

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

February 23, 2025

JESUS WELCOMES ALL

Luke 7: 36-50

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader

**We Dream of a Turning* *Voices Together 209*

WELCOME Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one.

People: Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Leader: Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power. With the saints of all ages we say,

All: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" —Based on Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Together* *Voices Together 389*

**Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* *Voices Together 7*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Jeremy Kropf, Karin Redekopp Edwards

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Plainsong 13th c., arr. Courtney)

OFFERING PRAYER

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: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey; you bless us, but we do not thank you.

All: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

All: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

All: Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Cora Botts

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 7: 36-50

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Nathan Perrin

"I'm New Here"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

**Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* *Voices Together* 174

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Jeremy Kropf, Karin Redekopp Edwards

Lord, You Sometimes Speak (VT 537, Johnson)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

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

**Come Away from Rush and Hurry* *Voices Together 9; tune 563*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today's Anabaptist/Mennonite class is "**Let There Be Art!**" Our own Hilary R. and Jeremy B. will share some joys and challenges of living out art as a vocation.

All are **welcome to stay for today's mission potluck**, even if you didn't sign up in advance. We'll share a meal and engage in facilitated discussion around two basic questions: How can we best support Radical Hospitality House (a ministry of James and Katrina B.)? How can we practically engage in and support immigrant justice work locally and beyond? Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of Sunday school classes.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate **Communion Sunday**. Let us each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether God is calling us to reconciliation in a broken relationship (Matthew 5:23-24).

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. for more information.

We'll hold a short **Ash Wednesday service** on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

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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SONG CIRCLE TODAY

Please join Mennonite Action-Chicago today at 5 PM for a potluck and song circle in support of communities under threat. It's sure to be an inspiring, uplifting evening...filled with good fellowship, great food, and wonderful singing!

We'll gather in the basement of the First Church of the Brethren (3560 W Congress Pkwy, Chicago) at 5 PM for the potluck, with the song circle starting at 6 PM. Please bring a dish and a song to share, instruments, friends, etc. Song sheets will be provided.

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Kristin Crawford

Greeter: Amanda Olsen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Noah Rhodes, TBD

Sunday School: Vina Ariyaprakai, 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

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7:00pm: Lent Planning Committee

Saturday, 10am–3pm: Illinois Mennonite Conference
Annual Assembly at Menno Haven

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Theme: Transfiguration

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-45

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Hosts: James & Katrina Baugh

Greeter: Lyle Bohnert

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Worship: TBA

Sunday School: TBA