

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

January 25, 2026

ANABAPTIST WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Luke 10: 25-37

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Be Still and Know Liz Shuman, Song Leader

Voices Together 37

WELCOME Deborah Wetherill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to you who are poor in spirit!

Right: **Welcome to you who mourn!**

Left: **Welcome to you who hunger and thirst for justice!**

Right: **Welcome to you who are peacemakers!**

Left: **Welcome to you who suffer and bear what is unbearable
in the name of Jesus Christ!**

Leader: God, in Jesus, welcomes each one of you.

It is he who wants to bear with us the burdens of these days.

All: **Let us open ourselves to his presence, and may his joy grip us this morning.**

—Nathalie Werner in "Words and prayers for worship"

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

My Jesus, I Love Thee Voices Together 133

Siyahamba (We Are Marching) Voices Together 793

OFFERING PRAYER

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

**Lord, we worship and praise you, we stand humbly before you.
We recognize that you accomplish your plans for the world.
We confess our refusal to see the promise of a new humanity.
We are overwhelmed by the matters of this world.
We are distracted from our commitments by other appeals.
We are victims of our prejudices, our fears, and our short-term vision.
We ask you to transform us in the image of Christ.
We ask you to take us into your service and use us in order that all peoples, all races, and all nations might grow together in peace and mutual understanding.
We ask these things in the name of Christ, who is the only one that can make our peoplehood a reality.**

—Michel Sommer in “Words and prayers for worship”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Karin Redekopp Edwards
On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn, arr. KRE)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Joe Hayward
Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Luke 10: 25-37 (p. 1267)

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

SERMON Nathan Perrin
"Compassionate Anabaptism"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Christ Is Waiting Voices Together 287

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Karin Redekopp Edwards
Argentinian Dance No. 2 (Ginastera)

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

**Praise God (Dedication Anthem)*..... Voices Together 70

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today in our adult education class in the sanctuary, we'll have a panel examining "**Christian Nationalism**" in our country today. We'll also explore possible Mennonite responses. The members of the panel are Jamie H., Carlen S., Chuck L., and Nathan P.

Next Sunday, we will **celebrate communion** together. Let us each prayerfully prepare for this time and consider whether God is calling us to reconciliation in a broken relationship (Matthew 5:23-24).

If you **retired in 2025**, please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Team. We'd like to recognize you during a worship service.

The **MYF Bistro** is just two weeks away on Saturday, February 7! Bistro is a full Italian meal in a pop-up restaurant. Enjoy a cozy dinner with friends or celebrate Valentine's Day early with your special someone (the Venture Club provides free babysitting!). We'll serve dinner from 5:30-8:00 PM and the reservation portal is open. Donations will support the MYF's service, listening, and learning trip to Costa Rica this summer.



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

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school ends

2 BELLS: Start of Sunday school

2 BELLS: End of Sunday school

ADULT CLASSES (JAN)

Christian Nationalism: Sanctuary

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 worshiping 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: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Kristin Crawford

Greeter: Linda Oyer

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Hasun Lee, Esther Wetherill

Sunday School: Vina Ariyaprakai, Doug Kimball

Church Lockup: Jeremy Kropf

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

Friday-Sunday: Venture Club Winter Retreat at Menno Haven

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Theme: Peace: Turn the Other Cheek

Scripture: Matthew 5: 38-48

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Kristin Crawford

Greeter: Linda Oyer

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: TBA **Sunday School:** TBA