



Unwrapping the

Gifts

A Midweek Advent Series

For pastors looking for propers for midweek Advent services, LCMS Worship suggests the following. It is an Advent series drawn from the table on Page 159 of *The Lutheran Hymnal*. If used in its entirety, the congregation will hear four significant Old Testament prophesies of our Lord's advent from four different prophetic writings and the entirety of the first chapter of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, thus preparing us to hear the Christmas Gospel from Luke 2.

Suggested liturgy: Vespers (Lutheran Service Book, P. 229).

Dec. 2, Wednesday of Advent I

Opening Hymn: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" (LSB 342)
Psalm 143 (tone G)
Office Hymn: "Creator of the Stars of Night" (LSB 351)
Jeremiah 33:14-18
Luke 1:1-25
Closing Stanza: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357:1)

Dec. 9, Wednesday of Advent II

Opening Hymn: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" (LSB 352)
Psalm 91 (tone G)
Office Hymn: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" (LSB 356)
Micah 4:1-7
Luke 1:26-35
Closing Stanza: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357:1)

Dec. 16, Wednesday of Advent III

Opening Hymn: "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" (LSB 514)
Psalm 98 (tone E)
Office Hymn: "Savior of the Nations, Come" (LSB 332)
Malachi 3:1-6
Luke 1:39-56
Closing Stanza: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357:1)

Dec. 23, Wednesday of Advent IV

Opening Hymn: "Hark the Glad Sound" (LSB 349)
Psalm 145 (tone E)
Office Hymn: "A Great and Mighty Wonder" (LSB 383)
Isaiah 40:1-8
Luke 1:57-80
Closing Stanza: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357:1)