

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

March 2, 2025

TRANSFIGURATION

Luke 9: 28-45

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Lisa Rose, Song Leader

Morning Has Broken *Voices Together* 495

WELCOME.....Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, we are your church, and we gather here this morning
to commune with one another and with you.

People: We are your people, we gather to learn your will and seek your guidance.

Leader: We are your children, we gather to seek your face and know your love.

People: We are your body, we gather to discern how to be your witness in this world.

Leader: We are your bride, we gather to delight in you.

People: Open our hearts and minds to receive all you have for us today.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Here I Am, Lord* *Voices Together* 545

**Somlandela (We Will Follow)* *Voices Together* 566

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We need you every hour, though we do not always acknowledge it.
When we dedicate time to spend with you, we ask for miracles and specific actions
and often miss the daily blessings you grant us and the ways you are consistently
working in our lives.

**People: Help us to see your work in our every day. Grow our gratitude for the way
you are constantly present in sustaining our lives, our faith, and our hope. Amen.**

**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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Joe Hayward
My Life Flows On (Lowry)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Dave Kuhlmann Taylor
Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 9: 28-45

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

SERMON Richard Gehring
"Coming Down from the Mountaintop"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
Breathe on Me, Breath of God *Voices Together 737*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Joe Hayward
Jesus, Remember Me (Berthier)

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INVITATION and NARRATIVE OF INSTITUTION Nathan Perrin

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.

Come to the Table of Grace *Voices Together 461*
Calm Me, Lord *Voices Together 680*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing Voices Together 812*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today, we begin a **new Sunday school class** focused on all the people groups represented in our welcome statement. Come learn how to practice radical welcome and be fully present for God's work in our community and church.

We'll hold a short **Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday** at 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The ashes placed on our foreheads remind us of our fragility and need of repentance as we journey toward Holy Week and Easter.

Today is the deadline to sign up for *Rejoice!* and *Anabaptist World* subscriptions. Please use the link in the e-news.

The Ministry Team invites you to **submit nominations** for leadership positions at LMC by March 9. The nomination process is an important way that you can help the work of the church and every nomination matters.

It's time to apply for a **2025 mission matching grant!** LMC's matching grant program is a way to collaboratively support local and global ministries that are doing work that aligns with LMC's mission and values.

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 (MARCH)

Becoming a Fully Welcoming Church: 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