

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church



August 2, 2026

JESUS MEETS THE CANAANITE WOMAN

Matthew 15: 21-28

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Lisa Rose, Song Leader
**Come Away from Rush and Hurry*..... *Voices Together 9*

WELCOME..... Nathan Perrin

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your word
and our life in the world.
People: **Be with us now as we sing and pray together,
that we may hear your voice and understand your way.**
All: **This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**
—Voices Together 857, amended

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

To God Be the Glory *Voices Together 84*
Nzambi wakatamba (God Loves All His Many People) *Voices Together 767*

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE *Voices Together 888*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Karin Redekopp Edwards
Prelude in E Major, WTK I (Bach)

**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.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Ken G Kabira

Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: **Our ears and hearts are open.**

Matthew 15: 21–28 (p. 1198)

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.
People: **Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON Jenae Longenecker
“Transformation Through Encounter”

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant *Voices Together* 778

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Karin Redekopp Edwards
Etude in A-flat Major, “Aeolian Harp” (Chopin)

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.
Just a Closer Walk with Thee *Voices Together* 743

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.**
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

**Here I Am, Lord.....* *Voices Together* 545

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our 2026-2027 verse of the year will focus on the last part of our mission statement, Serving Others. We'll announce our verse on August 30 and immediately put our faith into practice by **packing MCC school kits** during church.

We invite you to **purchase the following NEW items** and place them in the bin in the narthex by August 30.

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in; 70 sheets each)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small ALL METAL - not plastic pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Thank you!

Come welcome our Muslim neighbors in Lombard at Masjid Uthman's **Open Mosque Day** on Saturday, August 15 at 11 AM. Fellowship, guided tours, and refreshments provided! Masjid Uthman is located at 1208 S Lawler Ave in Lombard.~ Pastor Nathan

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.

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 Pastor Nathan or any member of our Pastoral Care Team: Rebecca Huff (chair), Hilary Rhodes, Hasun Lee, Doug Kimball, Elliot Johnson, Pam Eiten, and Vina Ariyaprakai. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

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NOTES

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Kelly Aten

Greeters: Valerie & Jeremy Kropf

Communion Bread and Setup: Valerie Kropf

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Valerie Kropf, Esther Wetherill

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Kristin Crawford

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Theme: TBA

Scripture: TBA

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Kelly Aten

Greeters: Valerie & Jeremy Kropf

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Hasun Lee, Bart Miller