

Advent Midweek Order of Service

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20, 2023

8:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Lord Jesus! — Advent is the season of comings. In preparation for our Lord's Second Coming, Jesus promised, "When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." (John 15:26; 14:18) The ministry of the Holy Spirit played a vital role in the coming of our Savior in the flesh, and He continues to play a vital role in how Jesus comes to us every day. By the Holy Spirit's ministry in our lives we are prepared for Christ's Second Coming in glory.

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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

December 6: "Prepare the Royal Highway"	343
December 13: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"	347
December 20: "When All the World Was Cursed"	346

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Introit *prayed by the pastor*

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Salutation and Collect for the Day

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

Epistle

December 6: The Night Is Far Spent	Romans 13:11-14
December 13: Comfort and Hope by the Spirit	Romans 15:4-13
December 20: Stewards of the Mysteries	1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Holy Gospel

December 6: Jesus Heals the Demoniac	Mark 5:1-20
December 13: Jesus Restores to Life	Mark 5:21-42
December 20: Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute	Mark 7:31-37

Hymn of the Day

December 6: "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"	498
December 13: "O Day Full of Grace"	503
December 20: "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"	573

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory Hymn

December 6: "Hark the Glad Sound"	349
December 13: "Christ Is Surely Coming"	509
December 20: "Once He Came in Blessing"	333

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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)

December 6: "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"	500
December 13: "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"	497
December 20: "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"	768

Hymn to Depart

December 6: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	357
<i>Stanzas 1, 3, & 4</i>	
December 13: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	357
<i>Stanzas 1, 2, & 5</i>	
December 20: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	357
<i>Stanzas 1, 6, & 7</i>	