

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hear It, Feel It, Live It, Share It – God's Love

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Funeral Details

Name: _____

Date and time of visitation: _____, _____:_____ AM / PM

Date and time of funeral service: _____, _____:_____ AM / PM

Burial date and location (if different from the funeral): _____, _____

Funeral Home: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Music (soloists, hymns, instrumentals, etc.)

Readings (scripture, poetry, etc.) and reader name(s)

Other Speaker(s):

Please check all that apply.

- This service will include communion. The casket will be draped with the baptismal pall.
 There will be military honors. There will be a luncheon and/or fellowship on-site.

Expected number of attendees: _____

Please note the following policies for funerals at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Dates

The death of our loved ones do not happen on convenient schedules, and so we understand flexibility is important for deciding when to hold a funeral. The date and time of the funeral will need to be agreed upon; every effort will be made to ensure the availability of the church building, but there will be events from time to time that will not be able to be moved. The church building will be made available for setup at least one hour prior to the beginning of the service, or the visitation if it is occurring before the service. The fellowship hall will be made available following the service.

Flowers, Pictures, and Videos

We honor the memory of our loved ones with these tokens. We encourage you to provide pictures for placement in the narthex and in the sanctuary. Our sanctuary has three television screens, which allows us to play picture slide shows. The easiest way to do this is with a flash drive. Slide shows can run during the visitation and may continue to be run through the service as a visual device. Flowers and other decorations may be placed at the front of the sanctuary near the casket or urn. We do ask that two openings—one on the left and one on the right—be left for easy access from the sanctuary floor to the altar area. Flowers may be left for the following worship service in memory of the loved one either on the organ, the piano, or the back altar. Please inform the office of your preference.

Live Streaming

Our Savior's is equipped with live streaming devices, and as such, we are able to broadcast the funeral for loved ones who are not able to make it to the service. Simply inform the office of your preference and we will ensure it is set up and ready to go for the service. The service will be made available on the church's YouTube page. Please note that the public distribution of a live streamed service will restrict some music and other media due to copyright law.

Preaching and Presiding Minister

The called pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, or the pastor designated to provide pastoral care while the called pastor is away, will be the preaching and presiding minister for all funerals. Part of the pastor's call is to ensure the Word is properly preached and the sacraments are properly administered, therefore another minister may preach or preside only at the called pastor's discretion.

Military Honors and Other Rites

The rituals we carry out to mourn our loved ones are meant to honor each part of who they are. During the funeral within the sanctuary of the church, we recognize the primacy of your loved one's identity in Christ, and we encourage you to reflect that in the symbols used. While the flag is often draped on the casket for those who have served in the military, we strongly encourage the flag being either removed or replaced by the baptismal pall during the worship service (it may be replaced following the conclusion of the service) to reflect your loved one's identity as a child of God first and foremost. Similarly, military honors and other rites (e.g. Masonic rites) may be performed outside of the sanctuary when the funeral service has concluded. Nevertheless, we encourage the presence of an honor guard or other individuals involved with other rites during the funeral service.

Luncheons and Fellowship Time

Time to gather for food, coffee, and conversation following the funeral is a healing time in our grief. You are welcome to use the fellowship hall, the kitchen, and the chapel (“blue chair room”) for a luncheon or fellowship time. The funeral team will be made available to help in serving and cleaning up, as well as preparing coffee and water. Baked desserts will be provided to members. You will need to supply paper products (plates, napkins, etc.) and drinks (coffee, lemonade, etc.). While using the facilities, please keep in mind the following rules:

- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on church property.
- Smoking is allowed outside only, and we kindly request that smokers use their vehicle ashtrays or smoke in the far northeast corner of the parking lot.
- While the custodians will perform routine maintenance, please keep the area clean.
- While we do not provide food for the luncheon, our funeral team will assist in serving and cleaning.
- Please take leftovers with you.

Membership

For the purpose of this policy, membership rates are determined by the current roster. If your loved one, or anyone in their immediate family (parent, spouse, sibling, or child) is a member on our roster, it will be considered a member’s funeral.

Fees

For use of the church facilities (sanctuary and/or fellowship hall), the fee for members is \$200 and the fee for non-members is \$500. An administrative fee for non-members is \$75 if the church needs to print bulletins.

The fee for the pastor is a minimum of \$200.

The fee for the organist is \$150.

The custodial fee is \$150.

Fees for the cemetery (plot, burial, etc.) are separate from church fees. Please see the cemetery policies for fees included there.

Suggested Readings

Services often have two or three readings. If communion will be shared, a gospel reading is strongly encouraged to be included. Readings that have held meaning for the family or your loved one may come from outside of scripture (poems, etc.), but because of the primacy of scripture, we ask that non-scripture be read first. Below are especially appropriate passages for the funeral rite. Other passages not listed here that have a special place for your family or your loved one are especially encouraged.

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *For everything there is a season*

Isaiah 25:6-9 *God will swallow up death forever*

*Isaiah 40:1, 6-11 *God will gather the lambs*

Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 *Comfort my people, says your God*

*Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7 *I have called you by name*

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19 *I am about to do a new thing*

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 *Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters*

Isaiah 61:1-3 *The spirit of God is upon me*

*Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25 *A new heaven and a new earth*

*Isaiah 66:10-14 *As a mother comforts her child*

Jeremiah 31:8-13 *I will turn their mourning into joy*

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 *The steadfast love of the Lord*

Psalms

*23 *The Lord is my shepherd*

*42:1-5 *As a deer longs for flowing streams*

46:1-7 *God is our refuge and strength*

*121 *I lift my eyes to the hills*

*139:7-12 *The gracious omnipresence of the Lord*

*142:1-6 *I cry to the Lord with my voice*

143 *Lord, hear my prayer*

New Testament

Romans 5:1-11 *Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*

*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of Christ?*

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *Christ, the first fruits, has been raised*

2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18 *Treasure in clay jars*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 *Teaching about those who have died*

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *A living hope through Jesus' resurrection*

*1 John 3:1-2 *See what love the Father has given us*

Revelation 7:9-17 *God will wipe away every tear*

Revelation 21:2-7 *I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem*

Revelation 22:1-5 *The Lord God will be their light*

Gospels

*Matthew 5:1-10 *Blessed are those who mourn*

Matthew 11:25-30 *I will give you rest*

*Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14 *A child is the greatest in the kingdom*

*Mark 10:13-16 *Let the little children come*

Mark 16:1-7 *The resurrection of Christ*

Luke 24:1-9 *The resurrection of Christ*

John 1:1-5, 9-14 *The light shines in the darkness*

John 6:37-40 *I will raise them up on the last day*

*John 10:11-16 *I am the good shepherd*

John 11:21-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*

John 14:1-6 *I prepare a place for you*

John 14:25-27 *Peace I leave with you*

*Although most of the suggested readings are suitable for a funeral involving a person of any age, these may be especially appropriate and comforting at the death of a child.

Suggested Hymns

Singing together the familiar story of God's love and promises is one way we can approach our grief in this time. Services have three particularly appropriate places for congregational hymns: at the beginning of the service, following the sermon, and after the commendation as we leave the sanctuary. Any of these times may also be used for special musical offerings; space can be made with the recommendations of the pastor for extra musical offerings as you feel appropriate. Extra congregational hymns may be added if communion will be shared. Our hymns are derived from the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal. Hymns not found in this hymnal may be used and added as a printed insert if needed.

308	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!	621	Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense
313	O Lord, Now Let Your Servant	622	Neither Death nor Life
351 or 352	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	629	Abide with Me
377	Alleluia! Jesus is risen!	636	How Small Our Span of Life
*381	Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes	637	Holy God, Holy and Glorious
391	This Joyful Eastertide	639	When We Are Living
409	Kyrie! God, Father	721	Goodness is Stronger than Evil
422	For All the Saints	730	Lord Our God, with Praise We Come
423	Shall We Gather at the River	759	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
429	In Our Day of Thanksgiving	760	O Christ the Same
447	O Blessed Spring	770	Give Me Jesus
483	Here is Bread	773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
500	Now We Remain	778	The Lord's My Shepherd
502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	786	O Holy Spirit, Enter In
531	The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing	787	On Eagle's Wings
*595	Jesus Loves Me!	*815	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
*613	Thy Holy Wings	826	Thine the Amen

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