

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

March 9, 2025

CHRIST COLLIDES WITH OUR BIAS

Lent 1; Luke 10: 25-42

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Pam Eiten, Song Leader

What Can I Leave Behind *Voices Together* 154

WELCOME Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ collides with our bias. Who will follow Christ?

People: We will follow for sure, but we will tell you where to bring down your fire.

Leader: Jesus says, "Follow me."

People: We will follow when our calculations are finished.

Leader: Christ collides with our leanings.

People: For your reign, O God, help us put a hand on your plow and not look back.

All: Guide us as we worship you.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Come, Christians, Join to Sing *Voices Together* 28

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *Voices Together* 156

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.

Leader: We have not loved you with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

**People: We have sinned through what we have chosen to do
and what we have chosen to neglect.**

Leader: We have not fully accepted your love for us. We have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves.

**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.

People: We cling to our assumptions and insist that our point of view is the correct one.
All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God.
Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us shake free
from our biases and assumptions so we may better share your peace
in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Simon Miller
Au Bord de l'eau (Gabriel Fauré)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Jason Rhodes

SCRIPTURE READING Amanda Olsen

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 10: 25-42 (p. 1267)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
"Neighbors and Siblings"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Unless a Grain of Wheat *Voices Together* 302

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Simon Miller
Sonata in A Minor, Siciliana (Telemann)

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

**Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* *Voices Together 568*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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

The **Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale** is this coming Friday and Saturday (Mar 14-15) at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. Friday night is Trivia Night; Saturday features a pancake and sausage breakfast and auctions of quilts and other items. Pick up a sale guide downstairs for more info.

Plan to join us for an **all-ages game night** on Saturday, March 22, from 6-9 PM in the LMC Fellowship Hall. Bring snacks to share and your favorite games.

It's time to apply for a **2025 mission matching grant!** The application was in the e-news and is due by April 6.

Let's show our college and grad students some love! Please sign up to bring items for our **student care packages**. Bring your items to the narthex this month; we'll mail the care packages on April 7.

Plan to join Mennonite Action Chicago on Friday, March 21, 4:30pm, for **God's Love Knows No Borders**. We'll sing and voice communal prayers in support of our Palestinian neighbors and other communities at risk. See the link in the e-news.

Fabulous Fierce & Sacred is a weekend gathering led by and for LGBTQIA+ Anabaptists to celebrate Queer and Trans joy and belonging on May 2-4 in Philadelphia. Visit bmclgbt.org/ffs.

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 (MAR)

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

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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LMC ALLIES EMAIL GROUP

Our congregation is part of the Supportive Communities Network (SCN), which "cultivates an inclusive church and society and to care for the Mennonite and Brethren lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied community." In order to share the great resources SCN provides with those interested in the LMC family, we have a new google group called LMC Allies. Similar to LMC free, you sign up by completing a quick form and you then can receive all messages communicated through that address. Hilary R. is our church's SCN liaison; she will send out any resources that SCN wants to share with congregations.

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

Greeter: Lyle Bohnert

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Caroline Steelberg, Ken G Kabira

Sunday School: Dinorah Scott, 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: Ministry Team

Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

Friday-Saturday: Illinois Mennonite Relief Sale

NEXT SUNDAY, MAR. 16

Theme: Christ Collides with Our Condemnation

Scripture: Luke 13: 1–9, 31–35

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, CJ Yoder

Fellowship Hosts: Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

Greeter: Dave Martin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Noah Rhodes, Ken G Kabira

Sunday School: Arlee Blackburn, TBA