



St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church
606 W. 15th Street
Austin, Texas

March 21, 2022
11:00 A.M.



A Service of
Praise and Thanksgiving for
Zack Swenson

You are invited to join this ancient rhythm of worship, to celebrate new life in the resurrection and the fulfillment of the promises of Holy Baptism. This liturgy is the culmination of a long life of worship, begun at the baptismal font on May 23rd, 1935. We say these ancient prayers, and sing songs together, so that even in our sadness, we proclaim praise to God.

The bold print indicates when we all speak with one voice together.

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Leading us in Worship today

Preaching: Rev. Ellen Williams, Senior Pastor
Cantor: Anitra Coulter-Blunt
Organist: Austin Haller
Sound: Jim Parkhurst
Video: Eddie Jennings
Ushers: Norm Hummell

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Jesus,
the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship,
to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,
to remember before God our sister Carolyn Elizabeth Swenson,
to give thanks for her life,
to commend her to our merciful redeemer,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
In her baptism,
Carolyn Elizabeth was clothed with Christ.
In the day of Christ's coming,
she shall be clothed with glory.

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.**

GATHERING SONG

Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

The large white cloth, the pall, is draped over the coffin before it enters the nave. It's symbolism is like the white baptismal garment, a symbol of being clothed in Christ at baptism.

The procession follows the cross into the worship space, and the coffin is placed between the baptismal font and the lighted Paschal candle, the symbol of an Easter resurrection.

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

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Zack. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

ROMANS 8:31-35, 37-39

A reading from Romans:

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91

On Eagle's Wings (ELW 787)

Cantor:

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust

All sing REFRAIN:



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The assembly is seated.

*Sing responsively;
Cantor sings stanzas
People sing refrain.*

Cantor: The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

All sing REFRAIN.

Cantor: You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

All sing REFRAIN.

Cantor: For to the angels God's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

All sing final REFRAIN



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

*The name Dorcas (Greek)
and Tabitha (Hebrew) means
gazelle.*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*The assembly stands to
receive the Word of God.*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*The assembly stands to pro-
claim the Word of God in
song.*

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.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn,
and a sure and certain hope in your loving care,
that, casting all their sorrow on you,
they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith,
that, where this world groans in grief and pain,
your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand,
to believe and trust in the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

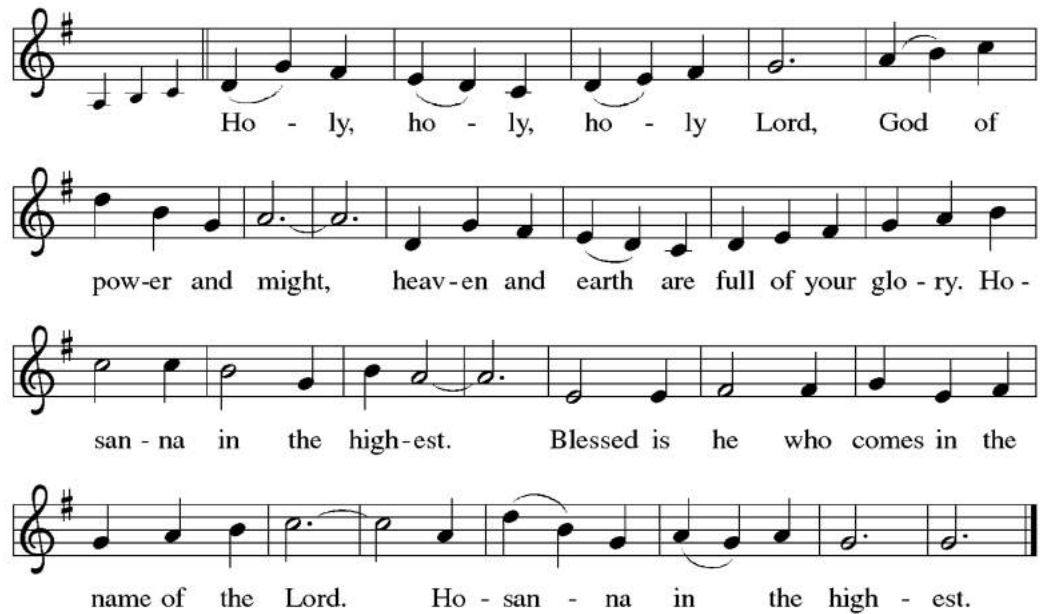
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words.

The assembly remains standing as gifts of bread and wine are brought to the table.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns.
The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

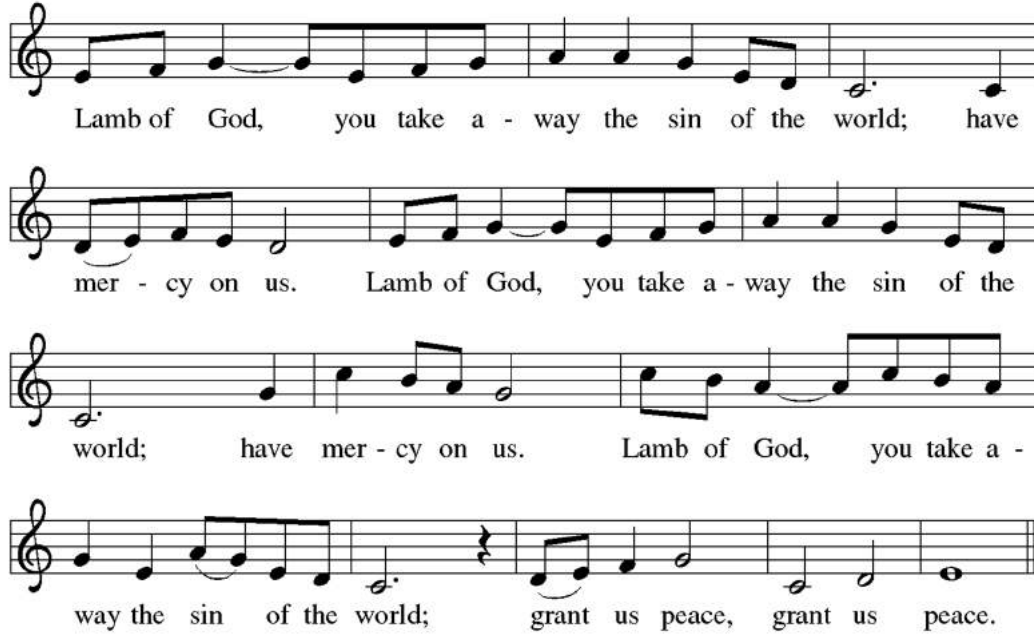
This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



The assembly is seated.



I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)

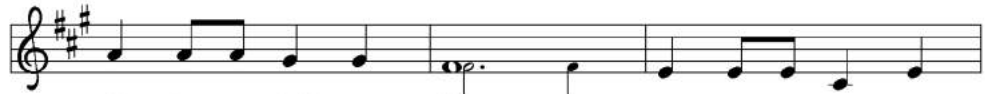
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We stand together. Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

COMMENDATION

SENDING SONG MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY (ELW 890)



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Refrain
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



The ministers take their places at the coffin. The presiding minister leads the commendation.

Silence is kept.

The assembly stands as the procession departs from the nave.



ZACK SWENSON

Zack Swenson died on March 16, 2022, at the age of 86. He was a lifelong Austinite, and leaves in his wake so much humor, joy, and love.

He was born on November 30, 1935 to Carolyne and FG Swenson, at the old Brackenridge, delivered by Dr. Zachary Scott. He grew up on 51st Street, his back fence adjacent to the old Robert Mueller Airport, and crossing the street meant crossing the city limits to the countryside. He was in constant mischief, exploring creeks, swimming at Shipe pool, riding his bike down to UT and then downtown, flying kites in the airport flight path, and everything in between. There are endless stories of mischief of a much different time and much different Austin. He attended Ridgetop Elementary and Austin High.

In his youth, he learned the crafts of hunting, fishing, welding, and mechanics from his dad. Zack joined the Boy Scout Troop 31 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church where his mischievous streak shaped toward adventure and service. His love of Scouting was lifelong, and as a youth, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, and also served on staff at Camp Tom Wooten. As a Scouter, he was Assistant Scoutmaster (forming Troop 48 in 1980), Wood-badge trained, and was awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. What he treasured most from Scouting was not a badge or medal, but the deep and lasting friendships woven into countless stories of adventure.

In early adulthood, his love of mechanics and hot-rodding, led him to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas. He also enlisted with the Texas Army National Guard in December of 1953 and served as an army cook for six years, before going to flight school. During this time he also worked for the City of Austin, maintaining the fleet of vehicles. (Although the coolest thing he would do with the city is drive the Library Book-mobile from school to school at night.) In 1960, he was appointed a Warrant Officer and designated an Army Aviator, and later attended Officer Candidate School. His unit was activated in 1961 during the Berlin Crisis. He was an accomplished pilot, flying helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft for the Guard. One evening he was flying a De Havilland Beaver fixed-wing plane from Camp Mabry to the old airport, when a piston blew-up shortly after take-off. He circled back, high enough to miss power lines, and low enough to make the landing strip, and successfully landed the plane without further injury. Later, he was awarded Senior Army Aviator Badge prior to his assignment to a non-flying position in 1977. He eventually worked at Camp Mabry full-time, working directly and in supportive roles of the readiness of the vehicle and armored fleet. He was promoted to Assistant State Maintenance Officer in 1979 and then to State Maintenance Officer in 1984. His career spanned from cook to Colonel, from 1953 to 1990, when he retired.

In 1964, he met and married the love of his life, Carolyn Carroll. They were introduced at a party of mutual friends. They were married on October 31st, officiated by close Scouting friend turned Lutheran pastor, in the chapel of St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Later that night, they stole their best friends' car to make their getaway to their honeymoon destination in Oxford, Texas. (They honeymooned in the ranch-house just a few hundred yards from where he joins Carolyn in their final resting place, Oxford Cemetery.) Together they enjoyed water-skiing on Lake Travis, fishing on Lake Buchanan, tubing on the Frio River, deer-hunting in Llano County, and camping in state and national parks. Their extended families merged into one for holidays and ordinary days, always figuring out how to extend the dining room table or the number of forks in the camping chuck-box to include more and more.

Zack and Carolyn had two children, Sharolyn and Steven. They were amazing parents and co-workers together in the adventures of family life. Zack was just as at-home being a Vikette-dance-team-dad as much as Assistant Scoutmaster. His love of outdoor adventures has spilled over and continues in his family today. Perhaps one of his favorite and most adorable vocations was as grandpa, as their family and heart expanded to welcome three granddaughters, Navy, Hope and Summer Browning, with whom they shared old Fisher-Price toys, Kraft macaroni, Blue-Bell, Top Notch, kickball, dance recitals, and infinite, mutual adoration.

Zack was baptized at First United Methodist Church in Austin. He joined St. Martin's Lutheran Church as a youth, invited by his Scout buddies and welcomed around so many tables of hospitality. He served as Trustee, Council member, Sound-board technician, and his favorite, member of the Mop and Hammer team. He was never the first one to show up to Sunday School, but his theology of infinite hospitality overflowed from Holy Communion to countless campfires and Dutch oven breakfasts with in-laws and out-laws, alike. Zack seemed to know a deep logos of how God works as overflowing, infinite love.

He still grieved the death of his parents, Carolyne and F(G); his beloved wife, Carolyn, his precious granddaughter, Hope... and also dear aunts and uncles and friends. He loved big and missed them even bigger.

He is survived by his daughter, Sharolyn Browning; his son, Steven FG Swenson; his granddaughters, Navy Browning and Summer Browning; his cousins, Gary Swenson, Cherry Kay Lange, Sue Weiss, and Zack Shropshire; his siblings-in-law: L.J. Carroll of Pearsall; Rosemary and Milton Tater of Inez; Fran Carroll of Dilley; and Margaret Ann and Craig Siegfried of Easton, Pennsylvania; and many nieces and nephews; his former-son-in-law, Duke Browning; and many dear friends, particularly, Kenneth Pruitt.

The family is so grateful for the Brookdale Northwest community of caregivers, who made a loving and joyful home for Zack for four years. Additionally, so grateful for the medical teams at Ascension Seton hospital, Juniper Village, and Hospice Austin who cared for him so tenderly in these past few weeks.

The funeral liturgy for Zack will be at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 West 15th Street in Austin, on the Monday, March 21st, at 11am, with burial at Oxford Cemetery on Highway 16 in Llano County at 3pm. Officiating the funeral liturgy and committal is the Rev. Ellen Williams, pastor with St. Martin's. Pallbearers are Philip Carroll, Sean Carroll, Christopher

Swenson, Jeff Pruitt, Gary Pruitt, and Clarence Lucas. There will be a visitation on Sunday evening, March 20th from 5-7pm at Cook Walden Funeral Home on North Lamar in Austin.

The family of Zack Swenson invites memorials to be given to the “Zack and Carolyn Swenson Legacy Fund”, which is managed by Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest. Annual distributions from the fund will benefit St. Martin’s Lutheran Church of Austin, Cross Trails Ministry, Lutheran World Relief, the Boy Scouts of America, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Alzheimer’s Association. Memorial gifts designated for this legacy fund should be made payable to Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, noting Swenson Legacy Fund on the memo line, and mailed to: Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, 103 12th St., Suite 201, Pflugerville, TX, 78660.

More stories and photos will be added at www.zackswenson.com.



COMMITTAL at Oxford Cemetery in Llano County

Psalm 23

Greeting

Prayer

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Earth is cast on the coffin as the presiding minister says:

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, and the resurrection of all creation, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our sister Carolyn Elizabeth,
and we commit her body to the ground;
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

In baptism, our sister was welcomed into the body of Christ. Now the earth has received our beloved to fulfill God's promise of a new creation.

The Lord bless her and keep her.
The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon her with favor and + give her peace.
Amen.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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,
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Let us go in peace.

The minister precedes the coffin to grave. The comforting words of Psalm 23 are read.

The coffin is lowered into the grave. Silence is kept until it is resting in place, and then earth is placed on the coffin by the pastor and others with the words of blessing.