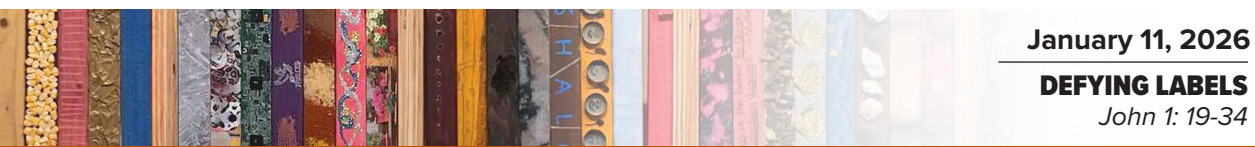


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



January 11, 2026

DEFYING LABELS

John 1: 19-34

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

PRELUDE

PRELUDE Micah Yoder
Accordion Hymn Medley (Various)

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader
**Summoned by the God Who Made Us* *Voices Together 1*

WELCOME Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God you are the creator of the universe and everything in it.
People: We worship you.
Leader: You brought all things into being and continuously breathe life
into each part of the living world.
People: We are in awe of you.
Leader: You formed each of us personally, intentionally, and lovingly,
and you continue to sustain our lives each moment.
People: We cannot live without you.
Leader: And you love us! Not just as your works of art and beauty,
but as your dearly beloved children.
People: Father, let our relationship with you be the defining element of our identities.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**We Praise Thee, O God* *Voices Together 91*

**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.

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, we confess that we do not always keep you at the center of our lives.

People: Help us to find our firm foundation in you.

Leader: Father, we confess that we don't always live as though we believe we are your beloved children.

People: Help us to be in right relationship with you.

Leader: We confess that we can forget you, become distracted, and self-centered.

All: Help us surrender to you in all things.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Hoi Ting Davidson, Karin Redekopp Edwards

يارب السلام *Ya Rab as-salami (God of Peace and Justice)*

(Palestinian and Lebanese traditional, arr Bell; *Voices Together* 711)

שלום חברים *Shalom chaverim (Shalom, My Friends)*

(Hebrew and Israeli traditional; *Voices Together* 842)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Maggie Bergevin, Marty Lewandowski

SCRIPTURE READING Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

John 1: 19-34 (p. 1294)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

As I Went Down to the River to Pray *Voices Together* 453

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Hoi Ting Davidson, Karin Redekopp Edwards

Beauty for Brokenness (Kendrick; *Voices Together* 712)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

PRAYER OF BLESSING AND RELEASE..... Richard Gehring

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness, *We mute the livestream during this sharing time; prayers are written for distribution for the congregation.*
People: **hear our prayer.**

WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

SENDING

SENDING SONG

**Come, Gracious Spirit.....Voices Together 371*

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today in our **adult education class in the sanctuary**, we will be having the second session in a training course on "How to Build our Courage for Public Witness," developed by Menno Action. Kelly W. and Dave M. will lead the class.

Marc R. from NAMI DuPage will be **guest speaking in the Fellowship Hall** today about the importance of holistic health, as well as providing resources for folks both in and outside the recovery community on depression management.—Pastor Nathan

Save the date! The annual **MYF Bistro** is scheduled for Saturday, February 7.

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 (JAN)

How To Build Our Courage for Public Witness:
Sanctuary

Bible In a Year: Conference Room

Holistic Health: Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES

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, 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: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: James & Katrina Baugh

Greeter: Aaron Levitt

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Vina Ariyaprakai, Simon Botts

Sunday School: Not staffed

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday,

7pm: Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

7pm: Pastoral Care Team

Wednesday,

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

10am: Pastor Peer Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

7pm: Mission Commission

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7pm: Worship Commission

Friday-Sunday: MYF Winter Retreat at Menno Haven

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Theme: MLK Sunday

Scripture: John 1: 35–51

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Hosts: James & Katrina Baugh

Greeter: Aaron Levitt

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

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