

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

May 17, 2026

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Acts 9: 36-43

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

**Jesus Calls Us* Lisa Rose, Song Leader
Voices Together 30

WELCOME Eric Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather together to worship, let us remember the words of Scripture

People: Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

Leader: Jesus sent his disciples out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

People: For with two, if you fall, someone is there to help you up.

Leader: Jesus says, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

People: Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm.

Leader: Every day the believers continued to meet together in the temple courts.
They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

People: Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

Leader: Let us consider how we may spur each other on toward love and good deeds.

People: A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Leader: So let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another.

All: Let us worship God together. —Joanna Harader

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song Voices Together 56

For the Healing of the Nations Voices Together 705

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Choir; Jeremy Kropf, soloist

Fill-a Me Up! (Pepper Choplin)

**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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, for the times we act out of selfish ambition or conceit,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we care more for our own interests than for the interests of others,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we insist on labeling others—on creating categories of “us” and “them,”

People: forgive us.

Leader: When our mind is far, far away from the mind of Christ,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we only see the forms people take and not their inherent belovedness,

People: forgive us.

Leader: When our obedience to you ends where the difficulties and discomfort begins,

People: forgive us.

Leader: We want our lives to look more like Jesus’ life.

People: We want our feet to follow Jesus’ path more faithfully.

Leader: We want to live more fully out of our belovedness.

People: We want to see more deeply the belovedness of others.

Leader: Forgive our sins.

People: Guide our steps. Hear our prayer, O God.

—Joanna Harader

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

SCRIPTURE READING Joe Hayward

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Acts 9: 36-43 (p. 1342)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Richard Gehring

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Healing River *Voices Together 706*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Choir
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (Getty & Townsend)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

BLESSING OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION VOLUNTEERS..... Nathan Perrin

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

**Calm Me, Lord*.....Voices Together 680

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We'll hold our **monthly Taizé service this Friday** at 7pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to this simple form of worship that invites participants to sit in the presence of God through quiet repeated music with simple lyrics, silence, and prayer.

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 (MAY)

End-of-Life Planning: Sanctuary

Reviving the Golden Rule: Conference Room

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: 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, Hilary Rhodes, and Kelly Wilson. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

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CHURCH RETREAT

Early registration ends on Tuesday for our church retreat at Camp Menno Haven on September 12-13. You won't want to miss the fun and fellowship, not to mention the delicious meals Menno Haven cooks for us. Early registration locks in your lodging choice, helps planners Mona and Evan, and earns you a \$5 discount. What's not to love? Sign up today with the QR code. Thank you!



TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Carlen Sellers

Greeter: Ken G Kabira

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Ken G Kabira, TBA

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Kristin Crawford

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday,

7pm: Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom

7pm: Pastoral Care Team

Wednesday,

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

7pm: Ministry Team

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7pm: Worship Commission

Friday, 7pm: Taizé Service

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24

Theme: Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Carlen Sellers

Greeter: Ken G Kabira

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Caroline Steelberg, Esther Wetherill