



MIDWEEK III

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord* ..... **LSB 352**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** *p. 243*

*Stand*

**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** the light no darkness can overcome.

**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** and the day is almost over.

**L** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** and illumine Your Church.

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*Sit*

**PSALM 141** *p. 245* 🎵

**READING**

**L** A reading from Isaiah, 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## READING

**L** A reading from 1 Timothy, 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## READING

**L** A reading from Luke, 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

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SERMON by Pastor Brandt  
“Your Advent/Christmas Privilege”

SERMON HYMN  
*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* .....LSB 341

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*Stand*  
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*To the Confirmation Students for preservice sharing*  
*To Doug DeJong for operating the projector*  
*To Care and Share for the refreshments*

**Holiday Schedule**  
Christmas Eve: Divine Service at 9a w/Children’s Program  
New Years Eve: Divine Service 8a