WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

August 17, 2025

STEWARDSHIP & CHALLENGE SUNDAY

Luke 19: 1-10

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

GATHERING

WELCOME Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious God, Your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all

circumstances of our lives.

All: Help us to trust you for what we need.

Leader: Help us to call on you for the strength we need for the tasks you call us to,

so that we are faithful to the end.

All: Help us to give with joy.

Leader: We gather now to offer our worship to you.

All: We bring our prayers and praises, our open ears and our willing hearts. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

| You Are Holy, You are Whole | Voices Together 61 |
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| You Are Exalted | Voices Together 86 |

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, We can hardly imagine not longing to be wealthy or wealthier.

We fear we won't have enough or that we aren't enough. We don't trust you to

provide what we need.

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.

^{*}Please rise in body or spirit.

All: God, you have been faithful.

Leader: Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. You know what

it takes for the tasks you have called us to.

All: Help us be satisfied when our needs are met and be joyful when we can share

with others. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms/Shall We Gather

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

SCRIPTURE READING Cora Botts

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 19: 1-10 (p. 1281)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMONRichard Gehring

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT (silent time of reflection)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

STEWARDSHIP SHARING Evan Richards, Ken G Kabira, Jeremy Kropf

WORK OF THE CHURCH

Please come to the front row and use the microphone to make your announcement.

SENDING

SENDING SONG

*Guide My Feet.......Voices Together 816

*WORDS OF BLESSING

NOTES

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.