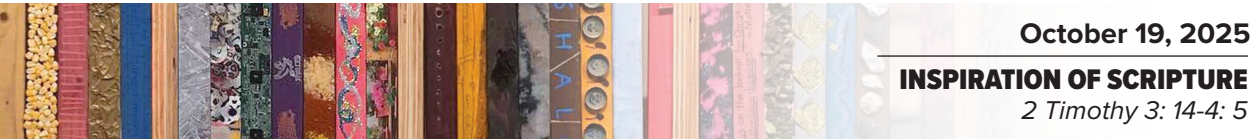


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



October 19, 2025

INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Lisa Rose, Song Leader
**God Is Here among Us* *Voices Together 62*

WELCOME Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP —Based on Psalm 119: 1-9

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.
People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.
Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.
People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.
Leader: How can we keep our way pure?
All: By living according to your word.
Leader: Come, let us praise our God.
All: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* *Voices Together 88*
**Will You Come and Follow Me* *Voices Together 540*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Choir
This Is My Father's World (Durance)

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

**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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
Leader: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?
People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.
Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.
**People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Moment of silence for private confession

Leader: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
**All: for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.** —Psalm 130, NIV 1984

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Deborah Wetherill

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

2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5 (p. 1459)

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

SERMON Richard Gehring
"Inspired to Follow Jesus"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
The Word of God Is Solid Ground Voices Together 399

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Choir
For the Beauty of the Earth (Rutter)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER
Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness, *We mute the livestream during this
People: hear our prayer. 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

**Breathe on Me, Breath of God*Voices Together 737

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In today's **Anabaptist Faith and 'Secular' Governments class**, Pastor Richard will lead us on "Peacemaking to End the War in Ukraine."

We'll hold our **monthly Taizé service** this Friday at 7pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

The **Cotton Patch Gospel**—"the greatest story ever retold"—**is this coming Saturday** (Oct 25) at 7pm at LMC! Join us for this full length, two-act musical experience, which has its origins in the vernacular translation of the book of Matthew, authored by the Koinonia Farms founder. With music by Harry Chapin, you're sure to enjoy this fundraiser to fight hunger. We'll take a freewill offering with 100% of the proceeds going to the Outreach House in Lombard, MCC, and Why Hunger. Bring your friends!

Friendly reminder to **sign the Bibles** for our 3rd graders in the narthex before next Sunday.

Today is the deadline to submit a financial pledge for the 2026 budget. You can submit your pledge with the QR code, place your pledge form in Katharine's mailbox (forms in the narthex), or email office@lombardmennonite.org confidentially.



Join us for the **Harvest Halloween Party next Sunday** at 12:15pm. We'll enjoy a potluck meal together (please bring food to share), then play games, hunt for chocolate, and more! LMC will provide drinks. We love costumes; bring them for your kids to change into or wear them to church (what's a few wriggles?). For families with kids up through junior high.

Camp Menno Haven's fall workdays are this Wednesday and Thursday, and Saturday, Nov 8. Wednesday night lodging is available upon request. Visit mennohaven.com/work-day.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Jill Y. S. is **seeking a co-chair** to work with her through July on Community Life. She needs help making sure fun activities and potlucks can continue to run smoothly.

Plan to join us for the **fall workday** on Saturday, November 1! We'll work from 8:00 AM to noon and then break for a delicious lunch. The to-do list includes tasks for all ages both indoors and outdoors. Workday is always a great time of fellowship while beautifying our church.

Newer attendees of LMC are invited to **Pizza with the Pastors** on Sunday, November 2, after Sunday school. Please RSVP by Oct 28.

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Hilary Rhodes

Greeters: Taylor Family

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Simon Botts, Ken G Kabira

Sunday School: TBA

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Mona Richards, Linea Richards

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

Wednesday, 9:30am: Women of the Word Bible Study

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

12pm: Illinois Mennonite Conference Gathering

Friday, 7pm: Taizé Service

Saturday, 7pm: Cotton Patch Gospel

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Theme: Dependence on God

Scripture: Luke 18: 9-14

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Hilary Rhodes

Greeter: Melissa Miller

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Paul Reimer, Dominick Rhodes **SS:** TBA