

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



July 5, 2026

PAUL'S VOYAGE TO ROME

Acts 27: 39-28: 10

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

**Holy Spirit, Come to Us* *Voices Together 58*

WELCOME Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars,
before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

**People: To worship is to be silent, receptive,
before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.**

Leader: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill;
it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

**People: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth;
it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.**

**All: Worship is the mystery within us
reaching out to the Mystery beyond.**

—*Voices Together 855*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Sing to God a New Song *Voices Together 93*

All Creatures, Worship God Most High *Voices Together 81*

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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.

**Christ, our companion, you came not to humiliate the sinner
but to disturb the righteous. Welcome us when we are put to shame,
but challenge our smugness, that we may truly turn from what is evil
and be freed even from our virtues, in your name.**

—Voices Together 898

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION.....Aaron Wetherill
Sonatina (Kabalevsky)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING.....Gray Taylor

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Acts 27: 39-28: 10 (p. 1366)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON.....Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
“Beginnings, Endings, and Everything in Between”

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
My Hope Is Built.....Voices Together 621

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Aaron Wetherill
Toccatina (Kabalevsky)

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INVITATION & TABLE PRAYER.....Voices Together 947

RECEIVING THE GIFTS

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.

Eat This Bread (Coman de este pan).....Voices Together 476

I Come with Joy.....Voices Together 478

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD’S PRAYER.....Voices Together 989A

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

BLESSING FOR THE MYF GROUP GOING TO COSTA RICA 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

**Go, My Friends, In Peace Voices Together 839*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday school classes are on break for the summer.