

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

May 11, 2025

RENEWAL THROUGH REPENTANCE

Anabaptism at 500; James 4: 7-10

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Adrien Keables Hayward, Song Leader

**We Are People of God's Peace* *Voices Together 797*

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT Richard Gehring

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying:
"Now is the time."

People: Now is the time?

Leader: "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives."

People: Change our hearts and lives?

Leader: Yes. Repent, and come clean with what you've done wrong
and the sin that weighs you down.

People: And this is good news?

Leader: God said, "If my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin,
and heal their land."

**All: Ah, this is good news! God's kingdom is now. Now is the time to humbly pray,
seek God's face, and turn from our wicked ways. Then God will forgive us and
heal our land.**

—Based on Mark 1: 14-15 and 2 Chronicles 7: 14 (CEB)

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Could It Be That God Is Singing?* *Voices Together 42*

**Everlasting God, On You I Call* *Voices Together 630*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Joe Hayward, Alice Kabira, Esther Wetherill
Dona Nobis Pacem (traditional)

**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.

OFFERING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S STORY Nathan Perrin

SCRIPTURE READING Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

JAMES 4: 7-10 (p. 1489)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

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

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Voices Together* 895

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Joe Hayward, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor
Improvisation in E Minor

You may bring forward what you have written and place it in the bowl.

SONG OF RESPONSE

**True Evangelical Faith* *Voices Together* 439

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

BLESSING OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION VOLUNTEERS Elise Ewert, 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

**Praise God (Dedication Anthem).....Voices Together 70*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

For today's **sanctuary Sunday school class**, Pastor Nathan will hold a special session on Christian nationalism based on Drew Strait's book *Strange Worship*. Come learn and dialogue on the history of this movement, and what Christians can do in response.

Please **stop by the table in the narthex today** to highlight your favorite song and/or leave a note in the hymnals for our graduating seniors. We'll present the hymnals next Sunday.

Next Sunday (May 18) is Phase 4 decision day.

Please plan to participate in a congregational meeting after our potluck. You can download the agenda and Phase 4 proposal with the QR code. We'll provide childcare during the meeting.



May 18 Schedule:

- 10am: Worship service
- 11:30am: Sunday school
- 12:15pm: Potluck
- 12:45pm: Congregational meeting

Christian Formation is looking to **fill the roles of Nursery Scheduler** (responsible for scheduling nursery volunteers) and Nursery Supply Coordinator (responsible for overseeing supply levels, updating the bulletin board, and periodic toy assessment.) These roles could be filled by one person or by two separate people. If your gifts could be used to help LMC in this way, please contact Elise E.

Plan to join us for our annual **LMC Church Retreat** at Camp Menno Haven in Tiskilwa, IL on Sept. 6-7. Register by June 1 and save \$5!

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)

Christian Nationalism: 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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NEXT SUNDAY'S POTLUCK

Our theme for **next week's potluck** will be garden party because summer is calling! Please bring items such as fresh fruit, veggies of the season, summer salads, BBQ'd meat, finger sandwiches, etc. Contact Maryam B. or Jill Y. S. with any questions.

- **Families A-K** should bring a main course to share that feeds 8-10.
- **Families L-Z** should bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.
- Please **label what you bring** with your name, the name of your dish, and any dietary info if applicable (e.g., dairy-free, gluten-free, etc.).

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Linea Richards

Greeter: Doug Kimball

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Paul Reimer, Noah Rhodes

Sunday School: Ken G Kabira, TBD

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday,

9:30am: Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study

7pm: Ministry Team

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7pm: Worship Commission

Friday, 7pm: ACA Centering Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18

Theme: Council at Jerusalem

Scripture: Acts 15: 1-18

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Fellowship Host: Dinorah Scott

Greeter: Doug Kimball

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