



Susan Marie Simmons
April 3, 1958 - March 1, 2023

Celebrating the Life of
Susan Marie Simmons

Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:00 a.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas
Reverend Peter Williamson

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"
Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest: Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of
their Baptism.*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

- P In Holy Baptism Susan was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

Psalm

Psalm 23

P **1The LORD is my shepherd;**
I shall not want.

C **2He makes me lie down in green pastures.**
He leads me beside still waters.

P **3He restores my soul.**
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C **4Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P **5You prepare a table before me**
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

C **6Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Susan and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 31:10, 20–21, 25–31

¹⁰An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.

²⁰She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
²⁸Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
²⁹“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1–5

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a treble clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words like 'Praise' and 'Him' having triangular arrowheads above them to indicate they should be sung twice.

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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Third Reading

Revelation 21:1–6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

537 Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

Tune: Silesian, 19th cent.

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Sermon

892 alt: Lutheran Women, One and All

1. Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.

2. Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.
3. Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–71, alt.

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

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Kneel/Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.
- P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to the family of Susan and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for Susan and for all the blessings You bestowed on her in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with her we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

Nunc Dimitis

- A “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.
“He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”
- C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.**
**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every
people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**
- A “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.
“He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction and Dismissal

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing sts. 1–4



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to Me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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Susan Marie Simmons, 64, of Beaumont, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Christus Southeast Texas-St. Elizabeth, Beaumont. She was born April 3, 1958, in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, to Ruth Ann Karstaedt Weckler and Sherwood Weckler. Susan was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

She is survived by her husband, James David Simmons of Beaumont; son, James Matthew Simmons and his wife, Helen, of Port Neches; daughter, Nicole Ann Marie Arena and her husband, Joseph, of Beaumont; parents, Ruth and Sherwood Weckler of Sturgeon

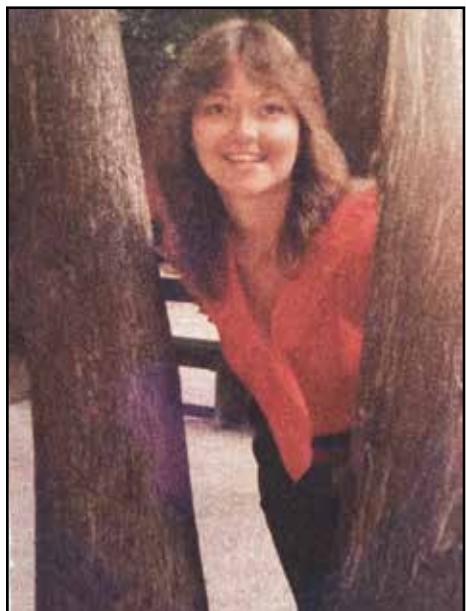
Bay, Wisconsin; sister, JoAnn Schmitz and her husband, Warren, of Waupun, Wisconsin; brother, Jeffrey Weckler and his wife, Pamela, of Tucson, Arizona; mother-in-law, Judith Simmons of Temecula, California; grandchildren, Isabelle Irene Simmons and James Francis Simmons, of Port Neches, Genevieve Ann Marie Arena; and Anastasia Nicole Arena of Beaumont.

Susan was a beautiful, loving, selfless, can-do, stubborn, German whose family was precious to her. Her love language was giving, and give she did, making life colorful and vibrant for all who knew her. She was a wife, mother, and grandmother, putting her family first.

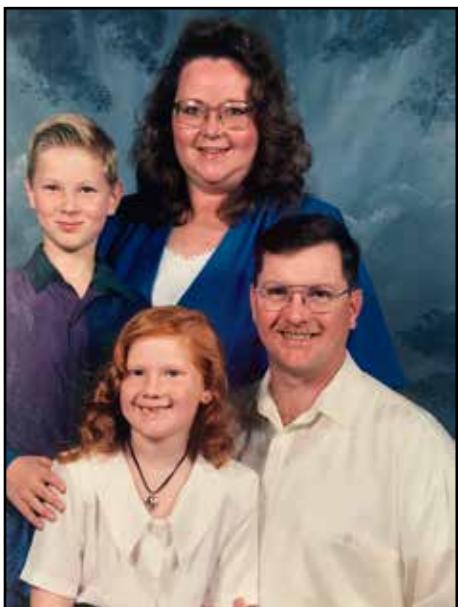
Her grandchildren brought her immeasurable joy, and she loved nothing more than spoiling them. She valued the time spent with them and gave them her time and attention. Susan made sure she was present at every event to cheer them on. When at Grandma's house, it was Grandma's rules, and that meant the grandkids got what they wanted.

She could do anything, and all could see it through her artful skills in design and cooking. She routinely lent her design skills to help make events special. Through her cooking, everyone could taste her love. She rarely followed a recipe directly, instead adjusting it with love.

She is greatly missed. Memories of her will be cherished. The time spent with her will forever be priceless.

















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Beaumont, Texas

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