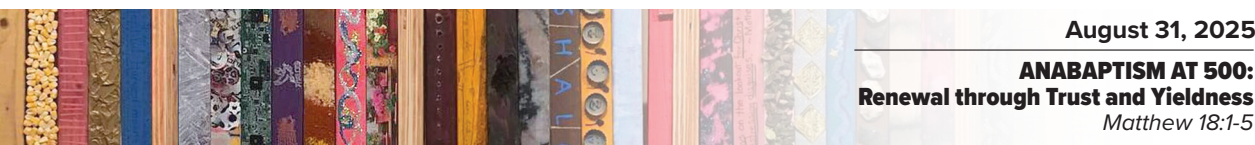


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



August 31, 2025

ANABAPTISM AT 500:
Renewal through Trust and Yieldness
Matthew 18:1-5

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader
**We are People of God's Peace*..... *Voices Together 797*

WELCOME..... Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gathered siblings, may we learn to trust in the Lord with our whole hearts!
People: No more will we rely solely on our intelligence and strength.
All: We will trust in the Lord! With wholehearted resolve, we will employ our minds and our intelligence in the service of the Lord.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, may we come to know the Lord in all our paths;
People: for it is the Lord who will keep our ways straight.
Leader: Trusting the Lord will mean we're not puffed up with our wisdom.
People: We will trust in the Lord. We will not be puffed up with our rightness or wisdom, but in fear and awe of the Lord, we will turn away from evil.
All: Then our bodies will be healthy, and our bones will be strengthened.
Thanks be to God.

Based on *Proverbs 3:5-8*

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One,
we come to worship today desiring to learn to trust you more fully.
The prophet Isaiah assures us that when we seek you, you can be found.
And when we return to you, you will have mercy on us and generously forgive us.
We come today to bend the knees of our hearts.
We humbly acknowledge that just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are your ways higher than our ways, and your plans higher than our plans.
We come to yield our lives anew to you today, to learn to trust as little children trust a good and loving parent. Amen.

**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.

PRAISING

O Christ, Impart Your Teaching TrueVoices Together 583

*When We Walk with the LordVoices Together 570

MUSIC FOR MEDITATIONDave Kuhlmann Taylor

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONVoices Together 888

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGJoe Hayward

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Matthew 18:1-5 (pg 1201)

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

*Come Now, O GodVoices Together 143

RITUAL FOR REMEMBERING OR ANTICIPATING OUR BAPTISM

MUSIC FOR REFLECTIONDave Kuhlmann Taylor

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
**Praise God from Whom..... Voices Together 70*

*WORDS OF BLESSING