

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



June 15, 2025

THE GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

Acts 20: 17-38

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader
**Be Still and Know* *Voices Together* 37

WELCOME.....Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!
People: We rejoice and are glad in it.
Leader: In God's infinite love and wisdom,
he extends his mercies anew every morning.
People: We accept his mercy as we come to praise him today.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Sanna, sannanina..... *Voices Together* 79
Now Thank We All Our God..... *Voices Together* 114

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: With the rising cares of this world and many tension-filled spiritual concerns
in these times, we confess that we lose sight of your good news.
People: We cannot recenter ourselves on you and your truth without your help.
Leader: We want to be holy as you are holy, but we get easily distracted.
**People: We need your loving kindness and gentle leading to guide us continually
toward righteousness.**
All: Forgive us and help us to accept forgiveness as we again set our focus on you.

**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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATIONSimon Miller, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Les Berceaux (Fauré)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S STORYRichard Gehring

BLESSING THE NEW PULPIT

Leader: What is this place?
People: Only a building, but when we gather here, God’s name is praised.
Leader: What are these things?
People: Only wood and nails, but in this place they serve us as we praise God’s name.
Leader: We dedicate this pulpit to the proclaiming of God’s word,
in scripture and preaching, in poetry and song, in sharing and prayer.
**People: May we, too, be instruments that proclaim your word, O God,
with our mouths and with our lives.**
Leader: We dedicate this pulpit to our living of God’s word, as we go from here inspired,
challenged, comforted, or wondering, as we remain on the lookout
for God’s presence in every place we go.
**People: May we remember that as you call us, O God, you send us.
As we are called to this place, it is to be sent out again,
to proclaim your word with our lives, to engage your word
with our minds and hearts, and to live your word with our whole selves.**
Leader: We pray this dedication in the name of Jesus, a carpenter, our Lord,
who took simple things and helped us to see God.
All: Amen. —Adapted from “Litany of Dedication” by Alissa Bender,
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SCRIPTURE READINGAmanda Olsen

Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Acts 20: 17-38 (p. 1357)

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.
People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMONBarbara Krehbiel Gehring
"Too Good To Be True"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
God the Spirit, Guide and GuardianVoices Together 534

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Simon Miller, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Le Secret (Fauré)

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

We welcome **Dr. Jeffrey Trask** as a special guest speaker next Sunday (June 22) as we celebrate Juneteenth. Jeff currently serves as Professor of Public Health at the University of Illinois, adjunct pastor of New Covenant Fellowship in Champaign, and is the current chair of the Champaign-Urbana Reparations Coalition.

Today is the deadline to **submit a Volunteer/Gifts Discernment survey**. It's your chance to let leadership know how you'd like to be involved at LMC this coming year. You can use the QR code or complete a paper form (extras in the narthex) and put it in Katharine's mailbox.



This coming Saturday (June 21), we are invited to **Make Music Wheaton 2025: Salaam Performances—A Celebration of Middle Eastern Spirit** from 4-7 PM at 319 E Franklin St in Wheaton. Learn more at [lu.ma/1i8jxud6](https://u.ma/1i8jxud6).

Mark your calendars for our first **Taizé worship service** on Friday, June 27, at 7 PM at LMC. More info coming next week.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP
Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.
Sunday school classes are on break for the summer.