

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

September 6, 2026

FAITHFULLNESS THROUGH IDENTITY

Daniel 1: 3-17

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE
*Ehane he-ama (Father God, You Are Holy).....Voices Together 59

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

*Cantai ao Senhor (O Sing to the Lord).....Voices Together 113

*What Does the Lord Require of You?.....Voices Together 207

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Voices Together 895

**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).

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATIONJeremy Botts

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Eli Reimer

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

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

SERMONAdrien Keables Hayward

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
The Word of God Is Solid GroundVoices Together 399

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Jeremy Botts

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INVITATION & TABLE PRAYERVoices Together 936

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.

Let Us Break Bread TogetherVoices Together 482
In the Singing, in the Silence.....Voices Together 481

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, *We mute the livestream during this sharing time; prayers are written for distribution for the congregation.*
People: **hear our prayer.**

WORK OF THE CHURCH
Please come to the front row and use the microphone to make your announcement.

SENDING

SENDING SONG

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds.....Voices Together 831, v. 1*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

It’s almost here! **LMC’s retreat at Camp Menno Haven** is next weekend, September 12 and 13. Those of you who registered, we look forward to seeing you at camp. Please bring snacks to share, a favorite game, and a lawn chair. Camp grounds are open to us starting at 1pm on Saturday until 4pm on Sunday.

If you won’t be at Menno Haven, you have **two other options** to join LMC for church next week on September 13. We’ll livestream the service from Menno Haven. You can watch it at home, or gather with other LMCers at the church building for a service that includes some of the livestream and some in person music and sharing.

Small groups are a vital way for us to connect and support each other as we seek to follow Jesus. Whether you're already part of a small group at LMC or would like to join one, you're invited to **complete a small group questionnaire** by Saturday, September 19. Hard copies of the survey are in the narthex, or you can scan the QR code.



TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday school classes are still on break, but they will return on September 20. Mark your calendars!