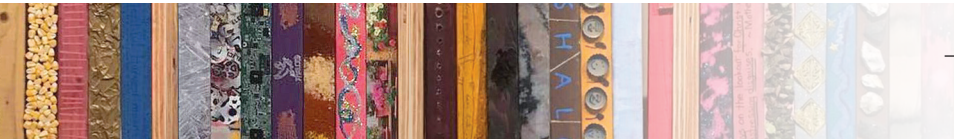


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



September 21, 2025

LAMENT AND HEALING

Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Lisa Rose, Song Leader
**Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*..... *Voices Together* 56

WELCOME..... Eric Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP
**By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.** —Luke 1: 78-79

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Seek Ye First*..... *Voices Together* 417
**My Hope Is Built* *Voices Together* 621

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Choir
Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn (Gambrell; *Voices Together* 146)

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**The deeds are done, the crimes are committed, and many people continue to suffer.
How do we make things right in the aftermath of great wrongs?**

**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.

How do we do this when the wrongs took place across centuries and continents,
and are still continuing today?
How do we do this when we who benefit from injustice
don't see the problem, or address only a fraction of it?
We try to find a quick solution; we don't show our work.

—"The Aftermath" by Carol Penner

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Richard Gehring

SCRIPTURE READING Keith Eiten

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1 (p. 912)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

"Praying With the People Who Have Issues"

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

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Choir

In This Very Room (Ron and Carol Harris)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Lead Me, Guide Me *Voices Together* 601

ANOINTING

INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION

TIME OF ANOINTING

There Is a Balm in Gilead *Voices Together* 647

Healer of Our Every Ill *Voices Together* 644

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

We mute the livestream during this sharing time; prayers are written for distribution for the congregation.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

SENDING

SENDING SONG

**God, Be With Us Voices Together 613*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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.

Save the date: LMC will host *The Cotton Patch Gospel* on October 25 at 7:00pm. Proceeds support hunger relief efforts locally and globally.

Small groups are a vital way for us to connect and support each other as we seek to follow Jesus. Whether you're already part of a small group at LMC or would like to join one, we invite you to complete a small group questionnaire by Sunday, October 5.



TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

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

Children ages 3 – 5th grade go directly to Gathering Time before Sunday school (located downstairs in the back library).

Sunday School Classes for all ages from 11:30–12:15 (or beginning 15 min. after the service ends).

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school starts

2 BELLS: Start of Sunday school

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school ends

2 BELLS: End of Sunday school

ADULT CLASSES (SEPT)

Reflections on Mennonite Action Delegation to Palestine: Sanctuary
Bible In a Year: Conference Room
Coffee & Conversation: Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES

Ages 0-2 years: Nursery, upstairs
Ages 3-5 years: Room 301, upstairs
Grades K-2: Room 102, downstairs
Grades 3-5: Room 103, downstairs
Grades 6-8: Room 101, downstairs
Grades 9-12: Fireplace room, downstairs

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

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Maryam Bighash

Greeters: Jeremy & Caroline Steelberg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Ken G Kabira, Dominick Rhodes

Sunday School: Vina Ariyaprakai, Caroline Steelberg

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Evan & Mona Richards

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

Wednesday,

9:30am: Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study

7pm: Administration Commission

Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

Friday, 7pm: Taizé Service

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Theme: Hope for the Future

Scripture: Jeremiah 32: 1-15

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Amira Bockor

Greeters: Jeremy & Susan Botts

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Vina Ariyaprakai, Dinorah Scott

Sunday School: Arlee Blackburn, TBA