

Welcome to Vespers for **Friday (Week 2)**. The Service for Vespers can be found on p142-153 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalm for this evening is **Psalm 32 found on page 230**. The hymn is **#425**.

PSALM 32 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!*

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,*
and whose sin is | put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,*
because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,*
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

⁸You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁹"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;*
I will guide you | with my eye.

¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

¹¹Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;*
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;*
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

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O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
each other's burdens help us share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
those who have lived to you.

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