

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

April 13, 2025

CHRIST COLLIDES WITH OUR EXPECTATIONS

Palm Sunday; Luke 19: 29-46

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

GATHERING

PALM PROCESSIONAL Jeremy Botts & Little Followers of Christ
Hosanna In the Highest

WELCOME Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP Quote from Luke 19: 38

Leader: As we worship this Palm Sunday, Christ collides with our expectations.

People: Have we not collided enough?

Leader: In deep compassion, our Lord sets out a mission of full life.

People: Form us fully, Jesus.

Leader: "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

All: Our Lord, it is time for you to work in and with us as we worship you!

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader

**Jesus Is Coming* *Voices Together* 312

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* *Voices Together* 313

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.

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: We cling to our expectations, and we do not make space for you to challenge them.

All: We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us let go of our narrow expectations so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Choir
My Song Is Love Unknown (Crossman, Ireland; *Voices Together* 320)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Eric Nelessen

SCRIPTURE READING Joe Hayward

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 19: 29-46 (p. 1281)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Richard Gehring
"The Quiet in the Land"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues *Voices Together* 78

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Choir
Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me (Larson)

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

Children should meet up with Pastor Nathan in the narthex immediately after the worship service for today's **Easter Egg Hunt** outside.

To mark Holy Week and prepare for Easter, we invite you to a **Maundy Thursday service** this Thursday at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our service will commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, and will include both communion and a time of foot washing.

If you plan to participate, **please sign up BY THIS TUESDAY** so that the organizers know how many to prepare for. We'll begin with a simple meal of soup and bread.

We'll have **stations of the cross** set up on the church grounds from Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon. You are welcome to come anytime during those days to walk them.

In today's sanctuary **adult Christian Formation class**, Pastor Nathan will present on the contemplative stream of early Anabaptism.

Thank you to all who contributed to the goodies in the student care packages! The students will really feel the love that our congregation has for them.

The pastors invite you to **submit jokes** for our annual Holy Humor Sunday service by April 21 to staff@lombardmennonite.org.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.

Children ages 3 – 5th grade meet up with Pastor Nathan in the narthex for today's Easter Egg Hunt outside.

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 (APR)

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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EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Join us for a morning of special celebrations!

8:30am: Early service outside the Madison Street entrance

9am: Potluck Easter breakfast

Please **bring finger food breakfast items**—such as sweet rolls, breads, deviled eggs, egg casseroles, fruit, etc.—to share with 8-10 people to the Fellowship Hall. If you could help with setup, please contact Maryam B.

10am: Worship service, including joyous singing together, the flowering of the cross, and the celebration of communion. We invite you to **bring flowers** for placing in the cross. We won't hold any Sunday school classes.

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: Dave Kuhlmann Taylor, Elias Rose

Fellowship Host: Valerie Kropf

Greeter: Carmen Martinez

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Melissa Miller, Noah Rhodes

Sunday School: Vina Ariyaprakai, Dinorah Scott
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

6pm: Maundy Thursday Service

NEXT SUNDAY, APR. 20

Theme: Easter Sunday

Scripture: Luke 24: 1-12

A/V Technicians: Kristin Crawford, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Hilary Rhodes

Greeters: Jeremy & Valerie Kropf

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Doug Kimball, Ruth Quiroa