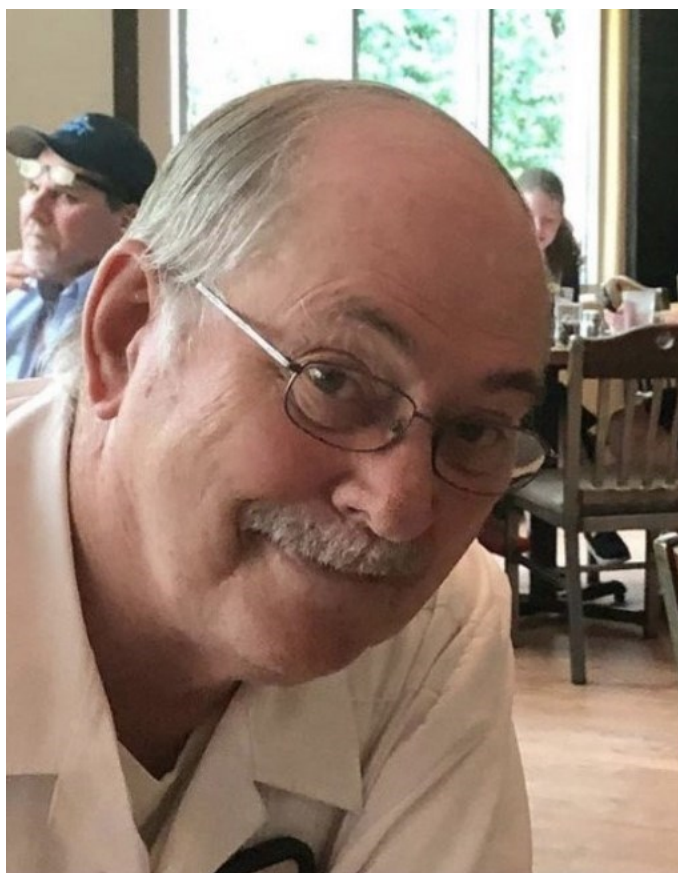


St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Austin, Texas

June 26, 2021

1:00 p.m.



A Service of
Praise and Thanksgiving for

Denis Berens

Prelude

Organ Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major: *Allegretto*

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65

Chorale Prelude on *Ein Feste Burg* (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Johann Gottfried Walther

Arabesque No. 1 in E major

Claude Debussy

The Well-Tempered Clavier: Prelude No. 1 in C major

J.S. Bach, BWV 846

GATHERING

Introduction

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **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.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 654

AURELIA

WORD

Readings

Psalm 139:1-18, Revelation 21:1-7, John 11:21-27

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Beautiful Savior

Hymn 838

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

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.

Lamb of God

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Holy Communion

Music at Communion

I Come to the Garden Alone

C. Austin Miles

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Commendation

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Hymn 574

HERE I AM LORD

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Hymn 534

ELLERS

Postlude

Voluntary on *Hyfrydol* (Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Denis Berens

Denis Berens went to his heavenly home at 3:51 p.m. on May 12, 2021, with his daughter Alicia by his side. He was born in Monument, Kansas on February 1, 1944, to Nate and Sophie Berens. He grew up in Monument with a family of 6 other brothers and sisters by his side. He graduated from Monument High in 1962, and enlisted in the United States Air Force immediately after school. The Air Force brought him to Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, and that is where he met the love of his life, Geraldine Witt. They were engaged before Christmas 1964, and married March 13, 1965. After a deployment for roughly 2 years to Japan, he came back to Austin and was honorably discharged. He enrolled at what was then Southwest Texas, studying Mathematics. Building his career and family in Austin, Denis went on to forge a career in the Grocery industry. He initially began his employment at Safeway, which then evolved over the years to become Appletree, along with Albertsons, and finally finishing over 15 years with HEB. He loved his time, and many coworkers and customers at the HEB at the Y at Oak Hill. He was so thrilled and proud to finally work at such a great, solid, and respected grocery company. He was also a part time newspaper carrier for the Austin American Statesman for over 25 years. Denis evolved into his retirement years, and created a new lucrative chapter investing and learning all things about the stock market. He was very passionate and eager to gain knowledge about new cutting-edge industries.

Denis and Gerry had only one daughter, Alicia Lynn born in 1971. She was the love of his life as well. They took care of Gerry's mother, Minna Witt and were a family of 4 for many decades, along with a menagerie of lots dogs over the years. Denis was so proud of his beautiful home in Western Oaks. The family had bought the house when it was first built in 1978. It holds many loving memories of a life well lived, including Summer's swimming, Halloween parades, and Christmas lights down all of the streets. He also loved watching the University of Texas basketball and football games, and was so proud of Alicia for graduating from UT in 1995.

Denis is survived by his beloved wife Gerry of 56 years, his daughter Alicia, son in law Harry Badeusz, and his two beautiful granddaughters Hope and Harper Badeusz who love their GPa D more than anything! We are beyond grateful for the earthly time we have had with our husband, father and GPa D. We will miss him beyond measure, but hold onto our faith that we will see him again, and be a family forever. Special thanks to Dr. Punit Chadha for being such a caring doctor to both Denis and Gerry over these past few years.

SERVING TODAY

Preaching

Rev. Ellen Williams, Senior Pastor

Assisting Minister

Tom Blomquist

Musicians

Katherine Altobello O'Brien, mezzo-soprano; Tim O'Brien, baritone; Austin Haller, organ and piano

Video

Eddie Jennings

Sound

Jim Parkhurst