

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

October 25, 2026

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT
Matthew 22: 34-40

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

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader
 **Uyai mose (Come All You People).....Voices Together 2*

WELCOME.....Katrina Baugh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known
 and from you no secrets are hidden.

**All: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
 of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

—Voices Together 860

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.....Voices Together 638*
**Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy.....Voices Together 796*

OFFERING PRAYER

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Voices Together 893

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**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).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Choir
I Will Arise and Go To Jesus (arr. Austin Lovelace)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S STORY Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor

Leader: Hear the word of God.

People: Our ears and hearts are open.

Matthew 22: 34-40 (p. 1208)

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

People: Blessed be God forever!

SERMON Barbara Krehbiel Gehring

Read by Richard Gehring

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

Renew Your Church *Voices Together* 717

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Choir

An Unclouded Day (arr. Roger Emerson)

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

**Move in Our Midst* *Voices Together* 827

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

In lieu of adult Christian Formation classes today, we invite you to **Meet the Commissions** in the Fellowship Hall! Come, interact with fun people, and learn about how you can be a part of the wonderful work of the LMC ministry commissions—Administration, Christian Formation, Community Life, Mission, and Worship. There will be snacks and a code game, and if you crack the code, your name will be eligible for a gift certificate from Glen Ellen Fair Trade.

Most of us have never had the opportunity to help with a barn raising, but who says we can't have our own? This **coming Saturday (October 31) is our fall church workday**—a chance for all ages to work shoulder to shoulder as we prepare our church for winter, make needed repairs, and beautify our building and grounds. We'll work from 8:00 AM to noon, then break for a delicious lunch. Tasks are available for all ages and all skill levels, both indoors and outdoors. Come join us for our own LMC "barn raising"—there's a place for everyone! Contact Paul R. with any questions.

Next Sunday, we'll begin a 2-week adult Christian Formation class in the sanctuary on **"The Essence of Justice in the Gospel of Matthew."** How does Matthew define justice? What is the core of justice, and what does it signify for us in our contemporary world? On November 1 and 8, we will delve into this important theme of justice by examining unique stories and phrases found exclusively in Matthew's Gospel. ~ Linda O.

Huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped us pull off a wedding and a celebration of life service and fellowship meal in the same day! The families are very grateful, as is the office staff. Thank you!

The **Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is seeking volunteers** to assist with mailings the last week of the month. They expect to mail 100 letters this month, and 400 next month. If you have two hours of a morning or afternoon to assist, please contact Dorren at dorrenbg@lmpeacecenter.org.

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)

Meet the Commissions: Fellowship Hall

12:15pm: MYF & Venture Club Outing to Abbey Farms

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, and Hilary Rhodes. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

LMC STAFF



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NOTES

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: Gray Taylor, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor

Fellowship Host: Hilary Rhodes

Greeters: Melissa Miller & Paul Reimer

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Simon Botts, Valerie Kropf

Sunday School: Ken G Kabira, Paul Reimer

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Néstor Quiroa

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Tuesday, 7pm: Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

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

Thursday, 9:30am: Menno Men

Saturday, 8am-12pm: Fall Church Workday

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Theme: All Saints Sunday

Scripture: TBA

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Host: Linea Richards

Greeters: Melissa Miller & Paul Reimer

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Adriana Alvarez, Micah Johnson

Sunday School: Bart Miller, Eric Nelessen