

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

March 16, 2025

CHRIST COLLIDES WITH OUR CONDEMNATION

Lent 2; Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35

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

**Jesus Calls Us* *Voices Together 30*

WELCOME..... Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ collides with our thoughts to condemn others.

People: Put them in their place.

Leader: Who is more guilty of wrongdoing?

People: Do you condemn? Should I condemn?

All: For your reign, O God, transform us as we worship you.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**My Hope Is Built* *Voices Together 621*

**Come, Thou Fount* *Voices Together 563*

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

**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.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
People: **We are quick to pass judgment and to assume your authority to condemn others.**
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 quickness to condemn so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Choir
Beautiful Savior (Voices Together 130)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S STORY Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

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

Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35 (p. 1273)

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

SERMON Richard Gehring
"From Anger to Lament"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
**God, Give Me Time* *Voices Together 144*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Choir
The Clouds (Gray)

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

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

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

It is with pleasure that the Ministry Team announces the **ordination of Pastor Nathan**. The final step in Nathan's ordination was an interview, held on Wednesday afternoon by representatives of the Illinois Mennonite Conference. Nathan will be ordained at LMC at the beginning of June during worship, with a celebration to follow.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall today during the Sunday school hour as we eat hummus and **hear from our Muslim neighbors** on how to welcome them into friendship and community

It's a board game extravaganza! Join us for an **all-ages game night** this coming Saturday (Mar 22), from 6-9 PM in the LMC Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite board games and a snack to share.

The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet with our pastors on Saturday, March 29. PCRC exists to support our pastors and to keep lines of communication open between them and the congregation. If you have kudos, concerns, or questions, please contact a member of the PCRC or use our email address: sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org. Committee members are: Melodie G., Ken G K., Carlen S. (Chair), and Jonah W.

Please sign up to bring items for our college and grad **student care packages**. Drop off your goodies in the narthex by March 30.

Menno Haven invites us to their **Spring Work Day** on Saturday, March 29 from 8-4. We'll do both indoor and outdoor projects to get the camp ready for the upcoming spring and summer programs.

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:
Fellowship Hall

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