

Advent Midweek Order of Service

Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18, 2024
8:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Preparing for Birth: This year our Advent midweek meditations focus upon the preparations for the birth of the Christ child. The Angel Gabriel spoke the Lord's Word into the frail and doubting ears of Zechariah, announcing the conception of John, the forerunner of the Christ. The Angel Gabriel spoke the Lord's Word to the Virgin Mary and she conceived the Christ child. Mary greeted Elizabeth with the Lord's Word and the baby John leapt for joy in his mother's womb. The Lord's Word gives birth to faith and joy for our comfort and strength.

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Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 203. The propers for the day are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation

December 4:	"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"	352
December 11:	"Once He Came in Blessing"	333
December 18:	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	338

Confession and Absolution

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Introit Psalm *prayed responsively by half verse*

December 4:	25
December 11:	80
December 18:	85

Kyrie *The Gloria In Excelsis is omitted during Advent*

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Salutation and Collect for the Day

Old Testament Reading

December 4:	Daniel 9:20-27
	Gabriel Appears to Daniel at the Evening Sacrifice
December 11:	2 Samuel 7:1-17
	God's Covenant with David
December 18:	Micah 5:2-5a
	Bethlehem Is Foretold as the Birthplace of the Christ

Holy Gospel

December 4:	John's Birth Announced to Zacharias	Luke 1:1-25
December 11:	Christ's Birth Announced to Mary	Luke 1:26-38
December 18:	Mary Visits Elizabeth	Luke 1:39-56

Hymn of the Day

December 4:	"In the Shattered Bliss of Eden"	572
December 11:	"From East to West"	385
December 18:	"Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness"	371

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory Hymn

December 4:	"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"	337
December 11:	"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"	356
December 18:	"My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord"	934

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)*

December 4:	"Wide Open Stand the Gates"	639
December 11:	"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"	624
December 18:	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	621

Hymn to Depart

December 4:	"Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors"	339
December 11:	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"	359
December 18:	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	393