

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Betty Carstens, (Mar. 25); Jesse Garson, (Mar. 25); Dan Gibson-Reinemer, (Mar. 25); Mitch Bock, (Mar. 27); Gloria Orr-Weiss, (Mar. 27); Andrew Vanvig, (Mar. 29) and John McPherson, (Mar. 30). Happy Birthday!

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Betsy Wiest in memory of Don.

NEW MEMBERS will be received into our church on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you would like more information, or to join with us, or know of someone who is interested, please get in touch with Pastor Rohr.

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to place a lily in the Chancel for Easter, please fill out to the white insert in today's bulletin and either give it to Pastor Ralph or turn it into the church office by noon on Tues., April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

THIS WEDNESDAY'S (Mar. 28) LENTEN SCHEDULE will begin at 6:00 p.m. with our annual Agape' Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring wine, cheese, meat, veggies, fruit, bread or crackers to share with all present. Around 7:00 p.m. we will have our Lenten worship with Holy Communion around the table. Our worship theme is: "*Christ in the Strangest Places*" and will focus on "*Finish*". Plan on attending this meaningful time together.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are still available in the church office. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.

A LUTHERAN WOMEN'S RETREAT sponsored by Ascension Lutheran Church in Cheyenne will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 4-5. The theme is "*Christ the True Vine*" and focuses on hospitality, rejuvenation, and healing. It will be held in Cheyenne. Brochures and registration forms are on the table next to the restrooms in the Gruver Room. Registration deadline is April 9, 2012. Full registration is limited to 30 people. This will be a great couple of days of renewal. \$50 scholarships are available from Trinity.

APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due in the office tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

HEART-TO-HEART is once again conducting its Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles are available during March on the table in the Gruver Room. Please take one, fill it up and bring it back to the church by Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds will go towards the work of *Heart-to-Heart*. If you would like to be eligible to participate in the drawing for a quilt, please place a personal check in the baby bottle with the loose change before returning it.

DONATIONS for a pipe organ are being solicited. If you wish to make a donation please mark it clearly "Organ Fund" and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or bring it into the church office.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE of the Holy Week schedule coming up.

Sunday, April 1 Palm Sunday  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Fellowship

Thursday, April 5  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 6  
12:00 noon Community Service at TLC.  
7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship

Saturday, April 7  
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for those in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger.

Sunday, April 8 Easter Day  
6:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School / Fellowship

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**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: Palm Sunday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

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## Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (3/25)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (4/1)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	8:00 a.m. David Reif	8:00 a.m. Ralph Rohr
	10:30 a.m. Eric Nye	10:30 a.m. Sarah Luloff
<i>Acolyte:</i>	8:00 a.m. Hanna Heggie	8:00 a.m. Jane Thurow
	10:30 a.m. Chris Henry	10:30 a.m. Roz Kidwell
<i>Ushers:</i>	8:00 a.m. Doris Eyestone Maia Anderson	8:00 a.m. Ed & Laureda Dolan
	10:30 a.m. John & Treasure McPherson	10:30 a.m. Barb Rouse Georgia Mitchell
<i>Greeters:</i>	8:00 a.m. David & Mary Brinkman	8:00 a.m. Mari & Mikayla Martinez
	10:30 a.m. Betsy Wiest Mike Smith	10:30 a.m. George & Jennifer Zenor
<i>Nursery:</i>	8:00 a.m. Ashleigh Dockter	8:00 a.m. Ashleigh Dockter
	10:30 a.m. Tracy Kidwell	10:30 a.m. Ashleigh Dockter
<i>Stewards:</i>	B. Wiest / Cheryl Wilson	
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Margot Birkholz	

*Coffee Fellowship:* Marion & Carlos Klinger

	<u>This Week at Trinity</u>
Sunday, Mar. 25	8:00 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m. Worship
Tuesday, Mar. 27	9:00 p.m. Quilting
	10:00 a.m. Women's Study
	6-8 p.m. Weds. Get-Away
Wednesday, Mar. 28	6:00 p.m. Soup Supper – Agape' Meal
	7:00 p.m. Worship
	7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
Thursday, Mar. 29	7:00 p.m. Seekers



**Sir, we should like to see Jesus.**  
JN.12:21

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service, just off the south lobby, for children ages five and younger. Please join us for coffee in the south lobby area after the service today.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

*Announcements continue on the inside*



<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup> deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup> deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup> er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear <sup>1</sup> joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup> may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face <sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me.

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away <sup>1</sup> from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- <sup>1</sup> it from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of <sup>1</sup> your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- <sup>1</sup> tiful Spirit.

Glory be to the Father and <sup>1</sup> to the Son:  
and to the <sup>1</sup> Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and e- <sup>1</sup> ver shall be:  
world without end. <sup>1</sup> Amen.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5–10

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,  
"You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



## \*GOSPEL: John 12:20–33

Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Praise to you, O Christ.



HYMN: “When Long Before Time” #861

SERMON: “Called to Serve” John 12:20-33 Pastor Rohr

HYMN: “Lord of All Hopefulness” #765

\*APOSTLE’S CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING:

\*OFFERTORY:

\*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY: “Create in me . . . .”

The image shows musical notation for a congregational offertory. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right".

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM: “Lost in the Night ” by Kyle Haugen Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Deep in Our Hearts” Pastor Rohr

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup>my offenses.

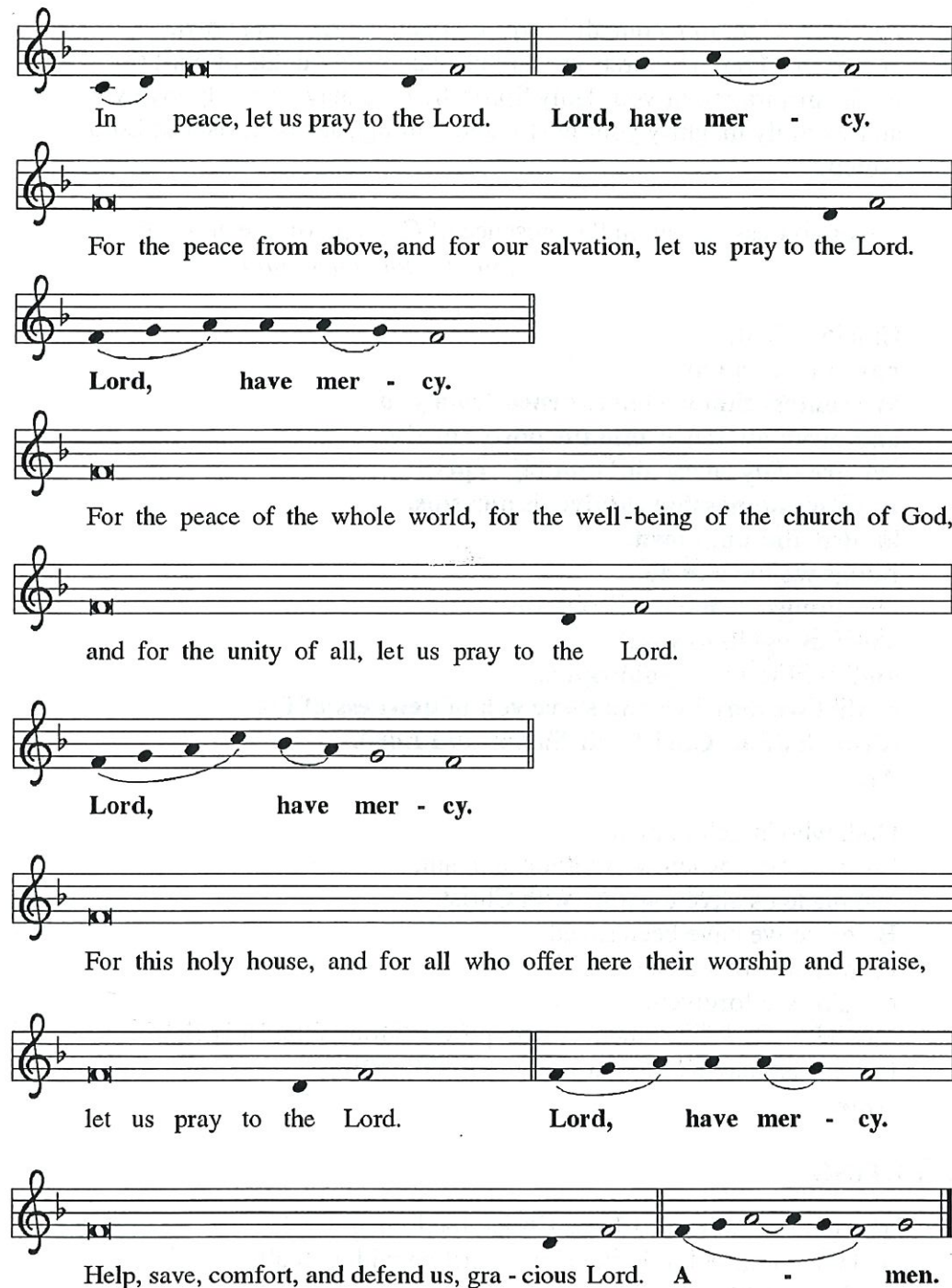
<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup>from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup>from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know <sup>1</sup>my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup>er before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil <sup>1</sup>in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak  
and right <sup>1</sup>in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup>steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup>mother's womb.

**\*KYRIE:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

We cry to you for help, O God, praying for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

*\*A brief silence.*

You write a new covenant on our hearts. We pray for those who will be washed in the waters of baptism this Easter, and also their families and sponsors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make creation bear fruit. We pray for farmers and ranchers; for animals coming out



of hibernation; for deserts and tundra, where living conditions are harsh. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You draw all people to yourself. We pray for nations preparing for elections; for countries suffering from fires, floods, storms, or famines; for those living in refugee camps. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You know the troubles of our souls. We pray for those waiting for answers to prayers; for those whose lives are full of tears; for those sick in body or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You renew a right spirit within us. We pray for this assembly, for our pastor/s, members, and visitors, that we might see Jesus in one another and in the stranger. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*\*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You are the source of eternal salvation. We remember before you the faithful witnesses who have gone before us, and now rest forever in your peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Now is the acceptable time to offer our prayers to you, God of grace and truth. Receive them in your mercy, and grant us all that we need, in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

#### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence for reflection.)*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.  
We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.  
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.  
In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things we have done  
and things we have failed to do.  
Turn us again to you,  
and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace we have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
our sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

#### **\*GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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God's Work . . .  
. . . Our Hands

Sunday, March 25, 2012 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

\*Standing

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.*

### PRELUDE:

### WELCOME:

\*HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#759

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### \*BLESSING:

### PARISH SHARING TIME:

\*TODAY'S SONG: "Now Thank We All Our God"

#840

\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES . . . HYMN CHIME:

### \*POSTLUDE:

### My Soul Is Troubled

Most of us struggle with sacrifice. We know it is noble. We respect it in others. Accounts of the selfless women and men who have given their lives in defense of the weak bring tears to our eyes, yet we fear copying their example. Even Jesus seems to struggle as he approaches his final confrontation in Jerusalem, and it is in this struggle that we recognize him as truly human: "Now my soul is troubled," he tells his disciples. "And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Jesus' crucifixion and subsequent resurrection lie at the heart of our faith. His willing sacrifice sweeps away our alienation from God and opens the floodgates of grace. He accepted the trajectory of his life, yet still he wrestled as he walked those final steps.

Knowing this, we can turn to him in our own inner conflicts when as parents, for example, we grapple with the loss of our composure, time, or the financial resources that we pour out for our children. Or, if we are tending an infirm relative, we can remember Jesus in our ambivalence at giving up our independence to serve as caregiver. We can reflect on Jesus as we agonize about speaking out against an injustice for fear it might cost our job or a friendship. "Whoever serves me must follow me," Jesus warns. Following Jesus may take us into uncomfortable places, yet he walks with us each step of the way.

"Very truly," Jesus tells the disciples, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." We sometimes feel broken by our sacrifices, but Jesus promises that out of them emerges new life.



## COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

### **Sunday, March 25, 2012 - Annunciation of Our Lord**

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

### **Thursday, March 29 -Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

### **Saturday, March 31 - John Donne, poet, died 1631**

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

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The hour has come  
for the Son of Man  
to be  
glorified

