



WELCOME

Baptism of Jesus

TO LOMBARD
MENNONITE
CHURCH

January 12, 2025

We are glad you could worship with us today!

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Lisa Rose, Song Leader
Voices Together (VT) #76

WELCOME

Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water, and drink deeply of these living streams.

People: Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Leader: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

People: Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

Leader: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

Leader: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

Leader: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

Leader: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Beauty for Brokenness*

VT #98

VT #712

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Yellow After the Rain (M. Peters)

Joe Hayward

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness
and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.
In your loving-kindness have mercy on us
and free us from our sins.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Amanda Olsen

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 3: 1-22

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON

Richard Gehring

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

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Make Us One

VT #455

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Finlandia (Sibelius, arr. J. Hayward)

Joe Hayward

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

Wade in the Water

VT #454

WORDS OF BLESSING

Please join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall. Children ages 2 – 5th grade go directly to Gathering Time before Sunday school (located downstairs in the back library).

TODAY at LMC

Adult Sunday School | 11:30 AM
Anabaptism as a Lifestyle (Sanctuary)
Jeeran of Palestine: Tatrez Expert
(Fellowship Hall)

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Dinorah Scott

Greeter: Carlen Sellers

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Nursery: Laura Larson, Noah Rhodes;
Valerie Kropf, Paul Reimer

THIS WEEK at LMC

Tue Contemplative Prayer
via Zoom, 7 PM

Wed Women of the Word
Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Commission,
7 PM

Thu Menno Men, 9:30 AM
Pastoral Care, 7 PM

Fri-Sun MYF Winter Retreat at
Menno Haven

In today's **Anabaptism as a Lifestyle** adult education class, pastors Richard and Barb will share personal/family Mennonite stories.

Today we welcome back the Jeeran (friends) of Palestine group. They've brought along an **expert craftswoman in Tatrez** who will share about the history of this Palestinian embroidery. All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall during the Christian Formation hour.

Next Sunday we, along with Anabaptist churches around the world, will celebrate **Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday**. We mark this occasion each January on the day when the first recorded adult baptism and break from the municipal church took place. This year is the 500th anniversary of that date. In recognition of this, we have received donations for the newly published *Anabaptist Community Study Bible* which will replace our current pew Bibles. We will dedicate our new Bibles during the service.

Next week, we'll again hold two Sunday school classes. The sanctuary class will continue their series on Anabaptism as a lifestyle. A **new Bible study class** will begin in the Conference Room using our new study Bibles.