

God Works Through Joseph

September 22, 2024

Welcome to Lombard Mennonite Church!

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN Adrien Keables Hayward, Song Leader
Longing for Light *Voices Together (VT) #715*

WELCOME Jamie Huff

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship.

People: We bring the burdens of the week.

Leader: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

People: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

Leader: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

People We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

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OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

My Life Flows On VT #605
Blessed are You VT #290

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Loving, gentle, and welcoming God, it is in our confession where we realize our desire for you and our hope for your mercy.

Silent Confession

All: Holy God, creator of all that is, donor of grace, and giver of life: hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you.
Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. —Beth Merrill Neel

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Cora & Jeremy Botts
Adagio from Clarinet Concerto No 1 (Carl Maria von Weber)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

Genesis 50: 15-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Nathan Perrin

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT

SONG OF RESPONSE

Beautiful Things VT #551

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION
Etude No 16 (Philip Glass)

Jeremy Botts

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,
People: **hear our prayer.**

WORK OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

SENDING SONG

For the Healing of the Nations

VT #705

WORDS OF BLESSING

After worship, please join us for a brief time of fellowship downstairs, followed by Sunday School for all ages birth through adult!

TODAY at LMC

Adult Sunday School | 11:30 AM

Church History: Ancient to Anabaptism (Sanctuary)

- * A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Elias Rose
- * Coffee Host: Carlen Sellers
- * Greeters: Adriana & Danny Alvarez
- * Nursery: Caroline Steelberg, TBA
- * Church Opening and Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, vacant

THIS WEEK at LMC

Mon—ACA Mtg, 7:00 PM

Tue—Contemplative Prayer via Zoom, 7 PM

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

Thu—Menno Men, 9:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We'll start part two of our "**Church History: Ancient to Anabaptism**" class today by watching part of *The Radicals* and discussing it.
- Would you like to participate in church life at LMC but aren't sure how to join in? Or perhaps you'd like to find a new way to connect at LMC? Come to the **Introduction to Commissions Fair** during the education hour next Sunday (Sept 29.) The chairpersons of Community Life, Mission, Worship, Education, and Administration will each have a station so you can learn more about how to engage with these lively and meaningful communities within our church!
- Plan to join us for a **Karaoke night** on Saturday, October 5, at LMC! Come from 7-10 PM and sing to your favorite songs (1000s to choose from) and cheer on your friends. There will be a suggested donation to help offset the cost of the karaoke rental.
- Want to know more about who Mennonites are and what we believe? Are you interested in learning more about this congregation and possibly becoming a member at LMC? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, pastors Richard and Barbara invite you to join them for a **Mennonite Inquiry Sunday school class** starting October 6 in the office classroom.
- We'll celebrate **World Communion Sunday** on October 6. As we've done before, we want to offer a variety of breads for communion from around the world. If you would be willing to bring bread that day, please contact Katharine at the LMC office. Let her know what kind of bread you plan to bring—e.g., tortillas, pita bread, zwieback, etc.