



FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHEET

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Next of Kin: _____ Chosen funeral Home: _____

Do you want your funeral service to be at Lord of Life Lutheran Church? Yes No

If funeral service in other location, where? _____

Burial location? _____

Interment/Inurnment date/time? _____

Cremation? Yes No

Preferred place and time of viewing/wake/visitation?

(At the funeral home, or the church, or elsewhere? The day before the funeral, the same day, or other?)

Holy communion at funeral service? Yes No

If entitled to that honor, do you desire military rites at the graveside? Yes No Not applicable

Preferred hymns (Speak to pastor if you would like suggestions):

Processional: _____ ELW # _____

Hymn of the Day: _____ ELW # _____

Recessional: _____ ELW # _____

During Distribution of Holy Communion (if applicable):

1. _____ ELW # _____

2. _____ ELW # _____

3. _____ ELW # _____

Preferred readings (Choose at least two. If Holy Communion is celebrated, one reading should come from the Gospels. Speak to pastor if you would like suggestions.):

First Reading: _____ Psalm: _____

Second Reading: _____ Gospel: _____

Is there someone who should be asked to serve as reader: _____

Designation for memorials: _____

Pallbearers:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional information or special requests may be recorded on the back of this page.

Suggested Scripture Readings for Christian Funerals



Old Testament

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

Isaiah 25:6-9 *Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces*

Isaiah 61:1-3 *The Lord has anointed me... to bind up the brokenhearted*

*Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 *He will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love*

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 *The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom forever*

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 *The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God*

Psalms

+Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*

Psalm 34:1-10,22 *O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him*

Psalm 42:1-7 *Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?*

Psalm 46:1-7 *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

+Psalm 90 *Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!*

Psalm 91:9-16 *Under his wings you will find refuge*

+Psalm 118 *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever*

Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?*

+Psalm 130 *My soul waits for the LORD, more than those who watch for the morning*

Psalm 139:1-12 *O LORD, you have searched me and known me... even the darkness is not dark to you*

Psalm 143 *Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust*

Psalm 149 *Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a; or 3:1-8 *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*

New Testament Letters

Romans 1:16 *I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation*

Romans 5:1-11 *Reconciled to God by Christ's death*

Romans 5:17-21 *Through Adam came sin and through Christ comes justification*

Romans 8 *The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death*

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*

Romans 9 *It depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy*

+Romans 14:7-9 *Accepting diversity in the community of faith (14:1-12)*

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died (15:12-20) 1*

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 or 55-58 *Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *Living by faith*

Ephesians 1:11-23 *God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places*

Philippians 3:20-21 *Christ will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.*

2 Timothy 4:6-7 *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith* Hebrews 13:6-8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*

Hebrews 13:14-16 *We are looking for the city that is to come*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *New birth into a living hope through the resurrection*

*1 John 3:1-3 *We are God's children*

Revelation 7:9-17 *The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb*

+Revelation 14:13 *Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord*

Revelation 21:2-5a or 21:1-7 *A new heaven and a new earth*

New Testament Gospels

Matthew 5:1-12 *Blessed are the poor in spirit*

*Matthew 11:25-30 *Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest*

Matthew 24:1-13 *The one who endures to the end will be saved*

Luke 6:20-31 *Jesus speaks blessings and woes*

Luke 12:35-40 *Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat*

Luke 23:39-43 *Today you will be with me in paradise*

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son*

John 5:24-29 *The hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live*

*John 6:37-40 *All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day*

John 10:1-5 *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

John 11:21-27 *The raising of Lazarus: I am the resurrection and the life*

John 11:32-44 *The raising of Lazarus*

John 12:23-36 *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*

John 14:1-6 *In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. Christ the way, the truth, and life*

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 *The Resurrection of Jesus*

**appropriate for the burial of a child*

+*appropriate for the graveside or graveside procession*

Prelude Music

The prelude music helps to prepare mourners for the service to follow. Music with special meaning to the deceased or family members may be selected; consider preludes on favorite hymn tunes. The church Music Director is available to provide guidance in musical selection.

Hymns

Procession into the church A hymn of comfort, baptismal remembrance, or resurrection hope is appropriate.

Hymn following the sermon

A hymn that carries forth the images of the readings and sermon, or is reflective of the life of faith of the deceased is appropriate.

Recession out of the church

A final hymn may be sung as the coffin is carried from the church, usually one of resurrection hope. It is appropriate for the recession to simply be accompanied by an instrumental musical selection.

Soloists

It is appropriate for special music to be provided by soloists or other instrumentalists.

Suggested Funeral Hymns from ELW

No.	Title
629	Abide with Me
779	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
838	Beautiful Savior
425	Behold the Host Arrayed in White
338	Beneath the Cross of Jesus 638 Blessed Assurance
732	Borning Cry
781	Children of the Heavenly Father
812	Faith of Our Fathers
422	For All the Saints
290	Go Tell It on the Mountain
733	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
618	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
856	How Great Thou Art
619	I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
661	I Love to Tell the Story
630	In Heaven Above
365	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
624	Jesus, Still Lead On
592	Just As I Am, without One Plea
805	Lead On, O King Eternal!
765	Lord of All Hopefulness
767	Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me
631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
759	My Faith Looks Up to Thee
863	My God, How Wonderful Thou Art
627	O Day Full of Grace
632	O God, Our Help in Ages Past
773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand
623	Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me
608	Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
778	The Lord's My Shepherd
824	This Is My Father's World
742	What A Friend We Have in Jesus
785	When Peace like a River