

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

September 20, 2026

KEEPING THE SABBATH HOLY

Luke 6: 1-11

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Lisa Rose, Song Leader
**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*..... *Voices Together 536*

WELCOME.....Jenae Longenecker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.
People: We come to rest.
Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.
People: We come to learn.
Leader: Some of us are hungry.
People: We come to be fed.
Leader: Some of us are disoriented.
People: We come to pray.
Leader: Some of us are broken.
People: We come to be healed.
Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.
People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.
All: Grant us your peace. Amen. —Voices Together 854

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name *Voices Together 126*
You Are Holy, You Are Whole *Voices Together 61*

OFFERING PRAYER

**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).

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Unclutter our lives, Lord;
we have too much, consume too much, expect too much.

People: **Grant us perspective;
to see this world through others' eyes
than just our own.**

Leader: Grant us compassion;
where there is need, to play our part
not turn aside.

People: **Grant us gratitude for what we have,
our daily bread, the gift of life.**

All: **Unclutter our lives, Lord,
give us space, simplicity,
and thankful hearts.**

—From faithandworship.com

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Karin Redekopp Edwards
Sonata in E Major, K. 380 (Scarlatti)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Maggie Bergevin

SCRIPTURE READING Katharine Richert

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

Luke 6: 1-11 (p. 1257)

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

SERMON Nathan Perrin

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Christ Is Waiting *Voices Together 287*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Karin Redekopp Edwards
Prelude No. 2 (Gershwin)

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

**Quietly, Peacefully.....* *Voices Together 533*

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We're doing a soft launch of our fall Sunday school classes today! **Children ages 3 through 5th grade will be in the Fellowship Hall for the entire education hour**, first in Gathering Time and then in group play and crafts. Their classrooms aren't available this week due to Phase 4 construction, but should be available next week. We'll keep you posted!

Venture Club will meet in the office classroom today. **MYF** will be in the Conference Room.

Adults, we'll kick off our **climate change series** in the sanctuary with guest speaker Margaret Klein Salamon zooming in. Margaret is a clinical psychologist turned climate activist. Her work teaches people how to turn paralyzing climate anxiety into courageous grassroots action. We'll share free copies of her book, *Facing the Climate Emergency*.

We'll hold our monthly **Taizé service** on Friday at 7pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to this simple form of worship that invites participants to sit in the presence of God.

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 (*today located in the Fellowship Hall.*)

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 (SEPTEMBER)

Facing the Climate Crisis: Sanctuary

CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES

Ages 3-5th grade: Fellowship Hall (today only)

Grades 6-8: Office classroom

Grades 9-12: Conference 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 Pastor Nathan or any member of our Pastoral Care Team: Rebecca Huff (chair), Vina Ariyapra-kai, Pam Eiten, Elliot Johnson, Doug Kimball, Hasun Lee, and Hilary Rhodes. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Pronoun stickers for your nametags are in baskets next to the bulletins in the narthex. Pronoun stickers provide a clear visual reference to address a person's gender identity correctly. The stickers are optional and available to everyone at LMC.

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoderr

Fellowship Hosts: Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

Greeters: Jeremy & Caroline Steelberg

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Dave Lantz, Audra Nelessen

Sunday School: Valerie Kropf, Katharine Richert

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Kristin Crawford

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7:15pm: Worship Commission

Friday, 7pm: Taizé Service

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Theme: Not a Throne, but a Towel

Scripture: John 13: 1-7, 34-35

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Danilo & Adriana Alvarez

Greeters: Taylor Family

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Simon Botts, Evan Richards

Sunday School: Eric Nelessen, Jeremy Steelberg