


# Proclaiming the Good News

May 5, 2024

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*Assisted listening devices are available at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary.* 

**GATHERING** Hilary Rhodes, Song Leader  
*Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT #1

Welcome Keith Eiten

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is he who made us and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;

**People: give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**All: For the Lord is good and his love  
endures forever; his faithfulness  
continues through all generations.**

Opening Prayer

**PRAISING**  
*As We Rise, O God, to Meet You* VT #39  
*Be Thou My Vision* VT #549

Music for Meditation Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Nocturne* (Eckhardt-Gramatté)

Offering Prayer

## CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**All: All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned to our own way.**

Leader: We have wandered in restlessness  
and busyness, far from your pastures  
and waters. Our souls are troubled.

**People: Gather us, Lord.**

Leader: We have preferred our own paths  
and put our own names first.

**People: Lead us, Lord.**

Leader: We are hungry and empty,  
wounded and thirsty.

**People: Feed us, anoint us, Lord.**

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned to our own way.  
And the Lord has laid on Christ  
the sins of us all.

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

*Silence for individual confession*

Words of Assurance

Leader: Surely God's goodness and mercy  
follow us all the days of our lives,  
and we are invited into the house  
of God's presence, this day, and forever.

**All: The Lord is our shepherd.  
We shall not want!**

—Nina B. Lanctot; based on Isaiah 53: 6, Psalm 23

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Amanda Olsen

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

John 21: 12-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Barbara Krehbiel Gehring  
"Sobremesa"

Listening for the Spirit

*Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing* VT #344

Music for Reflection Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Prelude in A-flat Major, WTK I (Bach)*

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

Instructions and Invitation  
Communion Prayer VT #944

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements (Our bread is gluten-free.)  
*Come to the Table of Grace* VT #461  
*God Welcomes All / Amen* VT #32

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer VT #989

**SHARING IN COMMUNITY**

Congregational Sharing and Prayer  
Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Work of the Church

**SENDING**

*Together* VT #389

Closing Prayer

**Lord Jesus, we thank you  
for your abiding Presence in our lives  
and in the beloved community of  
Lombard Mennonite Church.**

**Bless our discernment of faithful witness  
and welcome, through the power of your Spirit,  
moving among us.**

**As you have loved us, may we love one another.  
Guide our sharing and decision-making  
so that your grace and peace shine through  
in all we say and do.**

**Open the path, as we walk in faith.  
Fill us with bright hope.**

**In your precious name, we pray. Amen.**

**This Week's Activities**

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<b>Today</b>	Nursery: Cora Botts, Carmen Martinez	10:00 AM
	Nursery: Laura Larson, Ken G Kabira	11:30 AM
	Adult Christian Formation	11:30 AM
	• Church History—Ancient to Anabaptism (Sanctuary)	
	<u>Serving Today:</u>	
	• A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Evan Richards	
	• Greeters: Jeremy & Caroline Steelberg	
	• Coffee Host: Carmen Martinez	
	• Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant	
<b>Wed</b>	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
	Ministry Team	7:00 PM
<b>Thu</b>	Menno Men	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Care	7:00 PM
<b>Sat</b>	Pastor Congregation Relations Committee	9:00 AM

# Announcements

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- The **contemplative prayer group** will not meet during the month of May but will resume in June.
- Now is the time to **register for Vacation Bible School!** From June 3-7, 9-11 AM, kids will have an exciting chance to learn about following Christ and making a positive impact on the world. Sign up now and let Pastor Nathan know if you can volunteer. The deadline to register is May 23.
- Next Sunday (May 12), we'll hold a **brief congregational meeting** immediately following the worship service to approve the 2024-2026 leadership slate.
- This coming Saturday (May 11) from 2-6 PM, plan to join fellow LMCers and Mennonite Action at a **Nakba protest/commemoration** with American Muslims for Palestine at the Richard J. Daly Center (50 W Washington St, Chicago). We'll join the march under the banner "Christians for Ceasefire," as our Palestinian neighbors have asked of us. If you'd like to carpool downtown, please meet at the LMC parking lot at 12:30 PM.
- **Save the date!** In two weeks on Pentecost Sunday (May 19), we'll enjoy a delicious meal provided by the Discernment Planning Team, followed by a discernment discussion with our consultant Janet Guthrie. We'll need meal and childcare helpers as usual; watch for the signup links and more information about the event.
- We invite you to join us for our annual LMC Church Retreat at Camp Menno Haven in Tiskilwa, IL on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8. Take advantage of **early registration—due by June 2**—and save \$5! Contact Evan or Mona R. with questions.