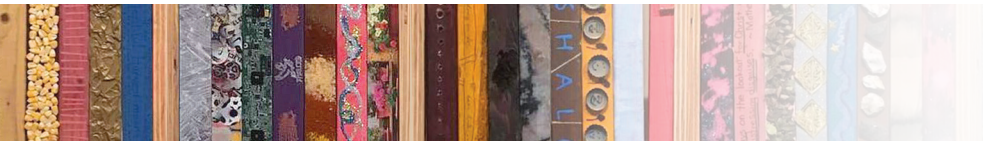


# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



August 24, 2025

**VERSE OF THE YEAR**  
*James 3:18*

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

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE  
Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor, Song Leader  
*\*Come, We That Love* ..... *Voices Together* 31

WELCOME ..... Adrien Keables Hayward

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING  
*\*For the Healing of the Nations* ..... *Voices Together* 705  
*\*Siyahamba (We Are Marching)* ..... *Voices Together* 793

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Invention in E Major* (Bach)

## 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.**

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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.

James 3:18 (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*)

SONG OF RESPONSE

*\*How Can We Be Silent* ..... *Voices Together* 790

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Karin Redekopp Edwards

*Salut d'amour* (Elgar)

## OFFERING & COMMITTING

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

LITANY

Leader: Today we gather together to worship  
and to make a commitment to transform  
our welcome and Christian nurture.

**People: But we remember that God has already made  
a commitment to us through Jesus Christ**

Leader: As we make a financial commitment today,  
we are reminded when the Apostle Paul  
made an appeal for money from the Macedonians,  
but it wasn't their first commitment.

**People: Just like them, we first commit ourselves to God through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: And so, because we always give according to our means,  
whether in time, gifts or money,

**People: we commit ourselves to Jesus Christ first,  
and also desire to excel in everything else:  
in faith, in speech, in knowledge,  
and in our love for one another.**

Leader: May it be so. AMEN.

*At this time you are invited to come forward and place your commitment form in the basket  
at the front of the church.*

## 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

*\*Go, My Children.....Voices Together 830*

### \*WORDS OF BLESSING