

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

March 1, 2026



**DWELLING IN DISSONANCE: OBVIOUS AND HIDDEN**

*Lent 2; John 13: 1-17*

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

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Jeremy Botts, Song Leader

*\*Will You Come and Follow Me* ..... *Voices Together 540*

WELCOME ..... Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: We come to worship**

Leader: with expectations that may or may not be met;  
with questions that might be answered;  
and answers that might be questioned.

**All: We come seeking God.**

Leader: Seeking a taste of truth; seeking a glimpse of divine presence;  
seeking to make sense of the world.

**All: We come to journey with Jesus,**

Leader: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired,  
moved and confused by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.

**All: Let us worship God.**

OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*\*Jesus Christ Is Love Divine* ..... *Voices Together 749*

*\*Oceans (Océanos)* ..... *Voices Together 456*

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

Leader: Jesus, you don't always act the way we expect,  
the way that seems right and proper and reasonable and wise.

**People: We feel for Peter.**

Leader: In our confusion (and perhaps feeling slightly offended)  
we too may say, "I'm sorry, God. What?!"  
We may say, "No way. Never!"

**People: But you are persistent.**

Leader: You remind us that we don't have to understand everything right now.

**People: You invite us to simply take off our sandals and experience your love.**

**All: Scandalous as it is.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Eben Ariyaprakai  
*Minuet in G Major (Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook); Minuet in G Minor (Bach)*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Ken G Kabira

Leader: Hear the word of God.

**People: Our ears and hearts are open.**

John 13: 1-17 (p. 1314)

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

**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON ..... Nathan Perrin

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*Faith Begins by Letting Go* ..... *Voices Together* 585

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Intermezzo in B Minor, Op. 119, No. 1 (Brahms)*

## 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

*\*All Will Be Well* ..... *Voices Together 586*

### Verses

Our Lord said that all would be well, all manner of things would be well.  
With all the sadness wrought in this world, the good shall always prevail.

In all the doubts that shroud simple truths, we pray for the wisdom of God.  
Give us the faith to trust in your love, when things are concealed from our view.

Our faith is firm and stands on the Word, the Word that endures for all time.  
And so we pray to trust in the hope that all manner of things shall be well.

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## \*SENDING BLESSING

# ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today we begin a new adult Christian Formation class in the sanctuary called "**Confronting Islamophobia.**" Pastor Nathan will begin the course with a discussion on anti-Arabism.

### All are welcome to attend the Illinois Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly

this Friday and Saturday at LMC!  
Join your fellow Illinois Mennonites for a weekend centered on Jesus through connection, worship,



learning, and shared life together. Schedule on the back; please register for meal purposes.

The Ministry Team invites you to **submit nominations for leadership positions** at LMC by March 9. The nomination process is an important way that you can help the work of the church and every nomination matters.



## 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 & ends 2 BELLS: Start & end of Sunday school

## ADULT CLASSES (MAR)

Confronting Islamophobia: Sanctuary  
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

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](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

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## NOTES

The Mission Commission is now accepting **applications for 2026 mission matching grants**.



Have you ever considered running sound or managing the livestream on a Sunday morning? The **LMC AV** team is looking for a few more volunteers! Contact CJ.

## TODAY AT LMC

**A/V Technicians:** Elias Rose, CJ Yoder

**Fellowship Host:** Maryam Bighash

**Greeter:** Hasun Lee

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Arlee Blackburn, Micah Johnson

**Sunday School:** Not staffed

**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:** ICE Responders Meeting

**Thursday, 9:30am:** Menno Men

**Illinois Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly Friday,**

**5:30pm:** Meal and Arrival

**7pm:** Opening Worship (w/ Brian Zahnd)

**Saturday,**

**9am:** Morning Worship (w/ Brian Zahnd)

**10:30am:** Business Meeting

**12:30pm:** Lunch

**2:30pm:** Parish Collective Workshop

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8

**Theme:** Dwelling in Dissonance: Standing Up and Standing Back

**Scripture:** John 18: 12-27

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

**Fellowship Host:** Valerie Kropf

**Greeters:** Adriana & Danilo Alvarez

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Mona Richards, Esther Wetherill