

# CENTENARY CHURCH

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## WELCOME



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# Everyone Is Welcome

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We are glad that you are here and invite you to fill out the Connect Card that is in your bulletin. Please note the prayer requests and connections opportunities on the back of the card. Completed Connect Cards may be placed in the offering plate as you leave today.

Join us for coffee and donuts after the service.

Centenary United Methodist Church is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Centenary has made a commitment to intersectional LGBTQ justice, and affirms that everyone is beloved and celebrated in our ministry.

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## Announcements

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**New Member Class Today** If you are interested in learning more about Centenary's ministry and being a part of the community here, attend the New Member Class in person (childcare available) or on Zoom after worship today at 11:00 a.m. Talk to Pastor Michelle if you would like to attend.

**Grief Group** A grief group for men and women will meet at the church on Monday, November 22nd at 1:30 p.m. The group will continue monthly on the 4th Monday of the month. Talk to Pastor Michelle for more information.

**Connections Shelter Week November 22nd - 28th** We have one open spot left to provide a meal for Sunday, Nov. 28th (home cooked and delivered, or delivered by a local restaurant). There are 3 spots open for morning volunteers: Thursday Nov. 25th (Thanksgiving Day), Saturday the 27th, and Sunday the 28th. Morning volunteers come in about 6:30 a.m. to start the coffee, greet guests, and do some light cleaning. They are done by about 8:30 a.m. Donations for supplies can be sent to the church marked, "Connections Shelter." To sign up, call Carla Frederick at 507-381-4159 or use the links:

Meals: <https://tinyurl.com/5jyc447r>

Morning greeters: <https://tinyurl.com/2w43dnwf>

**Christmas Garden** It's a joy to decorate the Sanctuary this Christmas season with the beauty of flowers and greenery. Support our effort by filling out an order form (available in the office or in the Friday enews) and including a payment of \$20 or more. Forms may be turned in to the office, mailed, or dropped in the offering plate after worship. Deadline is December 1st.

**Zoom Discussion: What is the Meaning of Mission** What is the difference between *mission* and *missionary*? That difference is the theme of this month's Berry-Gibson-Eggert Zoom Gathering, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join in this discussion about what you might think a calling for a Christian Mission in Today's world might be. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5689213145>

– Jim Gibson, Del Eggert,  
Jim Malcolm, and Timothy Berry

**Advent Kickoff** Join us Sunday, November 28th at 11:00 a.m. for an Advent kickoff event! Everyone from the church is welcome to come, and we will make Advent wreaths, pick up an Advent devotional, and learn more about the different themes for Advent.

# Order of Service

*Ask an usher for assistance with hearing devices and large print bulletins.*

## **Prelude**

*Kristy Gilberts*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Opening Song**

Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee

*by John Dykes*

## **Children's Time**

## **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Unison Prayer (Bruce Sanguin)**

Holy One, your love for us is fathomless. We can neither comprehend it nor can we ever penetrate its depths. Yet we insist on measuring ourselves by the worst in us, by the slipups and the shame-filled moments. Release us from our worn-out scripts, which imprison us, lock up life, and leave us languishing in death. You call us from disgrace to dignity, and await the return of our prodigal souls with outstretched arms, a royal robe, and the finest champagne: instead of lessons to put us in our place, you adorn our faces with kisses, reminding us who we are in your welcoming eyes. Amen.

## **Special Music**

Testify To Love

*by Judd*

## **A Reading From Luke 15:11-24**

## **Sermon**

**Progressive Prodigal**

**Lydia Jagodzinski**

## **Closing Hymn**

Give Thanks

*by Medema*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Give Thanks

*by Medema*

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## More Information

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### See A Detailed Calendar

Looking for recurring or special events. We always have a variety of things happening, for all ages. [www.MankatoCentenary.org/events](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org/events)

### Kid & Youth Involvement

Get your children involved with Centenary. We have classes, gatherings, and are always doing something fun! To be notified of happenings, email Lydia. [Lydia@MankatoCentenary.org](mailto:Lydia@MankatoCentenary.org)

### Service Video Archive

Did you miss a sermon or want to watch something again? We have services archived on our website. [www.MankatoCentenary.org/archive](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org/archive)

### Donate Online

Thank you for your gifts, which make ministry possible. You can support Centenary's ministry through our webpage. [www.MankatoCentenary.org](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org)

### Email Newsletter Signup

We'd love to keep you up to date with everything happening at Centenary. Our email newsletter is sent out once a week on Fridays. Sign up! [www.MankatoCentenary.org](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org)

### Connect With Pastor

If you have a pastoral care concern or are interested in joining Centenary, contact Pastor Michelle. [Michelle@MankatoCentenary.org](mailto:Michelle@MankatoCentenary.org)



### Online Pledge Form

There is still time to send in a pledge for the 2022 General Campaign: A Future With Hope <https://onrealm.org/Centenary/AddPledge/hope>

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## Serving in Worship

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Lead Pastor..... Rev. Michelle Hargrave  
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries..... Lydia Jagodzinski  
Liturgist ..... Jim Gibson  
Worship Tech Coordinator..... Eric Koser  
Tech Booth..... Gale Bigbee  
Music Coordinator..... Doug Faust  
Musicians ..... Nate Beran  
Friends & Family Band..... Nate Beran, Mark Braun, Kelly Coyle, Doug Faust,  
..... Lori Faust, Pam Soper, Craig Timmerman  
Greeters..... Marlys Sturm, Kris Vogel  
Ushers ..... Brian Frederick  
Servers ..... Carla Frederick, Mike Laven, Amy Willette