

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

October 4, 2026

HOLY CURRENTS

Exodus 2: 1-10; Revelation 21: 6

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE	Adrien Keables Hayward, Song Leader
<i>*Here in This Place</i>	<i>Voices Together</i> 10
WELCOME.....	Nathan Perrin
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Voices Together</i> 863
OPENING PRAYER	

PRAISING

<i>*Could It Be That God Is Singing</i>	<i>Voices Together</i> 42
<i>*My Life Flows On</i>	<i>Voices Together</i> 605
OFFERING PRAYER	

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<i>Voices Together</i> 891
WORDS OF ASSURANCE	
MUSIC FOR MEDITATION	Vince Kurtz
<i>Sonata 1 in G minor, Presto, part 1 (Bach)</i>	

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING	Amanda Olsen
Leader: Hear the word of God.	
People: Our ears and hearts are open.	

**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).

Exodus 2: 1-10 (p. 63); Revelation 21: 6 (p. 1532)

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

People: **Blessed be God forever!**

POETRY READING Hasun Lee
"A Prescription for Times of Transition" by Katherine Kenyon Henderson

SERMON Annabeth Roeschley
"Living Water: Stories of Change, Grief, and Memory"

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

SONG OF RESPONSE
Great Waters (Sol Weiss)

Lyrics from the Hebrew blessing over immersing in a mikveh. Music and English lyrics by Sol Weiss

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Vince Kurtz
Sonata 1 in G minor, Presto, part 2 (Bach)

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

INVITATION & TABLE PRAYER*Voices Together* 939

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.

Seed, Scattered and Sown *Voices Together* 477
Come to the Table of Grace *Voices Together* 461

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

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

*WORDS OF BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are excited to welcome **Annabeth Roeschley** (they/she) as our guest preacher today. They are the Executive Director of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests, serving over 15 years as an activist and advisor for queer intersectional justice within and beyond Mennonite Church USA. Annabeth embodies this role as a queer abolitionist theologian, ritual curator, and politicized chaplain at the intersections of individual and collective healing. A graduate of Bluffton University, Annabeth holds a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary with a concentration in LGBTQ+ Religious Studies.

The Administration Commission invites every LMC household to **submit a financial pledge** for the 2027 budget by next Sunday (Oct 11). You can submit your pledge with the QR code, place a pledge form (hard copies in your mailbox and in the narthex) in Katharine's mailbox, or send a confidential email to Katharine (office@lombardmennonite.org).



Pastors Barb and Richard return from sabbatical on Wednesday! Barb's first day back in the office will be Wednesday, while Richard's first day back will be Thursday.

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 before Sunday school (*located downstairs in the back library*).

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 (OCTOBER)

Facing the Climate Crisis: Sanctuary

Salt & Light Bible Study: Room 303

Coffee & Conversation: Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES

Ages 3-5 years: Room 101, downstairs

Grades K-2: Room 102, downstairs

Grades 3-5: Room 103, downstairs

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 Ariyaprakai, Pam Eiten, Elliot Johnson, Doug Kimball, Hasun Lee, and Hilary Rhodes. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

LMC STAFF



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On sabbatical, returns October 7



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NOTES

We invite newer attendees of LMC to **Pizza with the Pastors** on Sunday, October 18 at 12:15pm. This annual event is a great way for you to get to know us better, and vice versa. Come with your questions about Anabaptism, our mission statement, church programs that nurture your faith, opportunities for discipleship—whatever is on your mind! Please RSVP to the church office by Oct 15 and share any special dietary needs as well. We look forward to deepening our relationship with you.

Next Sunday (Oct 11), Mennonite Action Chicago and Advocates4Justice will host a **Palestinian cultural art night** at Living Water Community Church from 4:30-7pm. Suggested donation at the door is \$10; all are welcome!

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Valerie Kropf

Greeters: Taylor Family

Communion Bread & Setup: Valerie Kropf

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Mona Richards, Esther Wetherill

Sunday School: TBA, Doug Kimball

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Paul Reimer

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday, 7pm: Pastoral Care Team

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Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Theme: Unseen Footprints

Scripture: Psalm 77

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Valerie Kropf

Greeter: Ken G Kabira

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Micah Johnson, Katharine Richert

Sunday School: Vina Ariyaprakai, Eric Nelessen