

FUNERAL PLANNING AT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

First of all, we are so sorry for your loss. We will all miss your loved one who has died. The following is information that you might find helpful in planning a funeral at Calvary as well as information that the church staff needs to plan the funeral.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE: The funeral service that we will use for the funeral is found on pp. 279- 285 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and in the funeral template attached to this document.

**Day and time of funeral?
Prayer or family service before?**

SCRIPTURE TEXTS FOR THE FUNERAL: You may choose two or three scripture passages for the funeral, usually one from the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), one from the New Testament lessons and/or one from Old Testament. The following are suggestions with a short quote, but please read carefully to make your choices.

GOSPELS

Matthew 6: 25-34: God cares for the bird and flowers
+++**Matthew 11: 25-30:** Come all who are weary
Luke 12: 35-40: Be prepared for the Lord's coming
+++**John 6: 37-40:** I will raise them up on the last day
John 10: 1-18: I am the good shepherd
John 11: 21-27: I am the resurrection and the life
John 12: 23-26: Unless a grain of wheat falls...
John 14: 1-6: In my Father's house are many rooms

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Romans 5: 1-11: We have peace with God through Christ
Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39: Nothing can separate us from Christ
I Corinthians 15: 20-26: In Christ shall all be made alive
I Corinthians 15: 50-57: Death is defeated in Christ
Philippians 3: 20-21: Our citizenship is in heaven
+++**I John 3: 1-2:** We are God's children now
Revelation 7: 9-17: Behold a host all dressed in white
Revelation 21: 2-7: He will wipe away every tear

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 23: The Lord is my shepherd
Isaiah 25: 6-9: He will swallow up death forever
Isaiah 61: 1-3: Oil of gladness instead of mourning
Job 19: 23-27a: I know that my Redeemer lives
+++**Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-33:** God's love is steadfast

+++*Especially appropriate for the burial of a child*

MUSIC FOR THE FUNERAL: You can choose three or more hymns for the funeral. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* has sections called Hope, Assurance in hymns 618-639 and Trust, Guidance in hymns 755-795, as well as many others that are listed under Comfort, Rest in the ELW index on p. 1179. Certainly, you may want to choose hymns that were favorites of your loved one who has died. Russ Bunker, our Music Ministry Coordinator and Organist is available to accompany the hymns and special music. You may choose a soloist for one or two solos in the funeral service or we can help you to choose a soloist and the musical pieces they will sing.

LUNCH AFTER THE FUNERAL: Calvary is pleased to serve a light lunch after the funeral, and the menu may vary some depending on what time of the day the funeral is held. Please call Jill Shipman, Calvary Funeral Meal Coordinator, as soon as possible to arrange the menu and the details of the meal. Call her at home at 218-346-5395 or on her cell phone at 218-371-5909.

If it is a lunch, we need to know if you would prefer that we serve

+Hot dish with cake and beverages
+Sandwich with cake, beverages
+Sometimes salads, chips, baked beans or other items are added to the menu.

We need to know how many people you expect to come. There is no charge for the lunch but a donation would be appreciated to cover the costs.

MISCELLANEOUS

We would love to have flowers from the funeral to commemorate your loved one as part of our next Sunday worship service. Of course, we cannot guarantee that the flowers will last until Sunday.

You should know that a beautiful funeral pall is available to drape over the casket. The pall is an ancient symbol of baptism.

Memorials can be designated to many different causes. Many are choosing the Calvary Mission Endowment Fund as a perpetual gift that would enable ministry beyond the ordinary operation of the church. The principle is never spent, only the interest.

FUNERAL PLANNING WISH LIST

Print out and write down your funeral preferences. This Wish List is meant only a planning tool; be sure to discuss your wishes with your loved ones and then to write them out at length.

Funeral Service

Prelude

Prayer and Thanksgiving for Baptism ELW p. 279

Hymn

Greeting

Prayer of the Day ELW p. 281

Scripture Lessons (3)

Sermon-Pastor Phil Holtan

Hymn

The Apostles' Creed ELW p. 282

Solo

Prayers ELW p. 282

Lord's Prayer ELW p. 283

Commendation- ELW p. 283

Benediction ELW p. 214

Hymn

Postlude/Recessional