



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL PLANNING

“Traditional” Congregational Hymns

Hymns that the congregation sings are strongly encouraged. Singing gives expression to our faith by proclaiming our hope in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Typically, three hymns are sung at a funeral service. Listed below are just some of the hymns that you might consider. All of these hymns are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship. This is not an exhaustive list.

Abide with Me No. 629
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound No. 779
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God No. 504
Beautiful Savior No. 838
Beneath the Cross of Jesus No. 338
Blessed Assurance No. 638
Blest Be the Tie That Binds No. 656
Children of the Heavenly Father No. 781
For All the Saints No. 422
Great Is Thy Faithfulness No. 733
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer No. 618
How Firm a Foundation No. 796
How Great Thou Art No. 856
I Know That My Redeemer Lives! No. 619
It Is Well with My Soul No. 785
Jerusalem, My Happy Home No. 628
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today No. 365
Jesus Loves Me! No. 595
Lift High the Cross No. 660
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 631
My Faith Looks Up to Thee No. 759

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art No. 863
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less No. 597
O God, Our Help in Ages Past No. 632
Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand No. 441
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me No. 623
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us No. 789
Shall We Gather At the River No. 423
Soon and Very Soon No. 39
The King of Love My Shepherd Is No. 502
The Lord's My Shepherd No. 778
Thine Is the Glory No. 376
What a Friend We Have in Jesus No. 742

Other Music

Soloists or instrumentalists can be a part of praising God at memorial services. Musicians should have the abilities necessary and the emotional strength to sing or play at a time when they may be grieving. Again, these are simply suggestions from the hymnal and many more can be used.

Borning Cry No. 732
God Be with You Till We Meet Again
Give Me Jesus No. 770
He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach (Instru.)
Just a Closer Walk with Thee No. 697
Lamb of God No. 336
On Eagle's Wings No. 787
O Rest in the Lord (Elijah) - Mendelssohn
Precious Lord, Take My Hand No. 773
Sheep May Safely Graze – Bach (Instru.)
Shepherd Me, O God No. 780
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling No. 608
That Priceless Grace No. 791
The Old Rugged Cross Thine Is the Glory No. 376

Thy Holy Wings No. 613

Will You Come and Follow Me No. 798

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant No. 659

You Are Mine No. 581

MEMORIAL SERVICE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Scripture read at funerals or memorial services reflects hope. The pastor will want to know if you have favorite passages. The following are some possible selections. Others may be used at the interment (graveside or columbarium) service.

Old Testament Readings

Job 19:23-27 I know that my Redeemer lives

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd

Psalms 27:1, 4-9a, 13-14 The Lord is my light and salvation

Psalms 42:1-7 As a deer longs for flowing streams

Psalms 46:1-7 God is our refuge and strength

Psalms 90 You have been our dwelling place in all generations

Psalms 103 Bless the Lord, O my soul

Psalms 118:5-9, 13-17, 19-20 God's steadfast love endures

Psalms 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills

Psalms 142:1-6 With my voice I cry to the Lord

Psalms 143 Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications

Psalms 146 Praise the Lord, O my soul

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12 For everything there is a season

Isaiah 25:6-9 God will swallow up death forever

Isaiah 26:1-4, 19 God will keep them in perfect peace

Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 Comfort, O comfort my people

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7 I have called you by name, you are mine

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters

Isaiah 61:1-3 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me

Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25 I am about to create a new heaven...

Isaiah 66:10-14 As a mother comforts her child

Jeremiah 31:8-31 I will turn their mourning into joy

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 The love of the Lord never ceases

Joel 2:12-13, 23-24, 26-29 Turn to me with all your heart

New Testament Readings

Matthew 5:1-10 Blessed are those who mourn

Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me, all you who are weary

Mark 16:1-7 Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 18:15-17 Baptized into Christ Jesus

Luke 24:1-9, 36-43 The resurrection of Christ

John 1:1-5, 9-14 The light shines in the darkness

John 3:16 For God so loved the world

John 6:37-40 I will raise them up on the last day

John 10:11-16 I am the good shepherd

John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice

John 11:21-27 I am the resurrection and the life

John 14:1-6, 25-27 In my Father's house are many rooms

John 20:30-31 Through believing you may have life in his name

Romans 5:1-11 God proves his love for us

Romans 6:3-9 We will be united with Him in a resurrection

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 Who will separate us from love

Romans 14:7-9 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's

1 Cor. 15:12-26 Christ has been raised from the dead

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 We will all be change in an instant

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 We have this treasure in clay jars

2 Cor. 5:1-8 A house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens

Ephesians 2:1, 4-10 Saved by grace through faith

Philippians 3:20-21 Our citizenship is in heaven

1 Thess. 4:13-14, 18 We do not want you to be uninformed

1 Peter 1:3-9 A living hope through the resurrection

1 John 3:1-2 See what love the Father has given us

Revelation 1:17-18 Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last

Revelation 7:9-17 God will wipe away every tear

Revelation 14:13 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

Revelation 21:1-7 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth

Revelation 22:1-5 The Lord God will be their light