



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Evening Prayer of Lent

+ April 2, 2025 +

“Therefore, my dear brother, learn Christ and him crucified. Learn to pray to him an, despairing of yourself, say: “Thou, Lord Jesus, art my righteousness, but I am thy sin. Thou hast taken upon thyself what is mine and hast given to me what is thine. Thou has taken upon thyself what thou wast not and hast given to me what I was not.”

— Martin Luther, *Instructions of the Perplexed and Doubting*

## EVENING PRAYER

### “He Who Knew No Sin”

*Please stand*

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PSALM: BEATI QUORUM

*Psalm 32*



Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*  
whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no in- | iquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

**For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.**

**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\*  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the  
iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be  
found;\*

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.**

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;\***  
**I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.**

Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,\*  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay | near you.

**Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\***  
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the Lord.**

**Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O | righteous,\***  
**and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFICE HYMN**                      **All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall**                      **#562**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

**[P]** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

**[P]** 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.

**MEDITATION**                      *The Vine and the Branches*

*Please stand*

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**CLOSING HYMN**                      **O Blessed Spring**                      **#595**

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