

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

May 10, 2026

**SAUL ON THE DAMASCUS ROAD**

*Acts 9: 1-20*

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

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

*Longing for Light*.....

Pam Eiten, Song Leader

*Voices Together 715*

WELCOME.....

Keith Eiten

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.

**People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

Leader: Come, everyone, let us sing to the Lord.

**People: Let us tell the world that God has saved us.**

**Let us thank him from the bottom of our hearts.**

Leader: Let us sing songs of praise to God.

**People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

Leader: Come, let us bow down our heads and pray to God.

**People: Let us kneel before the God who made us.**

Leader: He is our God. We are his people. He loves us.

**People: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

Leader: Today if you hear the voice of God in your hearts, follow it.

Do not grumble or argue the way the people in the desert did  
when everything didn't go the way they expected it to.

**All: If today we hear God's voice in our hearts, we must follow it.**

—Based on Psalm 95

OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*The Lord Is My Light*.....*Voices Together 437*

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....*Voices Together 98*

*\*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 ..... Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Great is our God* (Swedish folk tune, arr. Dale Wood)

OFFERING PRAYER

## CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

**People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

Leader: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

**People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

**All: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

—Psalm 130, NIV

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY ..... Alice Kabira

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Amanda Olsen

Leader: Hear the word of God.

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

Acts 9: 1-20 (p. 1340)

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

*I Know Not Why God's Wondrous* ..... *Voices Together* 590

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION ..... Karin Redekopp Edwards

*Partita in C minor: Capriccio* (Bach)

# 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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## WORK OF THE CHURCH

*Please come to the front row and use the microphone to make your announcement.*

# SENDING

## SENDING SONG

*\*Be Thou My Vision* ..... *Voices Together 549*

## \*WORDS OF BLESSING

# ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

For the **sanctuary class today**, Pastor Nathan will be going over the Kairos II document from Palestinian churches and allies. Come learn new developments and ways to partner with the Palestinian Christian church! ~ Nathan

The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet with our pastors this

coming Saturday (May 16). 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 email [sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org](mailto:sharingwithpcrc@lombardmennonite.org) or contact a committee member: Melodie Graber, Ken G Kabira, Carlen Sellers (Chair), and Jonah Wetherill.

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Directly after the service, join us for 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 (MAY)

Kairos II: Sanctuary

Reviving the Golden Rule: Conference Room

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: Office Classroom

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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Be sure to sign up for the LMC **church retreat at Camp Menno Haven** (Sept. 12-13). Here we can relax, have fun, fellowship with one another, and enjoy the great outdoors God has created. Register by May 19 to receive a \$5 discount. We look forward to seeing you there!



Save the date for **Menno Haven's Rally Day** on May 25, a chance to enjoy the campus and celebrate the beginning of a new summer camp season. The Program Dedication is at 11am, with a potluck lunch at noon. Menno Haven provides BBQ chicken and drinks; you bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert to share and your own tableware. Visit [mennohaven.com/rallyday](http://mennohaven.com/rallyday) to RSVP for the meal.

## TODAY AT LMC

**A/V Technicians:** CJ Yoder, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor  
**Greeter:** Ken G Kabira

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Arlee Blackburn, Valerie Kropf  
**Church Lockup:** Lyle Bohnert

## THIS WEEK AT LMC

**Tuesday, 7pm:** Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

### Wednesday,

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

**10am:** Pastor Peer Gathering in Schaumburg

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

**Saturday, 9am:** Pastor Congregation Relations Committee

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17

**Theme:** Dorcas

**Scripture:** Acts 9: 36-43

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

**Fellowship Hosts:** Dinorah & Lindy Scott

**Greeter:** Ken G Kabira

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** TBA