



Unwrapping the *Gifts*

An Advent Midweek Lectionary and Hymn Guide

Despite the well-established custom of midweek Advent services in our parishes, our worship book does not provide lectionary readings or suggestions for midweek. This allows for seasonal themes to be developed, but sometimes pastors look for some concrete guidance in this area. The following suggestions are offered for consideration in meeting this need. This guide provides a psalm and Old Testament reading for each day, plus a narrative portion of Luke 1 to introduce the story of our Lord's Advent in the flesh.

Advent Midweek I

Suggested liturgy: Vespers or evening prayer

Psalm 25

Office hymn: Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 351 *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Readings: Isaiah 40:1–11 and Luke 1:5–25

Advent Midweek II

Suggested liturgy: Vespers or evening prayer

Psalm 45

Office hymn: LSB 356 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14 and Luke 1:26–45

Advent Midweek III

Suggested liturgy: Vesper or evening prayer

Psalm 24

Office hymn: LSB 340-341 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Readings: Isaiah 35:3-6 and Luke 1:57–80