

## **Funeral**

When a person passes away, our church family shares in your grief. The funeral service gives you a voice to share your thoughts, thank God for your loved one, and entrust them into the kingdom of God. We trust God's promises in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, and we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection. The congregation gathers to remember the person's life, honor Christ as King, and together we move forward. We are marked with Christ forever.

## **Death**

For your care and to help with planning services, please contact the church office (624-4442) immediately upon the death of a member of the congregation. No plans for the funeral should be made apart from consultation with the pastor and appropriate parish staff. It is a good idea to plan the funeral liturgy well before the death to avoid planning during the time of grieving.

## **Burial**

Military honors and fraternal tributes and rites are to be kept separate from the funeral and committal services of the church.

## **Gathering**

When we come together for a funeral service, we remember and celebrate the life we all receive through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

## **Planning**

To help in planning for the worship service, below are some hymns and scriptures to consider as you think about the service. This is not an all inclusive list, you are welcome to select other hymns and scripture verses.

## **Hymns**

- For all the Saints
- Jesus Loves Me
- Amazing Grace
- For All the Saints
- We've Come This Far by Faith
- All Are Welcome
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is
- O Holy Spirit Enter In
- In the Garden
- Abide With Me
- How Great Thou Art
- My Faith Looks Up to Thee
- Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
- Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
- He Leadeth Me, Oh Blessed Thought
- Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
- Soon and Very Soon
- Now Thank We All Our God
- Thy Holy Wings
- O Day Full of Grace
- Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

- We Walk by Faith
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- On Eagle's Wings
- Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
- Our Father, by Whose Name
- We Are Called
- Just a Closer Walk With Thee
- My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
- You Are Mine
- Blessed Assurance
- O God Our Help in Ages Past
- Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

## Scriptures

- Psalm 23
- Psalm 42:1-5
- Psalm 46:1-7
- Psalm 90
- Psalm 118
- Psalm 121
- Psalm 130
- Psalm 139:7-12
- Psalm 142:1-6
- Psalm 143
- Job 19:23-27a
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Isaiah 40:1, 6-11
- Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31
- Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7
- Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13
- Isaiah 61:1-3
- Isaiah 65 17-20, 23-25
- Isaiah 66:10-14
- Jeremiah 31:8-13
- Lam. 3:22-26, 31-33
- Mark 10:13-16
- Mark 16:1-7
- Matt 5:1-10
- Matt 11:25-30
- Matt 18:1-5, 10-14
- Luke 24:1-9
- John 1:1-5, 9-14
- John 6:37-40
- John 10:11-16
- John 11:21-27
- John 14:1-6
- John 14:25-27
- Romans 5:1-11
- Romans 8:31-35, 37-39
- 1 Cor. 15:12-26
- 2 Cor. 4:6-12, 16-18
- 1 Thess. 4:13-14, 18
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 1 John 3:1-2
- Revelation 7:9-17
- Revelation 21:2-7
- Revelation 22:1-5

## Additional Thoughts

1. Family members or friends are invited to speak at the prayer service. In preparation, we ask that they write down what they will say ahead of time, so that they can be sure to share those stories and ideas.
2. As a general policy, we do not use recorded music in worship. If you would like to play a piece of music that was special to your loved one, the prayer or visitation service or reception following the service, are good places to include these types of music.
3. Solos are nice additions to the worship service. It is good to include at least two hymns for the congregation to sing. Joining our voices in song, we share our grief and sorrow by lifting up our voices in prayer, praise and honor for the one who has gone before us, to this dwelling place that God has prepared for us. We proclaim the Good News.

4. It is appropriate to celebrate the Holy Communion through the Lord's Supper at the funeral worship service.
  
5. Flowers are a wonderful expression of people's love and care for the family of the deceased. There are many alternatives to share and remember people through lasting gifts to the church. Memorial gifts may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church Special Revenue Fund; Sound System; Roof Fund; Heating and Cooling Fund; Internship Fund; as well as to individual ministries within the church. The Vermillion Community Food Pantry, located in this church, is also a place to share memorial gifts. The church office keeps a list of all memorial gifts in our records. Please note, we will not attach a memorial gift plaque to the gift.