

**Opening – CW223**

*“As We Begin Another Week”*

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*C: (sing) Amen*

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*P: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

**Lord, Have Mercy**

*C: (sing) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.*

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*C: (sing) Amen.*

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

*P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

**Glory To God** – *The choir will sing the verses, please join in on the refrain.*

**Refrain**



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory! **REFRAIN**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

**REFRAIN**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father **REFRAIN**

Glory to God, glory to God!

**Prayer of the Day**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

*C: (sing) And also with you.*

*P: Let us pray.*

*C: (sing) Amen*

## THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-6 “Dry Bones Become Living Bodies”** <sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, `Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

**Musical Selection – Grade School & Jr. Choirs (10:30a)**

**“Glory Be to Jesus”**

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**Epistle Lesson – Romans 8:11-19 “Sonship Leads to Service”** <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, <sup>14</sup>because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, <"Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. <sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

### **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



## Hymn of the Day – “Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old”

CW520 Melody CW338



Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save;  
Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave speech and strength and sight;  
Oh, be our great de - liv - rer still, The Lord of life and death;



It tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave.  
And youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light.  
Re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath.



To you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a - lyzed and lame, The  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y as be - fore, In  
To hands that work and eyes that see Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That



lep - ers in their mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
crowd - ed street, by beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - ret's shore.  
whole and sick and weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

### Sermon

### CHANGED LIVES - Lazarus

John 11:17-27, 38-45

<sup>17</sup>On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup>and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

<sup>38</sup>Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup>"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." <sup>40</sup>Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." <sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

**Response:** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

*(sing)* **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

### **Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**Lord's Prayer** Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, As we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

### **Hymn – CW145 vv 1-3**

*“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”*

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**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me.  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is given.  
I shall go where he is gone, Live and reign with him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me he died; Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

*P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: (sing) Amen**

### **Blessing**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **Closing Verses**

CW145 vv 4-5

**Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from him shall sever,  
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure defense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate to life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: "Jesus is my confidence!"**