

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



July 20, 2025

**MYF CONVENTION REPORT: FOLLOW JESUS**

*Luke 4: 18-19*

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  
*\*God of the Bible* ..... *Voices Together 420*

WELCOME ..... Nathan Perrin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your word and our life  
in the world.  
**People: Be with us now, as we sing and pray together, that we may hear your voice  
and understand your way.**  
**All: This we pray, through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.** —*Voices Together 857, amended*

### OPENING PRAYER

### PRAISING

*\*Akekho ofana/Hakuna wakaita* ..... *Voices Together 68*  
*\*God of Every Daughter* ..... Page 3

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Esther Wetherill, Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Concerto in A minor, Op 3, No 6, 2nd Mvt (Vivaldi)*

## CONFESSING

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.

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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.

**People:** Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change.

**People:** Open to us a future in which we can be changed

Leader: And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

**All:** Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

—Voices Together 895

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Cora Botts

Leader: Hear the word of God.

**People:** Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 4: 18-19 (p. 1255)

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

**People:** Blessed be God forever!

REFLECTIONS ..... Esther Wetherill, Elias Rose

"Follow Jesus"

PRAISING SONG

*Alleluia* ..... Voices Together 73

REFLECTION ..... Cora Botts

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*Build Your Kingdom Here* ..... Voices Together 393

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Esther Wetherill, Karin Redekopp Edwards

*German Dance* (von Dittersdorf)

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER

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  
*\* Praise God from Whom (Dedication Anthem) ..... Voices Together 70*

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

**GOD OF EVERY DAUGHTER**

BY SUS LONG

**Verse 1**  
God of Hagar, God who sees  
Hear my cry and look at me  
I've been silent, I am weak  
God who sees me, God who sees

(extra measure on G)

**Verse 2**  
God of Esther, God of Ruth  
Tell me Lord, why I am used  
I've been taken, I've been bruised  
And I did what I had to do

(right into the chorus)

**Chorus 1**  
I believe that I will see  
the goodness of the Lord  
In the land of the living

**Verse 3**  
God of Tamar, God who bleeds  
No one listens when I speak  
I'm ashamed, and not believed  
God who bleeds, oh, God who bleeds

(extra measure on G)

**Verse 4**  
God of every daughter's birth  
We have cut her into pieces,  
Spread her across the earth  
I am hurting, I who hurt  
God of every precious birth

(right into the chorus)

**Chorus 2**  
We believe that we will see  
the goodness of the Lord  
In the land of the living

*Released for free usage by the composer.*

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**  
Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.

**ADULT CLASSES (TODAY ONLY, 15 MINUTES AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE)**  
Bible In a Year: Conference Room

All other classes are on break for the summer.

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, Rebecca Huff, Elliot Johnson, Doug Kimball, and Kelly Wilson. To contact the entire group: [pct@lombardmennonite.org](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Bible in a Year Sunday school class** will meet today for the only time this summer. All are welcome, even if you haven't participated before.

We could use a couple people to **help us decorate for VBS today** after the worship service. Thanks!

We'll hold our monthly **Taizé service this Friday** at 7pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to this simple form of worship that invites worshipers to sit in the presence of God through quiet repeated music with simple lyrics, silence, and prayer.

**Summerfest** is coming to LMC on Saturday, August 9! We'll share further details next week. See you there.

## TODAY AT LMC

**A/V Technicians:** Dave Kuhlmann Taylor, CJ Yoder

**Fellowship Hosts:** Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

**Greeter:** Linea Richards

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Doug Kimball, TBA

**Church Lockup:** Lyle Bohnert

**Lawn Mowers:** Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

## THIS WEEK AT LMC

**Mon-Friday, 9:30-11:30am:**

Vacation Bible School!

**Friday, 7pm:** Taizé Service



## NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 27

**Theme:** The Lord's Prayer

**Scripture:** Luke 11: 1-4

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

**Fellowship Host:** Linea Richards

**Greeter:** Valerie Kropf

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Caroline Steelberg, TBA