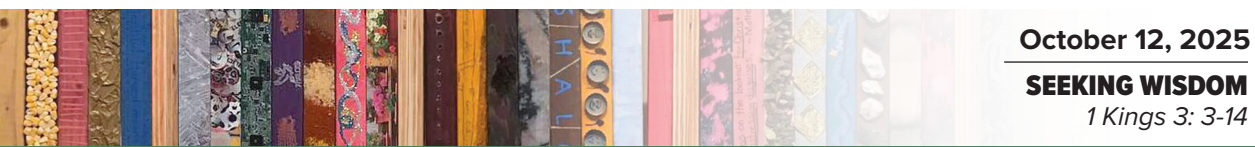


# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



October 12, 2025

**SEEKING WISDOM**

*1 Kings 3: 3-14*

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

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE  
*As Long as Jesus' Reign Goes On*..... Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader  
Voices Together 64

WELCOME..... Richard Gehring

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come seeking a spirit of wisdom,  
**People: a spirit of revelation.**  
Leader: We come to know God,  
**People: and to enlighten the eyes of our hearts.**  
Leader: We come to be reminded of the hope to which God has called us,  
**People: and the riches of God's glorious inheritance.**  
Leader: We come trusting in the immeasurable greatness of God's power:  
**People: the power that raised Christ from the dead;  
the power that seated Christ at God's right hand in the heavenly places.**  
Leader: We come to be part of the fullness of God  
**People: who fills all in all.** —Joanna Harader

## OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*\*Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)*..... Voices Together 102  
*\*Be Thou My Vision* ..... Voices Together 549

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Jeremy Kropf, Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Christians on this Day of Gladness* (Bach, arr. Jenkins)

## CONFESSING

*\*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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Incarnate God,  
**People: we yearn to walk in your way but often choose our own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of choosing our own course, that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Silent confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love.  
Rejoice, because God’s wisdom is your guide, God’s compassion is your strength.  
God’s love is your redemption.  
**All: Come, let us walk in the way of God’s heart.** —June Mears Driedger

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Amanda Olsen  
Leader: Hear the word of God.  
**People: Our ears and hearts are open.**

1 Kings 3: 3-14 (p. 389)  
  
Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.  
**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON ..... Barbara Krehbiel Gehring  
"When You Wish"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE  
*\*God of Grace and God of Glory* ..... *Voices Together* 716

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Jeremy Kropf, Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*In the Garden* (Miles, arr. Hayes)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER

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  
*\*The Lord Lift You Up.....Voices Together 832*

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The Administration Commission invites every LMC household to **submit a financial pledge** for the 2026 budget. We are extending the deadline to next Sunday, Oct 19. You can submit your pledge with the QR code, place a pledge form in Katharine's mailbox (hard copies in the narthex), or send a confidential email to Katharine (office@lom-bardmennonite.org). Your pledges are vital for developing our 2026 spending plan. Thank you! —Administration Commission



In today's "**Anabaptist Faith and Secular Governments**" class in the sanctuary, we'll explore the appropriate use and the misuse of tariffs regarding international trade. Norm E. will lead the class.

The **Cotton Patch Gospel** is on Oct 25, just two weeks away! All proceeds go to hunger relief.

Please stop by the table in the narthex to sign/ highlight your favorite verse in the **Bibles we'll present to our 3rd graders** on October 26.

**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 (OCT)**

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