

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

August 16, 2026

ZACCHAEUS REPENTS

Luke 19: 1-10

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader
**Summoned by the God Who Made Us* *Voices Together 1*

WELCOME.....Aaron Levitt, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-6):

Left: O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,
Right: *Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.*
Left: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
Right: *Let us shout joyfully to Him with songs.*
Left: For the Lord is a great God
Right: *And a great King above all gods,*
Left: In whose hand are the depths of the earth,
Right: *The peaks of the mountains are His also.*
Left: Who has the sea, for it was He who made it,
Right: *And His hands formed the dry land.*
All: Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord, may we do your work as if there were no grace,
and rest in your grace as if there were no work.

PRAISING

**Draw the Circle* *Voices Together 802*
**Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* *Voices Together 131*

**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 downstairs in the fireplace room (the nursery is under construction).

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Left: Lord, you are a giver of bread and not rocks, fish and not serpents, warm clothes and filling food, not empty wishes.

Right: *Too often, though, we give what feels good to give, rather than what is most needed.*

All: **Help us to give what our neighbor requires, and be glad of whatever satisfaction that may bring, rather than giving what we please, and leaving our neighbor with whatever good that might provide.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor, Dylan Rhodes, Hilary Rhodes, Gray Taylor
Amazing Grace (Newton)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Joe Hayward

Leader: Hear the word of God.

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

Luke 19: 1-10 (p. 1281)

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

People: **Blessed be God forever!**

SERMON Nathan Perrin
“The Meaning of Repentance”

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

**Will You Come and Follow Me* *Voices Together* 540

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor, Dylan Rhodes, Hilary Rhodes, Gray Taylor
Down in the River to Pray (Traditional, Wittig)

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

**There's a Wild Hope in the Wind Voices Together 828*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The next **all LMC ladies WOW luncheon** is this Wednesday at 11:30am at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park. Hi-View (425 W St Charles Rd, Villa Park), is a longstanding family diner known for its American classics, all-day breakfast favorites, and generous portions. Please let Mona Richards know by tomorrow if you plan to attend so she can secure our reservation.

Nathan will be out of the office this Thursday through Sunday (August 20-23). Let's be very conscientious about not calling or texting him while he's gone. He's covering extra work while Barb and Richard are on sabbatical, making break times all the more crucial. If you have a pastoral concern or emergency, please contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team, listed on the back cover of the bulletin.

We are **collecting items to put together MCC school kits** as part of our verse of the year worship service on August 30. You can drop off supplies (**new only**) in the bin in the narthex. Each kit takes the following:

- 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)

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 Hosts: James & Katrina Baugh

Greeter: Amanda Olsen

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Arlee Blackburn, Doug Kimball

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Evan & Mona Richards

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Wednesday

11:30am: WOW Lunch

7pm: Ministry Team

Thursday-Sunday: Nathan out of the office

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7:15pm: Worship Commission

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Theme: MYF Costa Rica Trip

Scripture: TBA

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Hosts: Doug & Cynthia Kimball

Greeters: Evan & Mona Richards

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Christy Johnson, Paul Reimer