

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

November 30, 2025

BE AMAZED: HOPE IN THE FURNACE

Advent 1; Daniel 3: 1, 8-30

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader
*O Come, O Come, Immanuel..... *Voices Together* 210

WELCOME..... Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of our ancestors, you are our constant hope through all the ages.
People: We come eager for stories of you standing among us.
We come longing to feel your presence among your people once again.
Leader: As the days darken around us, hope can feel a distant memory.
People: Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you.
Our allegiance is to you alone.
Leader: Trust in God’s steadfast love. Stand in amazement,
ready to recognize God already among us here, in this place.
All: Our hope is in you, O God. Fill our hearts with the courage of our ancestors.
Ready us to enter their story and be amazed.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

*Hope is a Candle..... *Voices Together* 211
*Jesus, Rock of Ages..... *Voices Together* 622

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION.....Elizabeth Shuman, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Nun wandre, Maria (Hugo Wolf)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONVoices Together 891
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Maggie Bergevin, Marty Lewandowski

CANDLE LIGHTINGNoah and Dominick Rhodes

Leaders: We have been wandering in the dark, fear engulfing us like a burning furnace.
We long for your hope to find us and silence the flames of our fears.

People: Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.
All: May your hope flood the flames of our fears.

SCRIPTURE READING Maggie Bergevin

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

Daniel 3: 1, 8-30 (p. 1054)

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

SERMONBarbara Krehbiel Gehring
"Power and Presence"

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT (silent time of reflection)

SONG OF RESPONSE
Be Still, My SoulVoices Together 664

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Elizabeth Shuman, Karin Redekopp Edwards
Gebet (Hugo Wolf)

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

**Beauty for BrokennessVoices Together 712*

*SENDING BLESSING

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

Next Sunday (Dec 7), we'll hold a **congregational meeting** during adult Sunday school, followed by a **potluck feast** of your family's favorite Christmas meals, salads, and desserts. (The meeting agenda went out in the Friday e-news.) Families A-K should bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Families L-Z should bring a main course that feeds 8-10. Crockpots are always welcome. Please label what you bring with your name, the name of your dish, any dietary info if applicable, and reheating info.

Our 2025 Advent Giving Project

will support our immigrant siblings and those working on their behalf. You can donate with the QR code.



TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: Kristin Crawford, Elias Rose

Fellowship Hosts: Lindy & Dinorah Scott

Greeter: Dave Martin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Vina Ariyaprakai, Caroline Steelberg

Sunday School: Not staffed

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

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, 7pm: MYF Lock In

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Theme: Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley of Bones

Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

A/V Technicians: Kristin Crawford, Dave Kuhlmann
Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Lindy & Dinorah Scott

Greeter: Lyle Bohnert

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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