

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
January 19, 2025 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**



All God's children — of all ages — are welcome in worship at First Church of Lombard. This morning, children are invited to participate in worship with their families. Sunday School will resume next Sunday. For parents who need a quiet, calm place to go with smaller children, the Nursery is available across from the main office. The audio of the service -- as well as activities for infants and toddlers -- are accessible, but the room is not staffed.

PRELUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. Mark Hayes

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GATHERING FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***GATHERING SONG** *Enter Rejoice and Come In (NCH #73)*

*Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.*

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***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us, embolden our faith. Amen.

Children in preschool through 5th grade are now dismissed to Sunday School; a teacher will be on-hand to guide them to their class. Sunday School students should be picked up by a parent or other responsible adult at 11:30 a.m. at the Resource Room (on the lower level).

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

through a mission moment *The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* Amos Team

through an anthem *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Voices of Peace

through scripture John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

through a sermon Water from a Stone

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (NCH #565)

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for serving that your will on earth be done:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.*

*Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;
From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.
Then when years on earth are over, and we've lived our human span,
God fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.*

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG

In Solitude (NCH #521 vs. 1)

Lyrics: Ruth Duck

*In solitude, in solitude, I come to God in prayer.
In silence and simplicity, my spirit blossoms there.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for
Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

SENT FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GRACE

***PARTING SONG**

There's Honey in the Rock

Refrain:

*There's honey on the rock
For all God's children
Honey on the rock, honey on the rock
There's honey on the rock
For all God's children
Feed every child of God*

Verse 1

Solo: Hypocrite, hypocrite God despise

All: Feed every child of God

Solo: Tongues so clean, but he still tell lies

All: Feed every child of God

Verse 2

Solo: We can have justice if we can

All: Feed every child of God

Solo: Right is right and fair is fair

Refrain

Verse 3

Solo: Heart to heart and hand to hand

All: Feed every child of God

Solo: Together we'll push to the Promised Land

All: Feed every child of God

Verse 4

Solo: If we're gonna be fair we gotta open the door

All: Feed every child of God

Solo: We gotta feed the homeless and feed the poor

Refrain (2x)

Ending:

Feed every child of God (2x)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Pepper Choplin

***As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.**

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There will be a church council meeting tomorrow, Monday, January 20th at 7:00 PM in the north conference room.



NEWS AND NOTES

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STAR WORDS

Star Words were handed out on January 12. Just as the Magi followed a star on an unknown journey, reflect on the word you received to guide your spiritual journey in 2025. Be sure to place the star somewhere where you will see it often! If you were unable to attend worship on January 12, star words will be in the narthex through the end of January, or get one here: <http://www.wordoftheyear.me/>

HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19!

Gather at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 19 in the North Conference Room (lower level) for an intergenerational opportunity to honor the Martin Luther King holiday with "Reflections on Dr. King." This is for people of ALL ages! Also available via Zoom; link will be sent the week before this special learning opportunity. Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions.

EXAMINING "THE CHOSEN" WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FCL!

All are invited to "Examining The Chosen," a five-week Wednesday evening series starting January 22 at 7 p.m. in the North Conference Room (Lower Level) or via Zoom. Each week, we'll watch a clip from an episode of the hit series "The Chosen," which brings the story of Jesus to life in a fresh and engaging way. Participants will receive a link to watch the full episode beforehand, and during our time together, we'll discuss the themes, characters, and insights from that week's episode. This is a great chance to explore the life of Jesus in a new way while connecting with others. Don't miss out on this inspiring experience, whether in person or online! Zoom link will be sent the week before our first session; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information.

COMMUNITY TABLE

Everyone is welcome to come to Community Table and enjoy a hearty meal this Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come and reconnect with old friends or come out and make some new ones. We hope to see you there!

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Our 2nd Annual Pizza fundraiser to support LOVE Christian Connections (formerly LOVE Christian Clearinghouse) is here! Order your pizza, salad, and/or dessert now for SuperBowl Sunday, and support a worthy cause. Help a family pay a portion of their rent, utilities, or car repair, and get a delicious meal at the same time!

All orders are due by February 5th. See the flyer all the details [HERE](#) or scan the QR code for more information.



If you have any questions, contact Lynda S. Wilson at 630-707-1868, or Jill Terpstra.

DINNER, DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

First Church of Lombard resumes our "Dinner, Documentary, and Discussion" series on Friday, January 24 with "Tig." Comedian Tig Notaro announced her cancer diagnosis at what became a legendary stand-up set in 2012. Follow her search for humor amid devastating news. Bring your dinner and gather at 6:00 p.m. either in the North Conference Room or via Zoom. Contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org with questions or to be sent Zoom links.

NEW ADULT FAITH EXPLORATION SERIES COMING: "NO LAUGHING MATTER"

Come be a part of "No Laughing Matter: How Humor Guides, Teaches, and Transforms," an engaging Adult Faith Exploration class beginning Sunday, January 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the North Conference Room (Lower Level) or via Zoom. Come explore the powerful role humor plays in our lives — guiding us through difficult situations, teaching us important lessons, and transforming our perspectives. Whether in person or online, this class promises insightful discussions and a fresh look at how laughter can deepen our faith and understanding! Zoom link will be sent the week before our first session; contact vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org for more information.

FCL'S SOUP & TRIVIA NIGHT – FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST!

Get ready for a souper good time on Friday, January 31st, starting at 6 p.m.! Join us for an evening packed with delicious soup, friendly faces, and a brain-boosting trivia showdown. Everyone's welcome, whether you're here to test your trivia knowledge, chow down on some tasty homemade soups, or just enjoy the company of friends.

We're calling all soup lovers! If you've got a favorite recipe, bring it along to share with the crowd! No soup? No problem! You can still join in the fun – come donate, eat, or play trivia (or do all three!). The Parish Life Committee will provide drinks, bread rolls, and sweet treats. Sign up on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs or contact Val Sutton (vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org) or Amy O'Callaghan (amyandjohn1999@yahoo.com).

CHILI COOK-OFF IS COMING... AND COOKS ARE NEEDED!

The Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8 in Hatfield Hall! This fun, delicious event raises funds for our Youth Community Summer Mission Trip (location TBA). As always, this event will feature a huge array of chili just waiting to be taste-tested...

Do YOU have what it takes to be voted the best? We are now seeking cooks/chefs to submit a delicious chili! Sign ups to enter a chili begin Sunday, January 19 after worship... and will continue on January 26 and February 2. You can also email vsutton@firstchurchoflombard.org to sign up.

Tickets for the event on February 8 will be available at the door for \$8 each or \$30 per family.

CHAPEL VARIETY PROGRAM SERIES FOR 2025

There are three programs coming up:

- Historian Terry Lynch will appear as Paul Revere, Sunday March 2 at 3:00 PM
- Village Vocal Chords Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 PM
- The American Heritage Concert Sunday April 6 at 3:00 PM

Terry Lynch will appear as Paul Revere, Son of Liberty. Revere played a critical role in the fight for American independence. He is known for much more than his famous horse ride to Lexington. Learn how he became a Son of Liberty. - Admission \$20

Village Vocal Chords is a women's barbershop chorus, chartered with the international organization of Harmony, Inc. They will present a program of four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. - Admission \$20

The American Heritage Concert “Frozen, Billy Joel, and All That Jazz” will feature music from Frozen, a Duke Ellington medley, music from On the Town, Morton Gould’s Pavanne, The Best of Billy Joel, and Trumpeter’s Lullaby. - Admission \$25

Admission to all 3 programs is \$55, a \$10 savings over the individual prices.

For more information visit MapleStreetChapel.Org or call 630-627-0171.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Joanne Munsterman would like her First Church family to know how very grateful she was for the nearly four dozen birthday cards that were sent to her in honor of her 96th birthday. She said to please express her delight to all of the thoughtful friends for the lovely cards and special wishes. As an added treat, the cards were mailed to Joanne over a ten-day period to extend the joy of this special day.

IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

MECCA & FCL INTERFAITH BOOK GROUP

Everyone is invited to the Interfaith Book Group on Saturday, January 25th at 2 PM in the North Conference Room at First Church where the book Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates will be discussed. We hope you can join us.

Any questions, please contact Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com.

UPDATE FROM ILLINOIS COMMUNITY FOR DISPLACED IMMIGRANTS (ICDI)

Chicago has the largest number of people seeking asylum. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, (ICE) has 4K people in its Alternatives to Detention program in LA, & 4,000 in New York City. There are 19 K people in program in Chicago. ICDI is now housing & providing case management to more people than at any time in its history.

Please join us for the Road Ahead on Immigration – How Can We Help event to be held on Sunday, January 26th at 3:30 PM at Bethel United Church of Christ, 315 E. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst. Come and hear what still needs to be done this year and how faith institutions can help.

ICDI is still in need of the following donations for immigrants:

- Shoes & Boots in all sizes
- Jackets in all sizes
- Kids snow pants
- Menstrual kits: Pads (12 to a pack of mixed absorbency)

These items can be dropped off in the blue bin outside of the Narthex.

For more information, please contact Jeri Shaw at jeri.shaw@me.com.



Volunteers for Sunday, January 19, 2025	Volunteers for Sunday, January 26, 2025
<u>Liturgist</u> Deb Rodak	<u>Liturgist</u> Judy Andersen
<u>Ushers</u> Andi Cooper Jason Cooper	<u>Ushers</u> Dave Ivey Mike Rodak
<u>Coffee Hour</u> Christine Esposito Larry Hebert Kevin Lattner	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Barb Sorgatz Tiffany Warmowski Steve Warmowski
<u>Sound</u> Thomas Hammerschmidt	<u>Sound</u> Charlie Peterson
<u>Video Streaming</u> Charlie Peterson	<u>Video Streaming</u> Eric Wilson

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Monday & Wednesday

Available by appointment

Friday & Saturday

CLOSED

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