

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



June 29, 2025

**FOLLOWING JESUS**

Luke 9: 57-62

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
<i>*Christ Is Our Cornerstone</i> .....	<i>Voices Together 4</i>
WELCOME.....	Eric Larson
CALL TO WORSHIP	
OPENING PRAYER .....	<i>Voices Together 1029</i>
PRAISING	
<i>*I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i> .....	<i>Voices Together 182</i>
<i>*Somlandela (We Will Follow)</i> .....	<i>Voices Together 566</i>
MUSIC FOR MEDITATION .....	Joe Hayward
<i>Insomnia</i> (Cat Goykhman). Used with permission; catplaysukulele.com.	
OFFERING PRAYER	

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION .....	<i>Voices Together 897</i>
WORDS OF ASSURANCE	

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING .....	Nina Lantz
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*\*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.**

Luke 9: 57-62 (p. 1266)

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

**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON ..... Richard Gehring  
"Choosing to Commit"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*\*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ..... *Voices Together* 443

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Joe Hayward  
*Contredanse* (Ferdinando Carulli)

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND  
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

*\*Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ..... *Voices Together* 812

WORDS OF SENDING

## 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.

# ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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 (Matthew 5:23-24).

Tuesday’s **Contemplative Prayer** meeting is now on summer break. It will resume meeting on September 2.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *WAVES OF WONDER*

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

#### Advance Work, Evenings/Weekend

- \_ Decorate the sanctuary and breakout spaces after church on July 20
- \_ Gather props or lend items for skits.  
What we need to borrow:
  - Two-person kayak
  - Two life jackets
  - Two paddles
  - Large metal bucket or tin for offering project
  - Beach towels
  - Sand buckets
- \_ Prep craft supplies

#### July 21-25: 9:30-11:30 AM

- \_ Serve as a group leader (sit with kids during opening time, escort them to stations, help them with activities as needed, etc.), for all week or a couple days.
- \_ Be a group helper (\*Great VC or MYF role!)
- \_ Help with outside games or crafts\*
- \_ Serve on the Friday clean-up crew

See Elise at the table in the narthex if you can help out or have an item to lend. Thanks!

### REGISTER

Use the QR code or fill out the form below. Only \$8 per child.



Name of child .....

Birthdate .....

School grade (entering in fall) .....

Medical concerns/allergies  
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Name of parent/primary caregiver  
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Address, cell phone, and email address (if not in LMC directory):  
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Photo release: I hereby grant permission to Lombard Mennonite Church to use photographs and/or video of my child in publications, news releases, online, and in other communications related to the mission of Lombard Mennonite Church. Yes No (Circle 1)

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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## NOTES

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## TODAY AT LMC

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**A/V Technicians:** CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

**Fellowship Hosts:** Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

**Greeter:** Ken G Kabira

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Melissa Miller, Caroline Steelberg

**Church Lockup:** Lyle Bohnert

**Lawn Mowers:** Evan & Mona Richards

## THIS WEEK AT LMC

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**Thursday, 9:30am:** Menno Men

**Friday, 7pm:** ACA Centering Prayer  
Church office closed

## NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 6

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**Theme:** Peace Sunday

**Scripture:** Luke 6: 17-26

**A/V Technicians:** Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

**Fellowship Host:** Doug Kimball

**Greeter:** Amanda Olsen

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Ken G Kabira, Dominick Rhodes