

Advent Midweek Order of Service

Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17, 2025

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

Preparing for Christ's Second Advent: *This year our Advent midweek meditations focus upon the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. What should we understand about Christ's second coming, judgment day, and the last days? Jesus catechizes us in the Gospel reading for each week. The Apostles amplify upon Jesus' catechesis with reinforcement of the call to repentance. Christians should not fear Christ's second coming or judgment day, but we should rather look forward to that day with great anticipation.*

Lutheran Service Book Divine Service Folder

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Hymn of Invocation

December 3:	"The Night Will Soon Be Ending"	337
December 10:	"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" (Sts. 1-4)	508
December 17:	"The Clouds of Judgment Gather"	513

Confession and Absolution

Kyrie *The Gloria In Excelsis is omitted during Advent*

Salutation and Collect for the Day

Epistle Reading

December 3:	2 Peter 3:3b-9
	The Lord is not slack concerning His promise.
December 10:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
	Comfort one another with the hope of the resurrection.
December 17:	2 Peter 3:10-14
	The day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night.

Holy Gospel

December 3:	Luke 17:20-37
	The Signs of the End of the Age
December 10:	Luke 21:5-24
	The Coming of the Son of Man
December 17:	Luke 21:25-38
	Watch and Pray

The Creed *(is sometimes omitted at the midweek service)*

Hymn of the Day

December 3:	"Christ Is Surely Coming"	509
December 10:	"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"	585
December 17:	"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"	515

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

"Create in Me"

Service of the Sacrament

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 3:	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	621
December 10:	"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"	640
December 17:	"O Living Bread from Heaven"	642

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

December 3:	"The Advent of Our King"	331
December 10:	"What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"	342
December 17:	"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"	345

Hymn to Depart

December 3:	"Creator of the Stars of Night"	351
December 10:	"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" (Sts. 5-7)	508
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