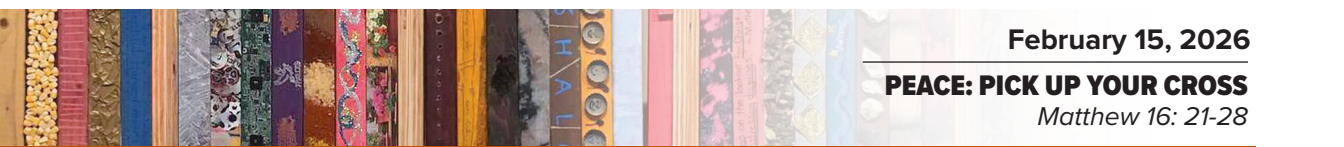


WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



February 15, 2026

PEACE: PICK UP YOUR CROSS

Matthew 16: 21-28

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Pam Eiten, Song Leader
The Lord Is My Light *Voices Together 437*

WELCOME..... Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
Leader: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.
People: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.
Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always. *—Based on Psalm 27 & John 4: 23*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Light Dawns on a Weary World..... *Voices Together 205*
We Praise Thee, O God *Voices Together 91*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Choir
Down to the River to Pray (arr. Mary McDonald)

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

**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

Leader: Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us.
You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves.

**People: Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word;
how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship;
and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble.**

Leader: Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others.

People: You see our anger and unfairness to our friends.

Leader: You know how hard it is for us to forgive.

**All: Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call
to take up your cross and follow you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

—Worship Sourcebook, 2004

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORYRichard Gehring

SCRIPTURE READINGJoe Hayward

Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Matthew 16: 21-28 (p. 1200)

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

SERMONNathan Perrin

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Praise the Gracious PowerVoices Together 87

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Choir

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw)

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

*Who Now Would Follow Christ.....Voices Together 576

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for our second World Cafe session. This week's specific focus is **"Finding Ways To Welcome Better at LMC."** Savory snacks will help keep us energized as we engage in small-group table discussions and provide opportunities for all voices in our congregation to be heard.

Lent begins in a few days. One way to mark this season that helps us prepare ourselves for Easter and center ourselves in Jesus is to join us this Wednesday (Feb 18) for our **Ash Wednesday service** at 7:00pm in the church sanctuary.

We also invite you to use the **"Lent at Home" devotions** from Mennonite Church USA that align with the themes we will follow in our worship.



Next Sunday (Feb 22), we'll enjoy a **Fill Your Bowl Potluck!** Please bring an item to include in LMC's mile-long salad bar (e.g., salad greens, chopped vegetables, nuts, meat, fruit for dessert, pasta, salad dressing, toppings) or a Crockpot soup or stew. Together, we'll fill our bowls and enjoy a hearty meal without needing to use the kitchen for heating or preparation during the World Cafe.

The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet with our pastors this Saturday (Feb 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 email us at sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org. Committee members are Melodie G., Ken G K., Carlen S., and Jonah W.

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 (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

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Illinois Mennonite Conference will hold its **annual assembly** on March 6-7 here at LMC. It'll be a weekend centered on Jesus through connection, worship, learning, and shared life together. This event is for everyone (not just pastors, leaders, or delegates), and includes times of worship, workshops, and social activities. If you'd like to represent the congregation as a delegate at the business session, please contact one of the pastors. Register for free to attend with the QR code.



TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Amira Bactor

Greeters: Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Hasun Lee, Eric Nelessen

Sunday School: Arlee Blackburn, TBA

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

Wednesday,

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

7pm: Ash Wednesday Service

7:30pm: Ministry Team

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7pm: Worship Commission

Saturday, 9am: Pastor Congregation Relations Committee

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Theme: Dwelling in Dissonance: Love and Grief

Scripture: John 11: 1-44

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Maryam Bighash

Greeters: Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Doug Kimball, Dominick Rhodes

Sunday School: TBA