

Advent Midweek Order of Service

Wednesday, November 30,
December 7, 14, 21, 2022
8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Celebration of Saints' Days—The celebration of biblical saints gives us the opportunity to reflect upon how God called men and women like us into the service of the Gospel. By their example we see what it is to be a faithful Christian as we continue our earthly sojourn and look forward to our Lord's Second Coming. In the saints we see the power of God's grace at work in the ordinary lives of sinners like us who accomplished extraordinary things.

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Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 203. Use this insert or one of the ribbons as a bookmark. The propers for the day are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation	856
"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"	
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Salutation and Collect for the Day

The Old Testament and Creed are sometimes omitted at midweek services.

Epistle/First Reading

November 30:	Romans 10:8b-18	The Gospel calls us to faith
December 7:	Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60	The Martyrdom of Stephen
December 14:	1 John 1:1—2:2	The Apostle John witnessed Christ
December 21:	Ephesians 4:7, 11-16	The gift of the Ministry

Holy Gospel

November 30:	John 1:35-42a	Andrew is called to faith
December 7:	Matthew 23:34-39	The persecution of the prophets
December 14:	John 21:20-25	John testified to Christ in his Gospel
December 21:	John 20:24-29	Thomas witnesses the risen Christ

Hymn of the Day

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"By All Your Saints in Warfare"

Stanzas 1, Saint's Day Stanza, then Stanzas 4 and 3

November 30:	St. Andrew, Apostle	—Stanza 5
December 7:	St. Stephen, Martyr	—Stanza 7
December 14:	St. John, Apostle	—Stanza 8
December 21:	St. Thomas, Apostle	—Stanza 6

Prayer of the Church

Offertory Hymn

November 30:	"How Shall They Hear' Who Have not Heard?"	831
December 7:	"The Son of God Goes Forth to War"	661
December 14:	"On Galilee's High Mountain"	835
December 21:	"We Are Called to Stand Together"	828

Service of the Sacrament

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Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

Distribution Hymn (at 2:30 and 6:30)

November 30:	"Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling"	630
December 7:	"Wide Open Stand the Gates"	639
December 14:	"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"	640
December 21:	"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"	624

Hymn to Depart

November 30:	"O God of Light"	836
December 7:	"The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place"	838
December 14:	"O Sing of Christ"	362
December 21:	"From God the Father, Virgin-Born"	401