

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

February 16, 2025

IS JESUS THE ONE?

Luke 7: 18-35

A worshipping community rooted in God's love: Following Jesus • Seeking peace and justice • Serving others

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Adrien Keables Hayward, Song Leader

**God Welcomes All/Amen*..... *Voices Together 32*

WELCOME..... Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If you are delighted to be here, and if you are tired or troubled,

People: you are welcome.

Leader: If your faith is strong, and if your faith is battered or frail,

People: you are welcome.

Leader: If you are eager to praise God, and if you need to be quiet,

People: you are welcome.

All: God welcomes us all to worship today and promises to meet us here. —VT 853

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Could It Be That God Is Singing?*..... *Voices Together 42*

**God of the Bible*..... *Voices Together 420*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Choir

God Be In My Head (Rutter)

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Hearing assistive devices and a larger print hymnal and Bible are available outside the doors to the sanctuary. Childcare (birth-age 2) is provided in the nursery at the back of the hall on this level.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,
All: have mercy on us.
Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,
All: have mercy on us.
Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,
All: give us peace.

—VT 892

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S STORY Mona Richards

SCRIPTURE READING Deborah Wetherill

Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 7: 18-35

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.
People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
“After Inauguration”

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
**My Hope is Built* *Voices Together 621*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Choir
Yes, Jesus is My Savior (Ah-lee-yuh nee-oh-koh-ah) (arr. Hopson)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER
Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,
People: hear our prayer.

WORK OF THE CHURCH
Please come to the front row and use the microphone to make your announcement.

SENDING

SENDING SONG

**Longing for Light*.....*Voices Together 715*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Mission Commission invites you to a **potluck and discussion event next Sunday!** More info on the next page.

Please contact Ruth Q. or Elise E. if you are able to help care for our littlest LMCers in the nursery. Volunteers ideally serve once a month.

In **today's Anabaptist class**, Pastor Richard will provide insights for applying Old Testament ethics to contemporary situations.

Community Life is looking for a point person to take the lead on **coordinating funeral meals** when these happen in our church family. Please contact Jill Y. S. if you think God might be calling you to serve in this area.

We **need more nursery volunteers**, especially during the Christian Formation hour. We want to keep providing this vital service to parents, but need more helpers to make it feasible.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.

Children ages 3 – 5th grade go directly to Gathering Time before Sunday school (*located downstairs in the back library*).

Sunday School Classes for all ages from 11:30–12:15 (or beginning 15 min. after the service ends).

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school starts

2 BELLS: Start of Sunday school

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school ends

2 BELLS: End of Sunday school

ADULT CLASSES (FEB)

Anabaptism as a Lifestyle: Sanctuary

Bible In a Year: Conference Room

Coffee & Conversation: Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES

Ages 0-2 years: Nursery, upstairs

Ages 3-6 years: Room 301, upstairs

Grades 1-3: Room 102, downstairs

Grades 4-5: Room 103, downstairs

Grades 6-8: Room 101, downstairs

Grades 9-12: Fireplace room, downstairs

As a worshipping community rooted in God's love, Lombard Mennonite Church recognizes each person as a unique creation in the image of God. Firmly centering ourselves on following Jesus and seeking to be transformed through Christ, we welcome all, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, economic or social circumstances, marital status, and physical or mental ability. We support and invite everyone to participate fully in the life of the church, where we respect diverse perspectives, live out Anabaptist values, and celebrate radical peace and hospitality.



FOR PASTORAL CARE NEEDS, please contact one of the pastors or any member of our Pastoral Care Team: Vina Ariyaprakai, Susan Botts, Kristen Burk, Eric Larson, Laura Larson, Néstor Quiroa, and Kelly Wilson. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

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MISSION COMMISSION POTLUCK

Join us for a **potluck next Sunday** immediately following the Christian Formation hour. We will share a meal and engage in facilitated discussion around support for Radical Hospitality and immigrant justice work. Please bring a main dish to share; the Mission Commission will supply desserts. We'll provide childcare for children under 5 years old. Elementary students will remain with their parents in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend, especially if you need childcare.

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Hosts: James & Katrina Baugh

Greeter: Amanda Olsen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Ken G Kabira, Maya Zapata

Sunday School: Doug Kimball, TBD

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday,

9:30am: Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study

7pm: Worship Commission

Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 23

Theme: Jesus Welcomes All

Scripture: Luke 7: 36-50

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Kristin Crawford

Greeter: Amanda Olsen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: TBD

Sunday School: TBD

Extras: Mission Potluck at 12:15 PM