

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

May 4, 2025

STEPHEN'S WITNESS

Acts 6: 8 - 7: 2a, 51-60

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

**Here to the House of God We Come* *Voices Together 27*

WELCOME Eric Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP *Voices Together 1040*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Christ Who Left His Home in Glory* *Voices Together 361*

**Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* *Voices Together 138*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Karin Redekopp Edwards

Impromptu in G-flat Major, Op. 90, No. 3 (Schubert)

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Voices Together 888*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Deborah Wetherill

**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: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Acts 6: 8 - 7: 2a, 51-60 (p. 1336)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Richard Gehring

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

The Word of God Is Solid Ground *Voices Together* 399

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Karin Redekopp Edwards

Sonata in D Minor (Scarlatti)

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION..... Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Please come to the front to receive the gifts of God. All are welcome. We offer a blessing for anyone not prepared to receive communion. Our bread is gluten-free.

Seed, Scattered and Sown *Voices Together* 477

Eat This Bread *Voices Together* 476

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

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

BLESSING OF COLLEGE GRADUATES Nathan Perrin

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

**There's a Wild Hope in the Wind..... Voices Together 828*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In today's **sanctuary Sunday school class**, Marc R. from NAMI DuPage will share about his journey as an addict and how to welcome people in recovery.

Please join Jeremy K. downstairs after Sunday School for **lunch along with an information and Q&A session** about our Phase 4 Renovation Project plans. We have extra sandwiches if you didn't bring lunch. The Administration Commission is providing desserts.

Special thanks to all who participated in yesterday's church workday!

In two weeks (May 18), the congregation will answer the age-old question: "**When are we going to redo the parking lot?**"

Please prayerfully engage with this process. **May 18 Schedule of Events:**

- **10am: Worship service**, including the choir's final participation before the summer break.
- **11:30am: Sunday school.** Ruth Goring will guest in the sanctuary class and discuss her new book, *Dearworthy: Little Meditations on the Revelations of Julian of Norwich*.
- **12:15pm: Potluck!** We'll announce meal assignments in Friday's e-news.
- **1pm: Congregational meeting.** The agenda and Phase 4 Renovation proposal summary went out via email yesterday. If you'd like a hard copy, contact Katharine. Ministry Team will provide childcare.

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 (MAY)

Becoming a Fully Welcoming Church: Sanctuary
Bible In a Year: Conference Room
Coffee & Conversation: Fellowship Hall

BROWN BAG LUNCH, 12:15 PM

Phase 4 Renovation Project: Introduction and Q&A

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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NOTES

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Communion Bread & Setup: Valerie Kropf

Fellowship Host: Linea Richards

Greeters: Jeff & Laura Yoder

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Doug Kimball, Melissa Miller

Sunday School: Arlee Blackburn, TBA

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, 6pm: Private Event (Fellowship Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11

Theme: Anabaptism at 500: Renewal through Repentance

Scripture: James 4: 7-10

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Linea Richards

Greeter: Doug Kimball

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Noah Rhodes, TBA

Sunday School: Ken G Kabira, TBA