

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

February 1, 2026

**PEACE: TURN THE OTHER CHEEK**

Matthew 5: 38-48

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

## GATHERING

### SONG OF PRAISE

\**O Prince of Peace* ..... Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader Page 3

WELCOME ..... Adrien Keables Hayward

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *Voices Together* 853

OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*You Are Holy, You Are Whole* ..... *Voices Together* 61  
*New Earth, Heavens New* ..... *Voices Together* 377

OFFERING PRAYER ..... *Voices Together* 1017

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... *Voices Together* 893

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Joe Hayward  
*When Peace Like a River (Bliss, Voices Together 617)*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Ken G Kabira

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

*\*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.

Matthew 5: 38-48 (p. 1183)

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

People: **Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON ..... Richard Gehringer

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee* ..... *Voices Together 573*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Joe Hayward

*Winter's Rest* (Hayward)

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE GIFTS

*Please come to the front to receive the gifts of God. All are welcome. We offer a blessing for anyone not prepared to receive communion. Our bread is gluten-free.*

*Let the Hungry Come to Me* ..... *Voices Together 459*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER ..... *Voices Together 989A*

## SHARING IN COMMUNITY

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

*\*Go Now in Peace* ..... *Voices Together 835*

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

## 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

**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 and ends    2 BELLS: Start and end of Sunday school

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](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

LMC will host **three World Cafés** during Sunday school on February 8, 15, and 22. Each gathering will include food (sweet treats for the first week) and small-group table discussions focusing on "How Can We Make LMC a More Welcoming Community?" This is a chance for all voices to be heard as we work together to become more welcoming, especially to those who have experienced marginalization.

## TODAY AT LMC

**A/V Technicians:** Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

**Fellowship Host:** Kristin Crawford

**Greeter:** Linda Oyer

**Communion Bread & Setup:** Valerie Kropf

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Caroline Steelberg, Esther Wetherill

**Sunday School:** Arlee Blackburn, TBA

**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, 5:30-8pm:** MYF Bistro

## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Theme:** Peace: The Greatest Commandment

**Scripture:** Mark 12: 28-34

**A/V Technicians:** CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

**Fellowship Host:** Amira Boctor

**Greeters:** Doug & Cynthia Kimball

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Micah Johnson, TBA **Sunday School:** TBA