Lord's Day Service Resurrection Day, Easter Sunday March 31, 2013

Prelude – We silently prepare our hearts to worship our Lord.

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

* Call to Worship Matthew 28:1-10

* **Hymn of Praise** Trinity Hymnal, **#198**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

* Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Luke 24:6, 34

Minister: This is the day which the Lord has made

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Minister: Thanks be to God.

People: Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Cor. 15:57

Minister: Since then you are risen with Christ, seek those things

which are above

People: Where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

Minister: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Spirit!

People: Amen! Matthew 28:19

Minister: O Lord, open our lips

People: And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

Minister: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not Psalm 51:15,17

despise.

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

<u>Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God</u>

Almighty and our loving Father, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we have yielded to sinful thoughts of doubt, fear, and evil desire. We have also sinned against You in word and deed. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for our transgressions of Your holy law. Have mercy upon us, O God, for You have given Your Son to be the Savior of the world and have promised forgiveness of sin through His blood to all that believe in Him and by true repentance turn unto You. Having raised up Your Servant Jesus, You have sent Him to bless us, in turning every one of us from our iniquities. Accept us in Your beloved Son, who was made a curse for us, and was raised for our justification. According to the multitude of Your mercies, do away our offenses and cleanse us from our sins. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Minister: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! God, our heavenly Father,

has had mercy on us. He has given His only Son to die for us, and for His

sake forgives us of all our sins.

People: Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ascension - God Consecrates Us by His Word

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People:And also with you!Ruth 2:4Minister:Lift up your hearts!Psalm 86:4People:We lift them up to the Lord!Lam 3:41

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so! Psalm 92:1

Minister: Truly, it is proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all

places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord: But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; who by His death has destroyed death and by His rising to life again has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your

glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

* **Doxology** Unto God Almighty (see insert)

* Hymn of Preparation Trinity Hymnal, #204

Alleluia! Alleluia! (Tune: Ode to Joy)

* Prayer

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* Lesson from the Old Testament Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 18:15-22

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* Lesson from the New Testament 1 John 3:23 – 4:9

Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon "Test the Spirits"

<u>Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes</u>

* **Hymn of Consecration** Thine Is the Glory (See insert)

*Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Prayers of the Church

Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace - We Commune with God

Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Luke 24:28-35, 22:19-20

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Hymnal, #207

Jesus Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us

* The Lord's Commission of Us

Mark 16:14-16

* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us

Hebrews 13:20-21

* We Bless the LORD, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him

Doxology

* Threefold Amen & Postlude

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

- 1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20):
- Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do
 rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
- 3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
- 4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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March 31, 2013 Resurrection Day, Easter Sunday

JESUS IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In the name of the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ welcome: to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; and to whomever will come.

We assemble together each Lord's Day as a gathering of God's children with each other, but primarily, as a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present with us by His omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. Christ is the Mediator by whom alone we can come unto God. He is the head of the church. He rules over public worship. In corporate worship – when God meets with His people, Christ with His bride, the Spirit with His temple – we receive God's grace through the Word and sacrament, and we respond to Him with thanksgiving, faith, and love.

Sermon Notes - March 31, 2013

"Test the Spirits" Text: 1 Jn 4:1-6

1.	Beloved, do not believe every spirit (4:1)		
	A.	Testing the spirits requires us to exerciseand make judgments.	
	В.	Testing the spirits is an act of	
2.	By this we know the Spirit of Godthe spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (4:1-3,5-6)		
	A.	Testing the spirits requires us to know the for true and false prophets (Dt 13:1-5; 18:15-22)	
	В.	Testing the spirits is an act of spiritual (Eph 6:10-12,16,18; 4:25-27)	
3.	Little children of God, WE, because He who is in you is greater (4:4; Ro 8:35-39; 1 Co 15:55-58)		

Announcements

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School today.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Review

Catechism for this week:

- Q.28. Where consisteth Christ's exaltation?
- A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.
- Q.29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?
- A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit..

Ladies Study

Study will meet on Tuesday, April 9th, 7 pm in the church basement. Be prepared to discuss chapter 6 of *The True Woman*, by Susan Hunt.

Set-up Teams

Set-up teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders.

NEXT WEEK:

April /	J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke
	FOLLOWING WEEKS:
April 14	J Pennington*, Dietzel, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington
April 21	S Reich*, Burie, Gerth, Hammer
April 28	Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Jens, Markert
May 5	Dykema*, Greenwald, Kelling, Ruchti
	April 14 April 21 April 28