



Hilde Doyle	March 1st
Joan Symank	March 1st
Brian Weaver	March 2nd
Michelle Caldwell	March 6th
Isabel Carpenter	March 9th
Donna Wolf	March 9th
Pastor Karim Baidaoui	March 10th
Bria Piel	March 11th
A.D. Cowser	March 14th
Glenn Goodrich III	March 14th
Christopher Schultz	March 14th
Mae Cowser	March 15th
Meloney Tucker	March 15th
Donice Arrington	March 18th
Deskin Johnson	March 18th
Carl Camp	March 19th
Gabriella Gregory	March 19th
Morgan Koester	March 19th
Don Miller	March 19th
Carter Miller	March 20th
Kelly Vidmar	March 22nd
Issabella Gregory	March 24th
Marion Knaub	March 27th
John Brooks	March 31st



Irene Ragan	March 1st
Nicholas Ehrhart	March 3rd
Shelby Hooper	March 7th
Matthew Gaisbauer	March 8th
Robert Duncan	March 10th
Colton Parker	March 10th
Christina Smith	March 13th
Glenda Tankersley	March 14th
Liam Smythe	March 17th
Carrie Moser	March 18th
Tammy De Young	March 20th
Rosemary Phillips	March 22nd
Dylan Zeman	March 22nd
Kevin Yeates	March 23rd
Gail Bielefeldt	March 24th



Carl & Ellen Holmes	March 3rd	52 yrs.
Jon & Nancy Hooper	March 8th	20 yrs.
Curt & Lori Barker	March 13th	28 yrs.
Steve & Lisa Shuert	March 17th	7yrs.
Ron & Linda Seiders	March 29th	24yrs.

We try to have all our members listed when they have their special day. If you don't see your name on your special month and day please let the church office know!!

Thank You!



# WORDS FROM THE CROSS

*Reaching, Teaching and Living with the Cross of Christ*

**From Pastor De Young**

March, 2010

What Does *That* Mean?

**Hymn of the Day**

The Hymn of the Day, sometimes called the “Office Hymn,” is the primary hymn of the service. It is chosen based on the theme of the day and the readings. As you sing this hymn, think about how it relates to the readings, and consider keeping it open during the sermon to see whether the ideas in the hymn are echoed in the sermon.

**Sermon**

When you walk into a Lutheran Church, the two primary objects your eye will likely fall on are the altar and the pulpit. These emphasize the importance of the Word (the pulpit, where the pastor preaches the sermon) and sacraments (the altar, from which Holy Communion is distributed). Though smaller than in the past, the pulpit has always been large to emphasize the importance of the Word of God, because this mes-

sage gives us eternal life. When the pastor stands above everyone to preach, it’s not to “look down on” the congregation, but to “hold high” the Word of God, so the large pulpit is not a sign of the pastor’s importance, but the Bible’s.

When the pastor preaches the sermon, he is to hold strictly to the Word of God. While illustrations can be used (as Jesus used parables to teach), the primary message of a sermon must be rooted in the Word of God, specifically the Gospel.

The entire service, especially the sermon, consists of a division of Law and Gospel. The Law is what God would have us do and how we’ve failed to live up to His expectations. The Gospel tells us what God has done on our behalf through Jesus Christ. A proper sermon includes both of these. If the sermon is only Law, the congregation leaves feeling inadequate or self-righteous. If a sermon con-

tains only Gospel, the Gospel has no power, since we don’t need salvation if we have no sin. Because we “preach nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified,” every Christian sermon should refer to and center in Jesus Christ and the love and salvation God has given us through Him. Many people think of a proper sermon telling how to live, but God’s primary message for us is not our actions, but His love, and as He gives faith through that message, we naturally respond in faith. The sermon also need not create an emotional response. Different people respond differently to different messages, so sometimes, you may feel moved by a particular expression of God’s Word, while other times, it won’t trigger your emotions. That’s OK. The purpose of a sermon is not to feed emotions—it’s to feed faith.

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If you have an emotional reaction, that's fine, but understand that the primary goal of a sermon is to strengthen you to withstand the attacks of the devil, the world, and your own sinful flesh.

Finally, there's a difference between preaching and teaching, and the Bible uses different words for the two. Preaching (a sermon) is proclamation of a message, like a village herald walking through

town with a megaphone, proclaiming the news. While you may learn from it, and hopefully you regularly do learn something new or see God from a new perspective, proclamation is very different from teaching, and the two depend on each other. Teaching (a Bible class, etc.) allows the participants to dig into a text or teaching, to discuss and ask questions, and to focus on specific aspects of a teaching that are just too detailed for a sermon. If you're only hearing the sermon and not engaging the Bible through

some kind of study, you're only getting half of the message, like reading the headlines of a newspaper but never the entire article. At the same time, if you only study the Bible and never listen to a sermon, you're also only cheating yourself, because the sermon focuses on God's specific message to *you*.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor De Young  
Romans 1:16-17

**March/April Schedule for Lent, Holy Week & Easter**

March 3rd	5:30pm ~ 2nd Soup/Sandwich Supper 7pm ~ Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship
March 10th	5:30pm ~ 3rd Soup/Sandwich Supper 7pm ~ Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship
March 17th	5:30pm ~ 4th Soup/Sandwich Supper 7pm ~ Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship
March 24th	5:30pm ~ 5th Soup/Sandwich Supper 7pm ~ Wednesday Evening Lenten Worship
<u>Holy Week</u>	
March 28th	Palm Sunday ~ 8am & 10:45am Worship with Holy Communion
April 1st	7pm ~ Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion
April 2nd	7pm ~ Good Friday Worship
April 4th	6:30am ~ Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship 7:30am ~ Easter Breakfast 8:30am ~ Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10am ~ Easter Divine Festival Worship with Holy Communion

***I Don't Know How to Walk on Water***

Did you know that we have chapel on Wednesday here at Cross of Christ? It is very informal of course and it is often held in one of the classrooms when it is too cold in the Sanctuary. It can also be noisy at times with so many two, three and four year olds finding it difficult to sit still and wanting to answer Pastor De Young's questions all at the same time. But even with all the squirming, fidgeting and noise it is an uplifting and precious time to be with these preschoolers. This is often the first time they have heard a bible story and witnessing their reactions can be amusing. Today, for instance, Pastor was reading a storybook of Jesus walking on water from Matthew 14:22-33. Just as Peter was about to step out of the boat onto the water one of the students popped up and said "I don't know how to walk on water." To which Pastor quickly replied "Neither do I but let's

turn the page and see what happens." Of course we know that Peter's faith wavered and he began to sink under the waves but there was the strong hand of Jesus reaching out to save him. What an assuring message this is in a time when even little people are bombarded by so many things that may cause them to worry and be afraid. I don't know how to walk on water either but I am certainly glad that Jesus is there to lift me up when I need it.

Joy and Love in Christ,  
Linda Hinckley



**COC School**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The Pre K thru 6th grade classes are collecting their offering money from now until Easter for the Lutheran Hour Ministries. The children would like to thank the High School Youth for recycling their leftover refreshments to them. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and serving the kids, they enjoy it greatly. We have been having a lot of little visitors in Sunday School!! We are in need of more of the kids Bibles!! It would be awesome to give one to our repeating visitors!!! (A case runs a little over \$100 from Bibles by the case--contact Tiffany Granzin if you would like to sponsor a case of Bibles for the children) Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for bringing the kids to Sunday School. They are a blessing to teach!!

Tiffany Granzin

**POBLO-TX  
(People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dallas is looking for a mission minded Administrative Assistant to be involved in a unique outreach ministry of the Gospel. This person needs to be self motivated with computer skills in Microsoft Office. The position is part time with 20 hours a week. Please email your resume to Pastor Karim Baidaoui at [poblotx@gmail.com](mailto:poblotx@gmail.com).**