

# Funeral Planning Guide

## Faith Lutheran Church – Sioux Falls, SD

(Updated November 2014)

St. Paul tells us in Romans 14:7-8, “None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” Both our lives and our deaths are occasions to glorify the Lord. How can we do this through our funerals? By choosing Scripture readings and hymns that witness to the faith God has given us in Christ and the salvation He gives us by grace through faith in Him.

Planning for your funeral can help you affirm your faith in the risen Christ, praise Him for the gift of eternal life, and also leave a Christian legacy. By putting your desires in writing, you also help your survivors know that they are fulfilling them. Explore the suggested Scripture passages in this guide—it makes a great personal Bible study! Also select several hymns, or think of others. And then please share this sheet: leaving copies at the church office, with family members, and with your funeral director. (Contact the church office at 605-332-3401 for help with making copies.)

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Confirmation Verse:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Scripture Readings:

(Note: Psalm 23 is read in all funerals at Faith.  
Please choose three total readings from among  
the following sections.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 1:3-9 (Born again to a living hope)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John 3:1-3 (Children of God)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 7:9-17 (The Lamb and His saints)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 21:1-7 (The New Creation)

### Suggested Old Testament Readings:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Job 19:21-27 (I know that my Redeemer lives)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 8 (How majestic is Your name)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 27 (The Shepherd carries His people)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 39 (The measure of my days)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 46 (God is our fortress)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 84 (Better is one day in Your courts)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 90 (Our everlasting dwelling place)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 91 (In the shelter of the Most High)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 111 (Great are the works of the LORD)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 121 (My help comes from the LORD)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 127 (The LORD builds the house)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 130 (I wait for the LORD)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 139 (Fearfully & wonderfully made)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 145 (Great is the LORD)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 146 (Hope in the LORD)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 25:6-9 (He swallows up death forever)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 40:6-11 (He will tend His flock)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 41:8-10 (Fear not, for I am with you)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 53 (The Suffering Servant)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 61:1-3 (Gladness instead of mourning)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lam. 3:22-33 (Great is Your faithfulness)

### Suggested Epistle Readings:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 8 - portions (More than conquerors)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor. 15 - portions (The resurrection)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:8 (Heavenly dwelling)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Philippians 1:19-23 (To live is Christ)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Thess. 4:13-18 (Grieving with hope)

### Suggested Gospel Readings:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 11:25-30 (I will give you rest)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 28:1-10 (He has risen, as He said)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:22-33 (Depart in peace)
- \_\_\_\_\_ John 3:16-21 (God so loved the world)
- \_\_\_\_\_ John 5:24-25 (The believer has eternal life)
- \_\_\_\_\_ John 6:32-51 (Living Bread from heaven)
- \_\_\_\_\_ John 10:11-16, 27-29 (The Good Shepherd)
- \_\_\_\_\_ John 11:21-27 (Resurrection and the Life)
- \_\_\_\_\_ John 14:1-6 (The Way, the Truth & the Life)

### Sermon Text:

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Pastor may choose the text.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like the Pastor to preach from  
this passage: \_\_\_\_\_.

### Hymns (Choose Up To Three):

(Note: while hymns or solos are not limited to these, they should reflect Scripture’s clear message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ. The Pastor will have the final responsibility in selecting songs.)

### Congregational Hymns:

- \_\_\_\_\_ “Abide With Me” (LSB 878)
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Amazing Grace” (LSB 744)
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Beautiful Savior” (LSB 537)

- \_\_\_\_\_ "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "By Grace I'm Saved" (LSB 566)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (LSB 611)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Children Of The Heavenly Father" (LSB 725)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Christ Be My Leader" (LSB 861)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (LSB 525)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Eternal Father Strong to Save" (LSB 717)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "For All The Saints" (LSB 677)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "How Great Thou Art" (LSB 801)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB 461)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "I'm But A Stranger Here" (LSB 748)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory" (LSB 427)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Jerusalem The Golden" (LSB 672)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Jesus, Lead Thou On" (LSB 718)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Jesus Lives! The Vict'ry's Won" (LSB 490)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Jesus Loves Me" (LSB 588)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Just As I Am" (LSB 570)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Lord Take My Hand & Lead Me" (LSB 722)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "My Hope Is Built ..." (LSB 575)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Nearer My God To Thee" (LW 514)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "O God Our Help In Ages Past" (LSB 733)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "On Eagles' Wings" (LSB 727)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Rock of Ages" (LSB 761)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Softly and Tenderly"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Take My Life And Let It Be" (LSB 784)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB 709)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "The Lamb" (LSB 547)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "The Old Rugged Cross"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "This Is My Father's World"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (LSB 770)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "When Peace Like A River" (LSB 763)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocal Selection/Solo (Optional):**

*(Note: many of the other hymns listed could be sung as a solo.)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ "I Need Thee Every Hour"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "In The Garden"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"
- \_\_\_\_\_ "The Lord's Prayer"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Funeral Pall:**

*(Note: the funeral pall is an ornate covering placed over the casket at the beginning of the service. It signifies that, in Holy Baptism, you are God's child and clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin.)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Use the pall.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do not use the pall.

**Memorials:**

*(Note: memorial gifts are optional. You or your family can select one of the following, choose a different recipient, or leave this section blank.)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Lutheran Church Endowment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sioux Falls Lutheran School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls
- \_\_\_\_\_ Main Street Living
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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