

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

May 24, 2026

**PENTECOST**

*Acts 2: 1-21*

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

## GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

*Summoned by the God Who Made Us* ..... *Voices Together 1*

WELCOME ..... Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: enter our silences.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: into the depths of our longing.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: unmask our pretending. Enter our trusting, enter our fearing,  
enter our letting go, enter our holding back.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

Leader: embrace and free us.

—*Voices Together 877*

OPENING PRAYER

## PRAISING

*\*Spirit, Working in Creation* ..... *Voices Together 50*

*We Sing to You, O God* ..... *Voices Together 80*

OFFERING PRAYER

## CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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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.

Leader: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

**People: We open our lives to God's healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors.**

Leader: We are mindful not only of personal evil, but also of communal sins of family, class, race, gender, privilege, and nation.

**All: We confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**People: Amen.**

—Voices Together 888

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Eben Ariyaprakai-Liu  
*Arietta* (Mozart); *Hungarian Folk Song* from "For Children" (Bartók)

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY..... Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING..... Richard Gehring

Leader: Hear the word of God.

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

Acts 2: 1-21 (p. 1330)

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

**People: Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON..... Barbara Krehbiel Gehring  
"Let Go and Lead"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

*There Are Many Gifts*.....Voices Together 374

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Neil Ewert  
*Excursion Op. 61, No. 23* (Oesten); *Dragon March* (Ricker)

## 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

*\*Joys Are Flowing like a River.....Voices Together 375*

### \*WORDS OF BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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In **today's sanctuary class**, we will screen the documentary *Mennonite Voices from Minneapolis and St. Paul* about the responses of the Anabaptist community to ICE raids in the Twin Cities. - Pastor Nathan

LMC will have a table at Lombard Pride Fest on Sunday, June 7 from noon to 3pm. If you can **help staff our table**, set-up, give away fun stuff, etc., please contact Carlen S.

### 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)

*Mennonite Voices from Minneapolis & St. Paul:*  
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: Fireplace Room

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](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

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## RALLY DAY

**Menno Haven Camp invites everyone to Rally Day tomorrow**, which is a chance to enjoy the campus and facilities and celebrate the beginning of a new summer camp season! The Summer Program Dedication starts at 11 am, with a potluck lunch at noon. Menno Haven provides the BBQ chicken and drinks; you bring a side dish, salad and/or dessert to share and your own tableware. Try out the climbing wall, kayak or pedal boat around the lake, and/or take a hayrack ride in the afternoon. To RSVP for the meal and for more info, visit [mennohaven.com/rallyday](http://mennohaven.com/rallyday).

## TODAY AT LMC

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

**Fellowship Host:** Carlen Sellers

**Greeter:** Ken G Kabira

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Caroline Steelberg, Esther Wetherill

**Church Lockup:** Lyle Bohnert

**Lawn Mower:** Néstor Quiroa

## THIS WEEK AT LMC

**Monday,**

**11am:** Menno Haven Rally Day, Tiskilwa, IL  
Church office closed

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

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

**Saturday, 11am:** IMC/MYF City Trip

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31

**Theme:** Cornelius Accepted

**Scripture:** Acts 10

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

**Fellowship Host:** Carlen Sellers

**Greeters:** Lindy & Dinorah Scott

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Worship:** Doug Kimball, Dominick Rhodes