



# ***St. John Lutheran Church***

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## **Guidelines**

### **Funeral/Memorial Service at St John's Lutheran Church**

Please contact the church office at 423-4146 as soon as possible to begin the planning process. And know that we offer our sincere condolences at the passing of your loved one.

- **About the Service:**

The Funeral Service/Memorial Service is a worship service held in the Lutheran tradition. It is intended for the burial of the baptized who departed this life in Christian Faith. Your loved one's life of faith in Christ will be remembered and Christ will be honored and celebrated in the service. The liturgy of the service itself serves as a reminder of the life won by Jesus in His life, death, and resurrection, and given to us in Holy Baptism. Eulogies are to be given after the service, preferably in the fellowship hall or elsewhere. Likewise, DVDs of the person's life will be shown after the service, again, preferably in the fellowship hall.

- **Scripture Readings for the Service:**

In the Lutheran Church liturgy, there are three readings: one from the Old Testament, one from an Epistle, and one from the Gospels. The pastor will take into consideration favorite passages of the deceased and will incorporate them into the liturgy at his discretion.

- **Music for the Service:**

Music and hymnody shall include that which is approved for use by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Any exceptions must be approved by the pastor or the Board of Elders. No secular music is appropriate in a worship service.

- **Honorariums:**

Honorariums are generally given for professional services provided by those persons officiating or providing a service such as music.

#### Funeral/Memorial Service

Pastor: \$200

Organist/Pianist: \$125

#### Graveside/Committal/Burial Service or Interment

Pastor: \$100

Depending upon the type of services performed, the family can either provide the honorarium through the funeral home or directly to the individuals performing the services.