

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

March 30, 2025

CHRIST COLLIDES WITH OUR SELFISHNESS

Lent 4; Luke 16: 19-31

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

**Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* *Voices Together 555*

WELCOME Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we worship, Christ collides with our selfishness.

People: Lord, stir our beings as we turn to you.

Leader: Lord, shake our perspective as you work in our lives.

People: Help us center on you!

All: We are persuaded to listen to you as we worship this day, our living God.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* *Voices Together 34*

**Sing Amen* *Voices Together 90*

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.**

**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.

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

People: We cling to what we have and trust in material things, ignoring the needs of those around us.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us loosen our grip on what we have and challenge the selfishness of our society with open hands so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Karin Redekopp Edwards
Sarabande from Partita in C Minor (Bach)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Vina Ariyaprakai

SCRIPTURE READING Ken G Kabira

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 16: 19-31 (p. 1278)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Richard Gehring
"A Life Well Lived."

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Who Will Speak a Word of Warning *Voices Together 758*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Karin Redekopp Edwards
"Aeolian Harp" Etude (Chopin)

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

Next Sunday is the deadline 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.



If you can help in the nursery during the Christian Formation hour TODAY, April 6 or April 27, please contact Ruth Q.

Friendly reminder to bring your items for the **student care packages this weekend**, unless you are bringing cookies. Please bring those (each dozen in an individual ziplock bag) on April 6 for Pastoral Care to pack fresh. Thank you!

Continuing our Sunday school series on being a welcoming church, **Lissette Duarte from NAMI DuPage will be sharing today in Sunday school** on becoming trauma-informed. NAMI DuPage is a mental health community development group that provides free to cheap resources for folks dealing with mental illness, as well as other vulnerable communities.

Save the date for a **Maundy Thursday service** on April 6 at 6 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. This service will commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, and will include a simple soup + bread meal, communion and a time of foot washing. If you plan to attend please fill in the sign up sheet in the e-news.

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