

*I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*
John 11: 25-26



Funerals and Memorial Services

at

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AN ORDER OF CLOSURE AT THE TIME OF DEATH

(A pastor, chaplain, family member or friend may use this order in the home or resident's room at the time of death.)

In the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Scripture: (A favorite Scripture passage may be read or Psalm 23.)

Psalm 23: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want; He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sharing

(Those gathered are invited to share a remembrance of the loved one.)

Prayer: Eternal God, we thank you for the life we shared with _____ . Deal graciously with us who mourn our loss. May we be comforted by the promises of your Word that remind us that nothing can separate us from your love, not even death. Help us now to release our loved one to your keeping trusting that we will be reunited in your eternal kingdom. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever Amen.*

Blessing: Make the sign of the cross on the brow of the deceased as you say, *you have been marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS

You may specify the organizations that you wish to benefit from gifts given in memory of your loved one. Gifts given to Immanuel may be designated and will be acknowledged by a Memorial Committee member and recorded. It is good to include the family wishes regarding memorials in the obituary written for the newspaper and the bulletin for the service.

RECEPTIONS

One of the Women's serving groups will serve the lunch following the service. The menu for a noon meal would include hot or cold dish, a salad, bread or buns, pickles, cupcakes and beverages. A lunch in the afternoon or morning would include filled buns or open faced sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, cupcakes and a beverage. There is no charge for members except a donation to cover the cost or the groceries. For non-members, a minimum of \$100 plus the cost of the groceries is the suggested donation to Immanuel Church Women. If a family chooses, they may cater the meal or a portion of it at their expense and served by one of the serving groups.

OTHER FEES

Fees are often arranged through the funeral home. If the services of a funeral home are not used, for members there is no charge for use of the church or the service of the pastor. For non-members, a gift to the church and pastor would be appreciated. For members and non-members, an honorarium of \$75 to \$125 is suggested for the organist and soloist and a gift of \$35-\$50 is suggested for the custodian since the custodian is not fulltime staff member.

MUSICAL RESOURCES

If there are favorite songs that you would like included in the service, let the pastor know. Usually within the service, there are three or four musical numbers that can be sung by the congregation or as solos. On the next page are some suggestions for songs that are in the ELW Worship Book. If there is a song you want that is not in the ELW, we can print the words in the bulletin.

Suggested Song in the Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship

Abide with Me.....	629
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!.....	377
Amazing Grace.....	779
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	504
Behold the Host Arrayed in White.....	425
Beautiful Savior.....	838
Borning Cry.....	732
Children of the Heavenly Father	781
For All the Saints.....	422
Have No Fear Little Flock.....	764
How Great Thou Art	856
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	619
Jesus Shall Reign.....	434
Jesus Savior, Pilot Me	755
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	836
Lead On, O King Eternal!	805
Lord of All Hopefulness.....	765
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	759
My Lord, What a Morning	438
O Day Full of Grace	627
On Eagle's Wings.....	787
Praise to the Lord the Almighty	858
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	773
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.....	789
Shall We Gather at the River.....	423
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling.....	608
Soon and Very Soon.....	439
The Lord's My Shepherd	778
Thy Holy Wings	613
What Wondrous Love is This.....	666
When Peace, Like a River	785

SCRIPTURAL RESOURCES

In selecting Scripture to be read at the service, you may want to include a passage that was meaningful to the deceased or to you. Typically, a service includes one passage from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament, one being from the Gospels. Below are some suggestions of possible passages.

Old Testament

Psalm 23	Proverbs 3:5-6
Psalm 46	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Psalm 90:1-6	Isaiah 40:28-31
Psalm 91	Isaiah 43:1-3
Psalm 103:1-5	
Psalm 121	

New Testament

Romans 5:1-11	Mark 8:34-37
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	Luke 12:35-40
1 Corinthians 13	John 3:16-17
1 Corinthians 15:51-58	John 6:37-40
2 Corinthians 4:15-5:9	John 10:11-16
Ephesians 1:3-10	John 11:7-27
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	John 12:24-26
2 Timothy 1:5-7	John 14:1-6, 27
2 Timothy 4:6-8	
1 Peter 1:3-9	
Revelation 21:1-7	