Midweek Advent Vespers
“The Coming of God’s Son: Light, Life, and Love”

Themes from John 1
1. The Light Coming Into the World (11/30)
2. The Life Coming Into the World (12/7)
3. The Love Coming Into the World (12/14)
(Weekly Hymns and Readings at the End)

Preservice Music
Preservice Devotion: Psalm 27

INVOCATION
(remain seated)

John 1:1–5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Lighting of the Candles (Ushers dim the sanctuary lights)
During the Lighting of the Candles:
Sit silently to quiet your heart before God as you listen to the word and pray.

Prayer and Meditation

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT
Let us pray, Blessed are you O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Ushers raise the sanctuary lights)

OPENING HYMN (See hymn insert)
RESPONSIVE VERSE (John 1)
The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God,

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Selected verses: John 1:9-18 (ESV); Psalm 36:9 (ESV); 16:11 (ESV)

HYMN (See Service Info at End)

MEDITATION

OFFERING

PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Arise and shine in splendor
Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near.
Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming;
The glory of the Lord is here.

TLH 369:1

(Acolyte extinguishes candles during hymn)
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Themes from John 1

(Hymns each week included on insert)

1. The Light Coming Into the World (11/30)
   Readings: John 1:1-5; John 12:35-43; Isaiah 9:1-7
   Hymns: LSB 354 Arise; LSB 914 Light of Light

2. The Life Coming Into the World (12/7)
   Readings: John 1:9-13; John 12:20-26; Isaiah 35:3-4
   Hymns: CSB 1 O Come; LSB 353 Jesus Came

3. The Love Coming Into the World (12/14)
   Readings: John 1:14-18; John 12:44-50; Isaiah 55:1-3
   Hymns: LSB 375 Come; LSB 384 Of the Father’s Love

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