

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

February 8, 2026

PEACE: THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Mark 12: 28-34

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Fill Me Anew Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

Voices Together 739

WELCOME Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer,
to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing,
To service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action,
to protest and provision;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: We hear the call of Christ.

All: We worship together with joy.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Christ Is Our Cornerstone* Voices Together 4

**When In Our Music God Is Glorified* Voices Together 83

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Jeremy Botts, Jesse Botts

Melodious Etude #11 (Marco Bordogni, arr. Joannes Rochut)

**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 CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins.

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

All: Give us peace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Cynthia Kimball

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Mark 12: 28-34 (p. 1239)

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

Take My Life And Let It Be *Voices Together 759*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....

Jeremy Botts, Simon Botts

Andante from Horn Concerto No. 2 (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

OFFERING PRAYER

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

*Move In Our Midst..... Voices Together 827

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for our first **World Cafe on the topic of "How Can We Make LMC A More Welcoming Community?"** We'll engage in small-group table discussions, give an opportunity for all voices in our congregation to be heard, and enjoy some sweet treats. Please attend this important time of generating tangible ways in which our congregation can become more welcoming toward all people, especially those who have experienced marginalization.

Our **World Cafe series** continues for the next two Sundays during the Christian Formation hour, and so do the special snacks! Next week (Feb 15) we'll enjoy savory treats, followed by a potluck lunch on February 22.

We'll hold a short **Ash Wednesday service** on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The ashes placed on our foreheads remind us of our fragility and need of repentance as we journey toward Holy Week and Easter.

The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet with our pastors on February 21. PCRC exists to support our pastors and to keep lines of communication open between them and the congregation. If you have kudos, concerns or questions, please contact a member of the PCRC or use our email address: sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org. Committee members are Melodie Gruber, Ken G Kabira, Carlen Sellers (Chair), and Jonah Wetherill.

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 (FEB)

World Cafe: 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