

**A reading from Ephesians chapter 4 verses 25 through 32. You can find the reading on page 978 in your pew Bible.**

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 32.

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD  
counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

**People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Leader: 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.

**People: You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

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**People: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**

Leader: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts  
in the LORD.

**People: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.**

*(allow them time to stand)*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.**

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Leader: You may be seated.**