

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



August 3, 2025

THE PRACTICE OF HOSPITALITY
Genesis 18: 1-15

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Jeremy Botts, Song Leader
**Abraham Journeyed to a New Country* Page 3

WELCOME..... Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.
People: We are the people who have been set free by forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and are, therefore, a people called to reach out to the sojourners in our midst and in other lands, people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace of fellowship.
Leader: We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.
People: We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending our hands to strangers, refugees, displaced persons, and asylum seekers.
All: With all our being, we will praise God and tell of God’s goodness in our acts of kindness and love toward the "least" among us in our times.
—Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Resources for Immigration-focused Worship

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Together* *Voices Together* 389
**We Dream of a Turning* *Voices Together* 209

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Cora Botts, clarinet; Jeremy Botts, piano
Adagio from Clarinet Concerto in A major (Mozart)

OFFERING PRAYER

**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.

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people, where there are no rooms that are off-limits, and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.

—Thom Shuman, lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Amanda Olsen

Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Genesis 18: 1-15 (p. 19)

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.
People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
"Hospitality and Blessing"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
There Is in Every Person *Voices Together* 751

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Cora Botts, clarinet; Jeremy Botts, piano
Resignation (Southern Harmony) (arr. James Clemens)

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION Richard Gehring

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Voices Together* 940

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Please come to the front to receive the gifts of God. All are welcome. We offer a blessing for anyone not prepared to receive communion. Our bread is gluten-free.

Let the Hungry Come to Me Voices Together 459
I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table Voices Together 801

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER *Voices Together 989A*

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

**Sing a New World into Being Voices Together 809*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP Directly after the service, join us for conversation down in the Fellowship Hall. We won't have any coffee or tea today. Sunday school classes are on break.

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.

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NOTES

The long wait is over: **Summerfest is this coming Saturday!** Plan to join us from 4-7 PM for games starting at 4 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM. Bring a side and/or dessert to share (homemade ice cream if you can!), chairs/picnic blankets, and any yard games you like to lead and play. LMC will provide the drinks, hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and ice cream toppings (everything carefully labeled for folks with dietary restrictions). See you there!

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Greeter: Carlen Sellers

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Paul Reimer, Noah Rhodes

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Kristin Crawford

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Wednesday: Church office closed

Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

Saturday, 4pm: Summerfest!

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Theme: The Practice of Silence

Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 1-13

A/V Technicians: Elias Rose, CJ Yoder

Fellowship Host: Kristin Crawford

Greeter: Carlen Sellers

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Dominick Rhodes, TBA