

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

April 5, 2026

**DWELLING IN DISSONANCE: DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

*Easter Sunday; John 20: 1-18*

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

## GATHERING

### SONG OF PRAISE

Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader

*\*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (El Señor Resucitó)..... Voices Together 346*

WELCOME.....Jamie Huff

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen. Do you hear it?

**All: The sound of joy. Laughter breaking in.**

Leader: Listen! It sounds like harmony.

**All: Angels singing.**

Leader: Why are you weeping? For the grief? For the beauty?

**All: Jesus is risen!**

Leader: Yes! And creation sings it. Yesterday's tears linger, as they must,

**All: but love is stronger than death.**

Leader: Do you believe this? Listen, Jesus is speaking your name.

**All: Our names—each one.**

Leader: Like music of the soul. Can you hear it?

**All: It is the sound of resurrection.**

### OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

### PRAISING AND ADORNING THE CROSS WITH FLOWERS

*\*Mfurahini, Haleluya (Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!)..... Voices Together 341*

*\*Lift Your Glad Voices..... Voices Together 340*

*\*Thine Is the Glory..... Voices Together 355*

*\*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.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION .....Jesse & Simon Botts, Jonathan Orjala, Roy Taylor  
*Thine Be the Glory* (Handel)

OFFERING PRAYER

## CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us make our confession before God and one another, first in silent prayer.  
*Silent confession*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus, you don't always show up where we expect or in the way we expect.

**People: Once again, we feel for Mary, weeping by a tomb.**

Leader: In our grief, we assume that the lost are lost forever.

**People: "Tell me where to go!" we say.**

Leader: Tell me how I can find that piece of what was to cling to a while longer.

**People: And we don't even realize you are there—that you have been there right in front of us all along—until you speak our name.**

Leader: As if to say, "I'm here."

**People: As if to say, "I love you"**

Leader: and promise: "This is not the end."

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**People: Hallelujah!**

**All: Amen!**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Katharine Richert

Leader: Hear the word of God.

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

John 20: 1-18 (p. 1323)

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

**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON ..... Richard Gehring  
"Resurrection Hope"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*\*Low in the Grave He Lay* ..... *Voices Together 333*

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION.....Nathan Perrin

COMMUNION PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*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.*

*I Am the Bread of Life (Yo Soy el Pan de Vida)* ..... *Voices Together 480*

*Come to the Table of Grace* ..... *Voices Together 461*

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,

**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

*\*Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us* ..... *Voices Together 565*

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, Easter breakfast food, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.

Children should meet up with Pastor Nathan in the narthex to head outside for the Easter Egg Hunt.

We won't hold any Sunday school classes today.

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, Kristen Burk, Eric Larson, Laura Larson, Néstor Quiroa, and Kelly Wilson. To contact the entire group: [pct@lombardmennonite.org](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today is the deadline to apply for a **2026 mission matching grant**. This program provides us with an opportunity to collaboratively support local and global ministries that are doing work that aligns with LMC's mission, vision, and values.



## TODAY AT LMC

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

**Communion Bread & Setup:** Valerie Kropf

**Easter Breakfast Coordinator:** Mona Richards

**Fellowship Host:** Linea Richards

**Greeter:** Carlen Sellers

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Vina Ariyaprakai, Caroline 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

**7pm:** Mission Commission

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

## NEXT SUNDAY, APR. 12

**Theme:** Holy Humor Sunday

**Scripture:** John 15: 9-11

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

**Fellowship Host:** Linea Richards

**Greeter:** Carlen Sellers

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** TBA

**Sunday School:** TBA