

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA



FUNERAL/MEMORIAL SERVICE AND COSTS

MEMBERS

There are basically no costs for members of Gloria Dei. The following costs can be negotiated with a pastor:

- Sanctuary & Reception Hall/Kitchen: Complimentary for members
- Custodian: \$100
- Organist/pianist: \$350 (Check payable to Micaela Lum.)
- Soloist fee varies
- Flowers: You're welcome to coordinate Sunday flowers for the service also.

NON-MEMBERS

- Use of the sanctuary is available during the weekday.
- Cost of Sanctuary: \$300 (This includes courtyard and custodial fees)
- One of the two Reception Halls, including Kitchen access may be available: \$250
- There is no fee for the use of the patio near the sanctuary, but we ask that someone from the family is designated to make sure it is cleaned up after usage and this includes washing it down with a hose. It needs to be ready for the next occasion.
- Audio Visual Coordinator may be necessary. Please discuss this with a pastor and if so, \$75 - check payable directly to person running this area.
- Organist/pianist: \$350 (Check payable to Micaela Lum.)
If you choose not to have the church organist/pianist, please speak with a pastor about the use of either instrument in the Sanctuary. They are very valuable instruments.
- Pastor: honorarium

Checks are due two days before the service.

PLANNING THE SERVICE

As soon as possible, please contact the church office for the availability of a pastor and facility.

One of the pastors at Gloria Dei will preside at the service and plan the service with the family. If another pastor is requested, this clergy person will need to be ELCA (Lutheran) or one of our full communion partner churches. A pastor of Gloria Dei will still preside.

The family should think about any special passages of scripture or hymns/music that they would like included in the service.

There are many options - a church memorial service is an important part of the grieving process; a reception where family gathers to tell stories through laughter and tears; a public act of memorial, such as donating in memory of the deceased; and any one of many other possible acts of grieving and remembering the deceased.

The Service

The Christian funeral/memorial service is a chance to come together to hear God's promises and to take comfort that *"nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord,"* not even death (see Romans 8:38-39). At Gloria Dei, we not only celebrate the person's life, but express our hope in the resurrection.

One to three remembrances (eulogies) are shared in the service, about 3-5 minutes each.

If additional people would like to speak about the deceased, the reception is a very appropriate time to do this.

In the sermon, the pastor strives to weave stories of the deceased into the story of God's gracious work in the world.

Luncheon

Gloria Dei may be able to provide cakes, coffee, set-up, serving, and clean-up of a post-service funeral luncheon. Luncheon food is provided by the family. Please contact the church office to make luncheon arrangements and see about availability.

Memorial Gifts

The church is grateful to be remembered by the deceased and loved ones with memorial gifts. Memorial gifts to the church are used for special ministry projects to carry out the mission of the church. Families, and those looking to plan their own estate, are encouraged to speak with a pastor and their financial advisor about their desire and ability to give to the church at the time of a loved one's death or one's own death.