



WELCOME

Jesus Expands
Our Vision

TO LOMBARD
MENNONITE
CHURCH

February 2, 2025

We are glad you could worship with us today!

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Jeremy Botts, Song Leader

Voices Together (VT) #156

WELCOME

Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember that when God
appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.

**People: Today we ask for the faith that will open
our eyes to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.**

Leader: People of God, behold and see your God!

People: We open our eyes to see his glory.

Leader: We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

People: We open our hands to offer him gifts.

Leader: We open our mouths to sing his praise.

People: We open our hearts to offer him our love.

All: He is Lord!

—*Worship Sourcebook, 2004*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

*Here to the House of God We Come
Blessed Are You*

VT #27
VT #290

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Cora, Simon, Jesse & Jeremy Botts
"Adagio" from *Clarinet Concerto No. 1* (Carl Maria von Weber)

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE VT #890

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING James Baugh

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 6: 1-16 (p. 1257)

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Emily Keefer

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT (*silent time of reflection*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Jesus Christ Is Waiting* VT #287

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INSTRUCTIONS and INVITATION Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

LITANY OF PREPARATION Blue #803

**All: O God, Sovereign of the universe,
without you nothing is true, nothing is just.
In your Word you reveal the way of love.
By your Spirit you make it possible.**

Leader: From greed and selfishness, from a society in
which the rich get richer and the poor get poorer,

People: compassionate God, deliver us.

Leader: From racial prejudice and religious intolerance,
from a society which makes its weakest
and most recent members into scapegoats,

People: compassionate God, deliver us.

Leader: From indifference to the needs of other countries,
from the delusion that you love any other nation
less than you love us,

People: compassionate God, deliver us.

Leader: From self-indulgence and indifference,
from a society in which fidelity and responsibility
have little place,

People: compassionate God, deliver us.

**All: Author of life, give us hearts set
on the coming of your reign;
give us wise, just, and humble leaders;
give all who live in this land a will to live in peace,
through Jesus Christ, the One who is above
all powers and dominions. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Please come to the front to receive the gifts of God. We offer
a blessing for anyone not prepared to receive communion. Our
bread is gluten-free.

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You
Word and Sign

VT #39
VT #483

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

VT #989A

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

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

WORK OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Peace to You

VT #168

WORDS OF BLESSING

TODAY at LMC

Adult Sunday School | 11:30 AM
Anabaptism as a Lifestyle (Sanctuary)
Bible in a Year (Conference Room)

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Carlen Sellers

Greeters: Adriana & Danilo Alvarez

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Nursery: Melissa Miller, Ruth Quiroa; Christy Johnson, Dinorah Scott

In **today's Anabaptist/Mennonite class**, we'll explore peacemaking in a society that glorifies war.

Join us this coming Saturday (Feb 8) for the **MYF Bistro**—a full Italian meal in a pop-up restaurant. Enjoy a cozy dinner with friends or celebrate Valentine's Day early (the Venture Club provides free babysitting!). Donations support the MYF's summer trip. Reserve your spot. ↑



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- For God's intervention during an appeal of the denial of Katrina and James B.'s group home license. Thanksgiving for the strong support the LMC community is providing during the licensing process.
- For Ana, Berlin, and their sons regarding their asylum-seeking legal process. For immigrants around the world who face an uncertain future.
- For comfort for Maryam B. after learning she had a miscarriage.
- For healing for Andrew S. and Maryam B.'s friend Scott, a missionary in Africa, who was diagnosed with cancer. Also, for comfort for Andrew and Maryam's friends LJ and Anna after Anna delivered a stillborn child.
- For safety and health during an induced delivery for Christy J.'s sister Heidi; for Heidi's son who will be adjusting to the new arrival.
- For the Church to have courage and wisdom as it responds to injustice.
- Praise for the safe birth of a new child for Joe H.'s friends Dave and Karen.

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