

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

April 20, 2025

**CHRIST COLLIDES WITH DEATH**

*Easter Sunday; Luke 24: 1-12*

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

## GATHERING

### SONG OF PRAISE

*\*Lift Your Glad Voices* ..... Lisa Rose, Song Leader  
Voices Together 340

WELCOME..... Keith Eiten

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The stone is rolled away!

**People: Why look for the living among the dead?**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: No nonsense here! Christ collides with death, affecting the universe.

**People: Christ collides with death, affecting each of us.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### OPENING PRAYER

### PRAISING AND ADORNING THE CROSS WITH FLOWERS

*\*Low in the Grave He Lay* ..... Voices Together 333

*\*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* ..... Voices Together 346

*Mfurahini, haleluya (Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!)* ..... Voices Together 341

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Brass Quartet

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (Hassler, arr. Bach/Botts)

### OFFERING PRAYER

*\*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.

# CONFESSING

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### 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.

**People:** We linger in the shadows of fear and death, afraid to fully embrace the love you showed us through the resurrection.

**All:** We repent before each other and before you, our loving God. Please help us open our hearts to your love. Help us fully live in the love you showed us in Jesus' death and resurrection so we may better share your peace in your world, rejoicing in your name. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY ..... Adrien Keables Hayward

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Ken G Kabira

Leader: Hear the word of God.

**People:** Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 24: 1-12 (p. 1289)

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

**People:** Blessed be God forever!

SERMON ..... Barbara Krehbiel Gehring  
"Proclaiming Nonsense"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*Thine Is the Glory* ..... *Voices Together* 355

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Brass Quartet

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Elvey, arr. McClelland/Botts)

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION..... Richard Gehring

PRAYER OF PREPARATION  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.*

*I Am Willing* (Holly Near)..... Jeremy Botts, Dave Martin

*Come to the Table of Grace*..... *Voices Together* 461

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER ..... *Voices Together* 989A

## 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

*Special thanks to our brass quartet today: Simon & Jesse Botts, Micah Johnson, and Elias Rose.*

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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

We aren't holding any Sunday school classes today. Instead, we invite you to participate in a video project for the MC USA Convention in July. Kristin C. will set up in the Fireplace Room to film your responses to the questions shared in the e-news. All are welcome to participate!

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](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

## LMC STAFF



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## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Come join us for the **spring workday** on Saturday, May 3! We'll work from 8:00 AM to noon and then break for a delicious lunch. The to-do list includes tasks for all ages both indoors and outdoors.

At our congregational meeting on May 18, we'll make decisions on how to proceed with a renovation project for the parking lot, the education wing, and energy efficiency. The LMC Administration Commission invites you to join us for a **brown bag lunch on Sunday, May 4** for a presentation of our plans along with Q&A.

## TODAY AT LMC

**A/V Technicians:** Kristin Crawford, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

**Communion Bread & Setup:** Valerie Kropf  
**Easter Breakfast Coordinator:** Maryam Bighash

**Fellowship Host:** Hilary Rhodes  
**Greeters:** Jeremy & Valerie Kropf

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Doug Kimball, Ruth Quiroa  
**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

**Saturday, 10am:** Safe Church Committee

## NEXT SUNDAY, APR. 27

**Theme:** Holy Humor Sunday

**Scripture:** Genesis 21: 1-6

**A/V Technicians:** CJ Yoder, Elias Rose

**Fellowship Host:** Hilary Rhodes

**Greeter:** Linea Richards

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Ken G Kabira, Caroline Steelberg

**Sunday School:** Hasun Lee, Jeremy Steelberg