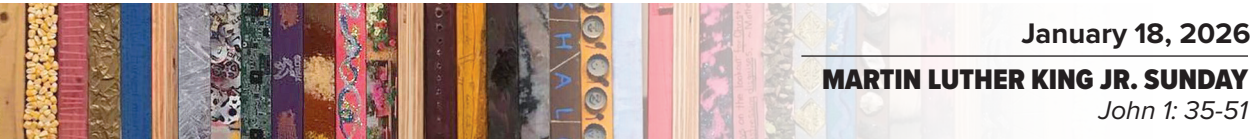


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



January 18, 2026

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SUNDAY

John 1: 35-51

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE
Jesus Calls Us Lisa Rose, Song Leader
Voices Together 30

WELCOME Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The invitation has been spoken: "Come and see." The way is before us.

**People: We heard the call. Now we step forward in wonder;
ready to follow, open to the unexpected.**

Leader: "You will see greater things than these," Jesus says.

People: We stand in openness, waiting to be changed.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Leader who calls us by name,
who sees us as we are and leads us into new life.

**All: We come, ready to follow,
ready to see, ready to be amazed!**

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

There Is a Balm in Gilead Voices Together 647
Lift Every Voice and Sing Voices Together 611

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, help us. When we have run away,

**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.

when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.
Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.
Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.
Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

—Beth Merrill Neel; "Hold Fast to What Is Good" blog. Used with permission.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Choir
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (V. Edwards)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Hasun Lee, Marty Lewandowski

SCRIPTURE READING Amanda Olsen

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

John 1: 35-51 (p. 1295)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Richard Gehring
"Come and See"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
Come and See *Voices Together* 282

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Choir
River of Freedom (L. Shackley)

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
*We Shall Overcome.....Voices Together 803

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are very pleased to report that we closed out our **2025 fiscal year** with income exceeding expenses by \$280. We are beginning 2026 in a strong position. Thank you to everyone for your generous giving to LMC in 2025.—Jeremy K. (Administrative Co-Chair) and Eric N. (Treasurer)

Today in our **adult education class in the sanctuary** we'll be examining our government's military intervention in Venezuela. We'll also explore how Anabaptists and other Christians should respond.

The **membership covenant** is in the narthex today if you haven't had a chance to sign it.

All are welcome to our **Taizé service** this Friday at 7pm in the sanctuary.

The **MYF Bistro**—a full Italian meal in a pop-up restaurant—is just three weeks away on Saturday, February 7! Make your reservation soon for this lovely annual event.

If you **retired in 2025**, the Pastoral Care Team would love to hear from you! We hope to recognize you during one of our Sunday morning services. Please contact a member of the PCT or send us an email at pct@lombardmennonite.org.

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)

Christian Responses to the Military Intervention in Venezuela: Sanctuary

Bible In a Year: Conference Room

Coffee & Conversation: 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