

Funeral/Memorial Planning Guide

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

When a loved one dies “we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. . . [We] trust in God’s promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever. . .”
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

A Christian who thinks ahead about these things has an opportunity to **MAKE A GIFT OF KINDNESS TO FAMILY AND CHURCH** by expressing desires and preferences, and to make a significant witness to Jesus Christ by selecting hymns and Bible readings to be used at the service.

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date & Location of Birth: _____

Spouse: _____

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Children/Grandchildren: _____

Schools Attended, Degrees Earned: _____

Military Service: _____

People to be notified upon my death:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred Mortuary _____

I prefer: _____ Burial; to take place at _____

_____ Cremation: with ashes to be placed: _____ or scattered at: _____

_____ My body donated for Medical Research

If any parts of my body would be useful for transplantation, or would in any way help another living person, I request and approve their use.

Signature

Planning for Your Funeral Service/Memorial Service

I wish to have a Funeral/Memorial Service: _____ at Good Shepherd or
_____ at another location (please specify:)

Favorite hymns or songs I would like:

Please list some Bible passages you would like included:

Bible Reading: _____

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Here are some other instructions and references I would like you to be aware of:

(You may wish to consider who you would like to participate in the service, information for an obituary, preference regarding a reception, etc.)

I would like memorial gifts to be given in my name to:

Name/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Plan Updated: _____

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Suggested Readings for a Memorial or Funeral Service

Old Testament

Job 19:23-27	I know that my redeemer lives
Isaiah 25:6-9	God will swallow up death forever
Isaiah 26:1-4, 19	God will keep them in peace
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31	Comfort my people, Those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19, 25	When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
Isaiah 44:6-8	I am the first and the last
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	Ho, everyone who thirsts
Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11	The spirit of the Lord is upon me
Isaiah 65:17-25	I create new heavens and a new earth
Lamentations 3:19-26, 31b-32	The Lord's steadfast love

Psalms

Psalms 16:5-11	The Lord is my chosen portion
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Psalms 27:1, 4-9a, 13-14	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalms 42:1-6a	As a deer longs for flowing streams
Psalms 46:1-5, 10-11	A very present help in trouble
Psalms 91	The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Psalms 103	Bless the Lord, O my soul
Psalms 106:1-5	O give thanks to the Lord
Psalms 116:1-9, 15	The Lord has heard my voice
Psalms 121	I lift up my eyes to the hills
Psalms 130	Out of the depths I cry to the Lord
Psalms 139:1-12	Where shall I go from your spirit
Psalms 145	I will extol you, O God my King
Psalms 146	Hallelujah! praise the Lord, O my soul

Epistles

Romans 5:1-11	Hope does not disappoint
Romans 6:3-9	Baptized into Christ's death, raised to live with him
Romans 8:14-23, 31-39	Nothing can separate us from the love of God
1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-20a	Christ raised from the dead
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 50, 53-58	Death is swallowed in victory
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1	Visible things are temporary, invisible things eternal
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The comfort of Christ's coming
Revelation 21:1-4, 22-25, 22:3-5	A new heaven and a new earth

Gospels

Matthew 5:1-12a	The Beatitudes
Luke 23:33, 39-43	Today you will be with me in Paradise
John 3:16-21	God so loved the world
John 11:17-27	I am the resurrection and the life
John 11:38-44	Lazarus raised from the dead
John 14:1-6, 25-27	Let not your hearts be troubled

Suggested Hymns for a Memorial or Funeral Service

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	ELW 834 PH 263
For All the Saints (Who from Their Labors Rest)	ELW 422 PH 526 HB 425
Near to the Heart of God (There Is a Place of Quiet Rest)	PH 527 HB 318
Give Thanks for Life	PH 528
Lord of the Living	PH 529
O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be	PH 530
Abide with Me	PH 543
A Mighty Fortress is Our God	ELW 503-505 PH 260 HB 91
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go	PH 384 HB 400
Amazing Grace	PH 280 HB 275
How Great Thou Art	ELW 856
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought	HB 338
The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)	ELW 778 HB 104
Be Still My Soul	HB 374
O Jesus, I Have Promised	ELW 810 PH 389 HB 307
When Morning Gilds the Skies	ELW 853 PH 487 HB 41
My Faith Looks up to Thee	ELW 759 PH 383 HB 378
Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide	ELW 629 PH 543 HB 64
Faith of our Fathers!	ELW 812, 813 HB 348
God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years	PH 275 HB 108
Jesus Loves Me! This I Know	ELW 595 PH 304
(5 stanzas in original by Anna B. Warner; many hymnals will only have 2 or 3)	

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Good for opening)	
Thine Is the Glory (Good for closing hymn)	ELW 376 PH 122
Children of the Heavenly Father	ELW 781
I Was There To Hear Your Morning Cry	
It Is Well With My Soul	ELW 785
On Eagle's Wings	ELW 787
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	ELW 502 PH 171

Hymnal Code:

ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

PH = Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)

HB = Presbyterian Hymnbook (1995)

Online resources such as hymnary.org can also be helpful

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