

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



March 29, 2026

**DWELLING IN DISSONANCE:  
PALM SUNDAY AND PASSION SUNDAY**

*John 12: 12–27; 19: 16b–22*

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

## GATHERING

PALM PROCESSIONAL ..... Jeremy Botts & the MennoKids  
*Hosanna In the Highest*

SONG OF PRAISE ..... Pam Eiten, Song Leader  
*\*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ..... *Voices Together* 313

WELCOME ..... Keith Eiten

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: We gather to worship God and to look back on where we've been;**

Leader: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams, remembered "Hosannas!"  
and all these weeks of Lent.

**All: We gather to worship God and to look at where we are now,**

Leader: at Jesus re-defining triumph; and the king on the cross instead of a throne.

**All: We gather to worship God and to wonder at this mystery,**

Leader: of salvation that comes so strangely; of life that comes through death;  
of brokenness meeting grace.

### OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*Unless a Grain of Wheat* ..... *Voices Together* 302

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* ..... *Voices Together* 316

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Vince Kurtz, violin; Karin Edwards, piano  
*Bless the Lord, My Soul* (Jacques Berthier)

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*\*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.

OFFERING PRAYER

## CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, this story is not the one we expected.

**People: We feel for your disciples, so happy to proclaim you king as you rode into Jerusalem.**

Leader: We too have been eager to follow, sure about what that will mean, confident things will turn out well.

**People: We feel for your disciples devastated at your crucifixion.**

Leader: When we are no longer sure about anything.  
When everything we thought we had and knew falls apart.

**People: "Hosanna!" we sang back then, "Save us!"**

Leader: "Hosanna!" we cry now, "God, please!"

**People: And though the story has shifted, you do save.**

Leader: You have.

**People: You will.**

**All: You are.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY ..... Nathan Perrin

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Ken G Kabira

Leader: Hear the word of God.

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

John 12: 12–27, 19: 16b–22 (p. 1312, 1322)

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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ..... *Voices Together* 323

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Vince Kurtz, Karin Redekopp Edwards

*Nada te turbe* (Jacques Berthier)

# SHARING IN COMMUNITY

## RETIREMENT BLESSING

### 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

*\*We Read the Cross .....Voices Together 569*

## \*WORDS OF BLESSING

# ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Join us for **"Loving the Enemy ICE/CBP Response Plan for LMC" training today** in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Our plan for how to peacefully respond if law enforcement agents come to our church on a Sunday morning involves our entire congregation; the more people who are aware of the plan, the more prepared we will be in this critical situation.

To mark Holy Week and prepare for Easter, we invite you to a **Good Friday "Funeral for Jesus"** this Friday at 7pm in the sanctuary. The service will include songs, scripture readings, and tributes from Simon Peter and Mary Magdalene, some of Jesus' closest companions. We'll livestream the service for those unable to attend in person.

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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## EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Join us for a morning of special celebrations!

**8:30am:** Early service outside the Madison Street entrance

**9am:** Potluck Easter breakfast

Please **bring breakfast items that are easy to eat**, such as muffins, deviled eggs, donuts, fruit, rolls—any food you would like to share. Drop off your dish on the serving tables in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

**10am:** Worship service, including joyous singing together, the flowering of the cross, and the celebration of communion. We invite you to **bring flowers** for placing in the cross.

**11:30am:** Easter egg hunt for the kids outside. We won't hold any Sunday school classes.

## TODAY AT LMC

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

**Fellowship Host:** Hilary Rhodes

**Greeter:** Carlen Sellers

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Eric Nelessen, Jeremy Steelberg

**Church 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

**Friday, 7pm:** Good Friday Service

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 5

**Theme:** Dwelling in Dissonance: Death & Resurrection

**Scripture:** John 20: 1-18

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

**Fellowship Host:** Linea Richards

**Greeter:** Carlen Sellers

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** TBA