

Ascension

May 12, 2024

GATHERING

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

VT #58

Welcome

Katrina Baugh

Call to Worship: Psalm 145

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy
is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: and all your saints shall bless you!

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power.

**People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout
all generations.**

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

VT #95

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God, we confess that you are all-knowing.

People: We know only in part.

Leader: Even so, we consider ourselves right on issues
about which you are unclear and waiver on
issues about which you are indisputably clear.

**People: Grant us the humility to sit at your feet,
hold open minds, and root ourselves
in the truth of your love.**

Words of Assurance

Music for Meditation Kristen Burk, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Romanza (E. Chaine)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

Scripture Reading

Katharine Richert

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Acts 1: 6-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Is This the Time for the Kingdom?" Richard Gehring

Listening for the Spirit

Although Our Lord Has Left Us

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Music for Reflection Kristen Burk, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Berceuse (G. Faure)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Work of the Church

SENDING

One Is the Body

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Closing Prayer

**Lord Jesus, we thank you for your abiding Presence
in our lives and in the beloved community of**

Lombard Mennonite Church. Bless our discernment of faithful witness and welcome, through the power of your Spirit, moving among us. As you have loved us, may we love one another. Guide our sharing and decision-making so that your grace and peace shine through in all we say and do. Open the path, as we walk in faith. Fill us with bright hope. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

Please stay in your seats for a brief congregational meeting.

Today

11:30 AM: Church History—
Ancient to Anabaptism (Sanct.)

- Nursery: Dominick Rhodes, Dave Lantz; Nina Lantz, Caroline Steelberg
- A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Evan Richards
- Greeters: Kimballs
- Church Opening and Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, vacant

This Week

Wed—Women of the Word Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Worship Commission, 7 PM

Thu—Menno Men, 9:30 AM

Sunday, May 19—Meal, Discernment Discussion

Announcements

- Next Sunday (May 19), we'll **continue our discernment process** on LGBTQ+ inclusion with an afternoon discernment discussion, following a meal provided by the DPT. If you could help with the meal (setup/serving/cleanup) or childcare, please contact the church office.
- Please stop by the LMC narthex to write a note or highlight your favorite song in the **hymnals for our high school seniors**.
- May 23 is the deadline to register for **Vacation Bible School** (June 3-7, 9-11 AM). Visit lombardmennonite.org for the link.
- Sign up for the **church retreat** and save! See the poster in the back.