

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

April 27, 2025

500 YEARS OF ANABAPTIST HUMOR

Holy Humor Sunday; Genesis 21: 1-6

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Jeremy "Jumping Jehoshaphat" Botts, Song Leader
**There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* *Voices Together* 828

WELCOME.....Richard "the Radicals" Gehring; The Notorious BKG
(Barb Krehbiel Gehring)

CALL TO WORSHIPNathan "the Nephilim*" Perrin
Leader: Christ is risen!**Genesis 6: 4*

People: He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

Leader: Let us rejoice! Let us celebrate with holy humor.

People: Let us laugh, let us dance, let us sing praises of joy!

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Ho Ho Ho Hosanna*

**Sing a Happy Alleluia*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATIONKatrina "Swords into Plowshares" Baugh
"Modern Anabaptism" (from *The Pirates of Penzance*)

CONFESSING

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

Leader: We believe in God the Creator of all, who has called forth a people of faith.

People: We live, we love, we laugh, because we are created in God's image

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh, crucified and resurrected for us.

People: He had the last laugh when he rose from the dead.

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the source of redemption and life.

**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: Our comforter, our guide, our motivator—the Spirit is our joy!

Leader: We joyfully worship the three-in-one God as a holy nation, the people of God.

People: We place our hope in God's everlasting reign, in victory over evil, the resurrection of the dead, in Christ's coming again. To God be all glory! Amen.

—Adapted from *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*, Unison Reading A

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Susan "Not a Bot" Botts

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Genesis 21: 1-6 (p. 23)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON: "Menno-Lite"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Breathe Deep (The Lost Dogs)

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Jeremy Bees

Humoresque (Dvorak)

(Burk & Botts)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER *Voices Together* 1017

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

**You Shall Go Out with Joy* *Voices Together* 847

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Join us for the **spring workday** this coming 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. Workday is always a great time of fellowship while working shoulder to shoulder to beautify our church.

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, aka Phase 4. The LMC Administration Commission invites you to join us for a **brown bag lunch next Sunday** (May 4) for a presentation of our plans along with Q&A.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate **Communion Sunday**. Let us each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether God is calling us to reconciliation in a broken relationship (Mt 5:24).

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 (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