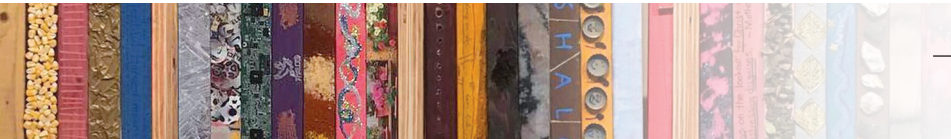


# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



September 28, 2025

**HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

*Jeremiah 32: 1-15*

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

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE  
*\*In Thee Is Gladness*..... Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader  
Voices Together 666

WELCOME..... Deborah Wetherill

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.  
**People: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**  
Leader: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.  
**People: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**  
Leader: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.  
**People: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**  
Leader: Bring all you that you have and all that you are.  
The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.  
[togetherinworship.net/ResourceView/82/21345](https://togetherinworship.net/ResourceView/82/21345)

## OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*\*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*..... Voices Together 347  
*\*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*..... Voices Together 670

## OFFERING PRAYER

## CONFESSING

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Jesse Botts, euphonium; Jeremy Botts, piano  
*Melodious Etude #6* (Bordogni, arr. Rochut)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING..... Ken G Kabira  
Leader: Hear the word of God.  
**People: Our ears and hearts are open.**

Jeremiah 32: 1-15 (p. 945)  
  
Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.  
**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON..... Richard Gehring  
"Shark Tank: Jerusalem"  
With Jamie Huff, Barbara Krehbiel Gehring, Nathan Perrin, and Evan Richards

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

SONG OF RESPONSE  
*Hope Is a Candle*..... *Voices Together* 211

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Jeremy Botts, piano; Jesse Botts, euphonium  
*Melodious Etude #5* (Bordogni, arr. Rochut)

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  
*\*There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*..... *Voices Together* 828

\*BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today we begin a new 6-week adult Sunday school course in the sanctuary on **"Anabaptist Faith and Secular Governments."** We will address topics such as Secular Governments in the Light of Scripture, Christian Nationalism, the War in Ukraine, Tariffs, and Respectful Conversations on Difficult, Political Issues. All are welcome!

The **Mennonite Inquiry Class begins today** in the office classroom. If you want to know more about who Mennonites are and what we believe, or are interested in learning more about this congregation and possibly becoming a member at LMC, this class is for you!

We'll celebrate World Communion Sunday next weekend (Oct 5). As we've done before, we want to offer a variety of breads for communion from around the world. If you would **be willing to bring bread** (such as tortillas, pita bread, zweibach, etc.), contact Maggie B.

Would you like to participate in church life at LMC but aren't sure how to join in? Or perhaps you'd like to find a new way to connect at LMC? Come to the **Introduction to Commissions Fair** during the education hour next Sunday (Oct 5). The lay ministers of Community Life, Mission, Worship, Education, and Church Administration will each have a location set up so you can learn more about how to engage with these lively and meaningful communities within our congregation. Each commission will have hints to discovering a special word, so be sure to stop by them all!

Shop our church's Ten Thousand Villages store in downtown Glen Ellyn for **beautiful handmade rugs from Pakistan on October 8-12**. Rugs will be available in the store Wednesday through Saturday (10-6 pm) and Sunday (12-4). If you are able to help unload the rugs (Tuesday at 4 or later) or reload the rugs (Sunday at 4), please talk to Sharon Ewert.

### 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)

Anabaptist Faith and Secular Governments:  
Sanctuary  
Bible In a Year: Conference Room  
Mennonite Inquiry Class: Office Classroom  
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](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

We love small groups at LMC! Whether you're already part of one or would like to join one, please complete a **small group questionnaire** by Sunday, October 5.



## TODAY AT LMC

**A/V Technicians:** CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

**Fellowship Host:** Amira Bactor

**Greeters:** Botts Family

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Vina Ariyaprakai, Dinorah Scott

**Sunday School:** Arlee Blackburn, TBA

**Church Lockup:** Lyle Bohnert

**Lawn Mower:** Linea Richards

## THIS WEEK AT LMC

**Tuesday, 7pm:** Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

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

**Thursday, 9:30am:** Menno Men

**Saturday, 10am:** Mel G.'s Celebration of Life Service,  
light luncheon to follow

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Theme:** World Communion Sunday

**Scripture:** Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

**A/V Technicians:** Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

**Fellowship Hosts:** James & Katrina Baugh

**Greeter:** Linea Richards

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Caroline Steelberg, Esther Wetherill

**Sunday School:** TBA