



# Unwrapping the

# Gifts

## Suggestions for Advent Midweek, 2019

*LCMS Worship offers the following Propers as suggestions for the celebration of midweek Vespers (LSB, p. 229) or Evening Prayer (LSB, p. 243) in the 2019 Advent season.*

### Wednesday of Advent 1 (December 4):

**Hymns:**

Opening Hymn (Vespers only): 888 O Gladsome Light, O Grace  
Office Hymn: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come  
Magnificat: 935 Tell Out My Soul

Psalm 24 (Tone G or, for a two-part tone, Tone I)

**Readings:** Isaiah 40:1–5; Luke 1:5–25

**Additional Collect:**

Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, O Lord, that, as they rejoice in advent of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh, so when He comes a second time in His majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

### Wednesday of Advent 2 (December 11):

**Hymns:**

Opening Hymn (Vespers only): 890 O Blessed Light, O Trinity  
Office Hymn: 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came  
Magnificat: 933 My Soul Rejoices

Psalm 132 (Tone G or, for a two-part tone, Tone I)

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 7:4–17; Luke 1:26–45

**Additional Collect:**

Most merciful God, who has given Your eternal Word to be made flesh of the pure Virgin, grant to Your people grace to put away the desires of the sinful nature so that they may be ready for Your visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Wednesday of Advent 3  
(December 18):

**Hymns:**

Opening Hymn (Vespers only): 892 O Light  
Whose Splendor

Office Hymn: 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the  
Lord

Psalm 85 (Tone G)

**Readings:** Malachi 4:1–6; Luke 1:57–80

**Additional Collect:**

O God, You make us glad each year with the  
yearly anticipation of our redemption. Grant that  
we who joyfully receive Your only-begotten Son  
as our Redeemer, may behold Him without fear  
when He comes to be our Judge; Who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.