

Funeral Planning Guidelines

It can be difficult for families to make decisions regarding funeral arrangements at the time of a loved one's death. In the midst of grieving, the family is faced with making many important decisions. Families often wish they knew their loved one's desires before having to make those decisions at such an emotional time.

These sheets provides an opportunity for you to think about your funeral plans. You may use it as a guide for your thinking and/or to make your personal desires known to your family and/ or to the staff of Atonement Lutheran Church. You may wish to complete this sheet together with your spouse, a relative, or a friend, or by yourself.

Prayerfully and carefully consider the matters suggested on the following pages.

Keep in mind that the funeral service is a liturgy of the resurrection. We celebrate God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. This funeral service will also be for your loved ones. What will encourage their faith? What will remind them of you? What will be most helpful to them as they grieve?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Deacon for Caregiving, Marian.

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Funeral Planning Guidelines

Funeral Plan For: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Funeral Service Date & Time _____

Funeral Service Location: _____

Visitation Date & Time: _____

Visitation Location: _____

Burial/Inurnment Date & Time: _____

Burial/Inurnment Location: _____

Burial/Inurnment will be: Public _____ Private _____

Pastor Requested at Burial/Inurnment: Yes _____ No _____

Reception Date & Time: _____

Reception Location: _____

Funeral Home

Name: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone Number: _____

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FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Contact Person

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Siblings: _____

Spouse's/Partner's Name: _____

Date Married: _____

Children's Names: _____

Grandchildren's Names: _____

Other significant persons: _____

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FUNERAL WORSHIP SERVICE PLAN

Scripture:

First Reading: _____ Reader: _____

Gospel/Second Reading: _____ Reader: _____

Eulogy/Remembrances: Yes _____ No _____

Name(s) of speaker(s): _____

Hymns/songs:

Opening Hymn:

Hymn of the Day:

Closing Hymn:

Prelude/Postlude:

Prelude:

Postlude:

Musician:

Steve Joyal _____

Sarah Talley _____

Other: _____

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Scripture Reading

- _____ Job 19: 23-27a: "I know that my Redeemer lives"
- _____ Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd"
- _____ Psalm 41:1-7: "As a deer longs for flowing streams"
- _____ Psalm 46: 1-7: "God is our refuge and strength"
- _____ Psalm 121: "I lift up my eyes to the hills"
- _____ Psalm 130: "Out of the depths I cry out to you"
- _____ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8: "For everything there is a season"
- _____ Isaiah 25:6-9: "God will swallow up death forever"
- _____ Isaiah 41:10: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you"
- _____ Isaiah 61: 1-3: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me"
- _____ Romans 6:3-9: "Baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection"
- _____ Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?"
- _____ Romans 14:7-12 "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's"
- _____ 1 Corinthians 15: 12-26: "Christ, the firstfruits, has been raised"
- _____ 1 Corinthians 15:51-57: "Death is swallowed up in victory"
- _____ 1 Peter 1: 3-9: "A living hope through Jesus' resurrection"
- _____ Revelation 7:9-17: "God will wipe away every tear"
- _____ Revelation 21: 2-7 "I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem"
- _____ Other: _____

Gospel Reading

- _____ Matthew 5:1-10: "Blessed are those who mourn"
- _____ Matthew 11:25-30: "Come to me, all you who are weary"
- _____ John 6:37-40: "I will raise them up on the last day"
- _____ John 10:11-16: "I am the good shepherd"
- _____ John 11: 21-27: "I am the resurrection and the life"
- _____ John 12: 23-26: "A grain of wheat falls and dies...yields a rich harvest"
- _____ John 14: 1-6: "In my Father's house are many rooms"
- _____ John 14:25-27: "Peace I leave with you"
- _____ John 16: 12-22: "Pain now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice"
- _____ Other: _____

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Hymns

- Thine Is the Glory (ELW 376)
- Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (ELW 377)
- For All the Saints (ELW 422)
- Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)
- We Know That Christ Is Raised (ELW 449)
- We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (ELW 451)
- "I Am the Bread of Life" (ELW 485)
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)
- My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 597)
- Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling (ELW 608)
- Thy Holy Wings (ELW 613)
- I Know that My Redeemer Lives! (ELW 619)
- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (ELW 623)
- Abide With Me (ELW 629)
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)
- I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)
- What Wondrous Love is This (ELW 666)
- Just a Closer Walk with Thee (ELW 697)
- God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)
- What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW 742)
- My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759)
- Have No Fear, Little Flock (ELW 764)
- Lord of All Hopefulness (ELW 765)
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)
- Amazing Grace (ELW 779)

- Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)
- When Peace Like a River (It is Well) (ELW 785)
- On Eagle's Wings (ELW 787)
- Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)
- How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 858)
- Now Thank We All Our God (LBW 534)
- Other: _____

Contemporary Songs

- 10,000 Reasons
- It Is Well
- I Can Only Imagine
- Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
- Grace Like Rain
- Lord I Need You
- Oceans
- Way Maker
- You are My All in All
- Holy Forever
- Great Are You Lord
- Other: _____

Funeral Planning Guidelines

SERVICE DETAILS

Casket _____ Urn _____

Military Honors: Yes _____ No _____

Livestream: Yes _____ No _____

Livestreamed from Atonement's YouTube Channel

Slides for worship service: Yes _____ No _____

Childcare: Yes _____ No _____

BULLETIN DETAILS

Bulletin for worship service: Yes _____ No _____

Cover Design: Photo of Person _____ Art _____

If art, please specify desired image: _____

Back Cover of Bulletin: Obituary _____ Other _____

Message from Family (optional): _____

Memorial: _____

Number of bulletins requested: _____

VISITATION DETAILS

Photo Slide Show: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how will the slide show be made:

I will make slide show _____ I will provide digital photos _____

I will provide physical photos _____

Number of picture boards _____

Music during visitation: _____

We can play music you provide on a CD, Spotify Playlist, YouTube video, etc.

Flower arrangements: Yes _____ No _____

(Please advise the florist to call during office hours: Monday or Wednesday 10am-4pm)

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SUGGESTED HONORARIA

The guidelines listed below are optional. Please know that our staff are honored to help your family through this difficult time. They will gladly volunteer their services if needed.

Pastor: \$200 | Funeral Host \$100 | Organist/Musician \$200-\$250 | Bulletin: \$50-\$100

A/V: Sound Tech \$75 | A/V: Computer \$75 | Livestream/Recording (\$50) | Custodian \$50

(Please write ONE check to Atonement and we will disburse honoraria)

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