



Funerals and Memorials



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Pastor's Note

You are now in the midst of one of life's most challenging moments. In death, your grief and loss are real and not to be minimized. We as the community of faith seek to accompany you in this time of sorrow and are saddened by your loss. Simultaneously, we confess and are given hope in the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting with Jesus Christ.

For our part, we will work with you to arrange the funeral or memorial service. I encourage you to remember that the service you now plan is worship to God who gave us life, forgiveness and the promise of eternity. While your loved one will be remembered in this service, they will be remembered as a child of God and most importantly we will remember what Jesus Christ did for them and for us. The pastor will work with you to shape a meaningful and hopeful service.

God bless you with deep trust, an abiding hope, and faith that does not fail. God bless you with strength and comfort as you face this day and the days to come.

—Pastor Heidi Calhoun

Funerals and Memorial Services

Funeral Service:

The casket is present at the service. The casket may be open before service but will be closed for worship and the graveside services.

Memorial Service:

The casket is not present at the service. In the case of cremation, ashes may or may not be present at the service.

Worship Bulletin

The staff will produce your worship bulletin. The pastor will discuss this with you during the initial visit. Decisions will be made regarding text, hymns, special music, communion, etc. Your family will meet with the pastor who will preside and preach at the service. The pastor will meet you either in your home or at the church, whichever is preferable to you. This meeting will be an opportunity to talk about the beloved one who has died, set the time and place for the service, select hymns and scripture readings, indicate the nature of the service, and spend time in prayer and consolation with the family.

Reception

The congregation is happy to provide a simple reception that includes finger desserts, coffee, tea and punch. We will provide white table clothes, cups and napkins. Should you wish to have more than this, our funeral coordinator is happy to share suggestions. Any additions will be at your expense. Our Fireside room holds 40 and our Education building holds 80.

Worship

This is a worship service and secular music is not appropriate and will not be played. If you have a favorite secular song, the reception may be a place to play it or prior to the beginning of the actual funeral/memorial service. The Music Director or designee will play at the service. Any outside musicians or vocalists need to meet with the Music Director to discuss the music and the reverential nature of the service. Further consideration must also be given to the theology and singability of current contemporary Christian music. Many contemporary songs are difficult to sing in a congregational setting. Conversations with the Pastor and the Music Director will help you to determine the best music for this service.

Appropriate for Opening Hymns and Hymn of the Day

<u>Children of the Heavenly Father</u>	ELW 781
<u>Day by Day</u>	ELW 790
<u>Healer of Our Every Ill</u>	ELW 612
<u>How Great Thou Art</u>	ELW 856
<u>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</u>	ELW 815
<u>Jesus, Remember Me</u>	ELW 616
<u>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</u>	ELW 773
<u>Shall We Gather at the River</u>	ELW 423
<u>The Church's One Foundation</u>	ELW 654
<u>Thine Is the Glory</u>	ELW 376
<u>We Know that Christ Is Raised</u>	ELW 449
<u>Shepherd Me, O God*</u>	ELW 780

<u>Softly and Tenderly</u>	ELW 608
<u>The Lord's My Shepherd*</u>	ELW 778
<u>The King of Love My Shepherd Is*</u>	ELW 502
<u>This Is My Father's World</u>	ELW 824
<u>Thy Holy Wings</u>	ELW 613
<u>We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus</u>	ELW 451
<u>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</u>	ELW 742
<u>What Wondrous Love is this</u>	ELW 666

**Hymns marked with an asterisk take inspiration from Psalm 23, a common memorial text*

Appropriate for strong Closing Hymns

<u>For All the Saints</u>	ELW 422
<u>How Great Thou Art</u>	ELW 856
<u>I Know that My Redeemer Lives</u>	ELW 619
<u>Jesus Shall Reign</u>	ELW 434
<u>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less</u>	ELW 597
<u>My Life Flows on in Endless Song</u>	ELW 763
<u>Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds</u>	ELW 367
<u>Now Thank We All Our God</u>	ELW 840
<u>O God, Our Help In Ages Past</u>	ELW 632
<u>O, Happy Day When</u>	ELW 441 <u>We Shall Stand</u>
<u>Soon and Very Soon</u>	ELW 439

Hymn number references are taken from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

Services

	Non-Member	Member
Use of Sanctuary	\$100	None
Pastor's Fee	\$300	Honorarium**
Accompanist	\$150	\$125
Soloist (Optional)	\$75	\$60
Custodial	\$50	\$35
Funeral Coordinator	\$100	\$75
Graveside Service	\$200	\$150

**In case of financial hardship, trust that we will work with you.*

***Honorarium shall be paid immediately following the service and shall be made payable to the pastor performing the service.*

Called to be a servant of Christ and of the church, the pastor does not charge a fee for the ministry conducted with and to your family. However, recognizing the significant time and energy invested in this service, many families have gifted the pastor an honorarium of \$300.

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