prelude

Up From the Grave He Arose

arr. Wallace Hornibrook

Call to Worship

One: The stone is rolled away!

Many: Why look for the living among the dead?

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: No nonsense here! Christ collides with death, affecting the universe.

Many: Christ collides with death, affecting each of us.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

Lift Your Glad Voices

Voices Together 340

Greet those around you

Storytelling

Butch Stucky

Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Voices Together 348

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 linger in the shadows of fear and death, afraid to fully
embrace the love you showed us through the resurrection.**

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

**Help us fully live in the love you showed us in Jesus' death
and resurrection 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>Thine Is the Glory</i>	Voices Together 355
Scripture	<i>Luke 24:1-12</i>	
Sermon	<i>Christ Collides with Death</i>	Tammy Duvanel Unruh
Hymn	<i>Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us</i>	Voices Together 565
Sharing the Table		
Hymn	<i>Come to the Table of Grace</i>	Voices Together 461
Community Life – Sharing Community Life – Prayer		
Interlude	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	arr. Cindy Berry
Community Life – Announcements		
Hymn	<i>Christ Has No Body Here but Ours</i>	Voices Together 568
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."</i>	
Benediction		

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

Wednesday	April 23	Church Board	5:30pm
Sunday	April 27	Reflection Sunday	10am
Sunday	May 4	Sunday Worship – Anabaptist 500	10am
Wednesday	May 7	Worship Committee	5pm

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
April 27	Reflection Sunday	Lori Schmidt	Ted Zerger	Pete Smucker	Miles Weathers	Donna Burnett

Worship Totals

2025	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
4/13	Zoom 0 Church 19 Total 19	\$1,260.00		\$1,260.00

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.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

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).

Western District Conference: Give thanks for all WDC congregations, as they embody the presence of the risen Christ, and live out resurrection hope through ministries of compassion, peacemaking, and justice.

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. You can invite like-minded, nonviolent friends and neighbors to join. Consider making a poster or two to bring. Some models are linked below. A United message gets our message across. We hope to see you on April 26. For more information, please email robertleatchison@gmail.com

Conversation on Immigration Concerns: Is your congregation seeking to learn more about current immigration issues, discern forms of action and advocacy, or offer solidarity and support for members of the immigrant community? WDC will host a zoom gathering for pastors and interested church members on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30-8:30 pm to provide updates, information and resources, and an opportunity to connect with each other around these shared concerns. Guest presenter Esmeralda Tovar-Mora, Executive Director of Hutch in Harmony and founding member of the Kansas Immigration Coalition, will join us to focus particularly on resources in the Kansas region. To receive the zoom link, please contact WDC at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300 by noon on April 28.

For additional resources, also see the WDC website: <https://mennowdc.org/immigration-justice-resources/>; resources from Mennonite Church USA: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/immigration-resources-advocacy/>; and resources from Mennonite Central Committee: <https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/support-immigrant-neighbors>

Mennonite Church USA: The MC USA Archives is partnering with the Racial Ethnic Council to prioritize BIPOC storytelling. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/bipoc-storytelling

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, join Mennonite Mission Network's 74 workers and 183 partner organizations throughout the United States and 45 other countries around the world in proclaiming the message of Jesus' resurrection power and love to those we encounter.

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the seven MWC member churches in the Andean region (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela)

- Gratitude for the many churches that have ministries to children and adolescents.
- Gratitude for young people who assume leadership in the churches. Pray that they will be called to pastoral ministry and for the availability of biblical, theological and pastoral training programs with an Anabaptist perspective.
- Drug production and trafficking continues to sow much violence and environmental damage. May the Spirit guide the work of churches and organizations in their work for nonviolence, justice and peace.

Everence® April workshop: Make Medicare an Easy Step - Everence will hold its popular Medicare workshop at its office in North Newton on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Attendance is recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare. The in-person workshop will be held at the Everence office: 3179 N. Main St. Suite 1B, North Newton. Those interested in attending should contact the Everence office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com