

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!*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,\*  
and whose sin is | put away!

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,\*  
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

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

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup>Do 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."

<sup>11</sup>Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;\*  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

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

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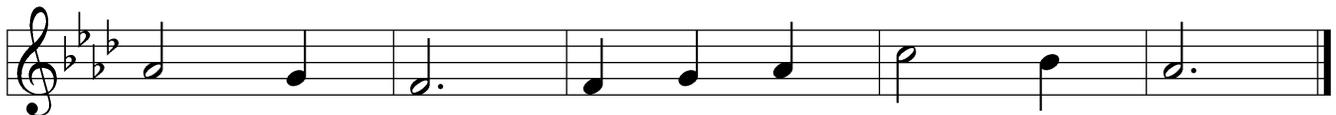
# O God of Mercy, God of Light



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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