

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

October 18, 2026

DO JUSTICE, EMBRACE LOVE, WALK HUMBLY

Micah 6: 1-8

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE
Here in This Place Pam Eiten, Song Leader
Voices Together 10

WELCOME..... Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in a congregation to find a place of home,
People: a place to belong with people to share our journey.
Leader: We gather in a congregation to find a spiritual home,
People: a place where our understanding of God and our understanding of our world can grow.
Leader: We gather in a congregation to find a place to worship,
People: for as our understanding grows, our gratitude to God grows also.
Leader: We gather in a congregation because with others we can better respond to God in service,
People: for as our gratitude grows we long to walk the way of Jesus into whatever mission God places before us.
All: We gather, because together we grow in God.

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

For the Beauty of the Earth..... Voices Together 120
God, Be the Love Voices Together 43

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION..... Joe Hayward
Simple Gifts (American traditional)

**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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: When our spirits despair and we deny our blessedness,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: When we ignore the mighty things you have done,
when we doubt your mercy,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: When we are proud in the thoughts of our hearts,

People: when our power rests on the oppression of others,

Leader: when our wealth causes others to go hungry,

All: forgive us, O God.

Silence

Leader: Help us, your servants, according to the promises you have made.

—Spacious Faith, Joanna Harader

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S STORY Nathan Perrin

SCRIPTURE READING Ken G Kabira

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Micah 6: 1-8 (p. 1123)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Richard Gehring

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Enviados somos de Dios (We Have Been Sent by God) Voices Together 771

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION..... Joe Hayward

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

**Go in Grace and Make Disciples.....* *Voices Together 766*

*SENDING BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are so pleased to have our **Muslim friends from the men's and women's Interfaith Book Clubs** with us for worship today! Join us for special treats and coffee after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday, we invite you to **Meet the Commissions** during the education hour. The lay ministers of Community Life, Mission, Worship, Christian Formation, and Administration will each have a location set up so you can stop by and learn more about these lively communities within our congregation.

Calling all newer attendees of LMC! We invite you to join us for **Pizza with the Pastors today** at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. No RSVP, no problem. We look forward to getting to know you better.

We'll hold our **monthly Taizé service** this 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 through quiet repeated music with simple lyrics, silence, and prayer.

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

12:15PM: PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Plan to join us for the **fall workday** on Saturday, October 31! We'll work from 8:00 AM to noon and then break for a delicious lunch. The to-do list includes tasks for all ages both indoors and outdoors. Workday is always a great time of fellowship while working shoulder to shoulder to beautify our church. Please contact Paul R. with any questions.

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Hilary Rhodes

Greeters: Paul Reimer & Melissa Miller

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Christy Johnson, Dave Lantz

Sunday School: Bart Miller, Ruth Quiroa

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday, 9:30am: Women of the Word Bible Study

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

7:15pm: Worship Commission

Friday,

3-6pm: Private Event

7pm: Taizé Service

Saturday,

6am-3pm: Private Event

5pm: Celebration of Life Service for Fern Martin

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Theme: Love

Scripture: Matthew 22: 34-40

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Hilary Rhodes

Greeters: Paul Reimer & Melissa Miller

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Simon Botts, Valerie Kropf

Sunday School: Ken G Kabira, Paul Reimer

Events: Choir Rehearsal, Meet the Commissions, MYF & Venture Club Outing to Abbey Farms