

Suggested Music - Evangelical Lutheran Worship (cranberry hymnal)

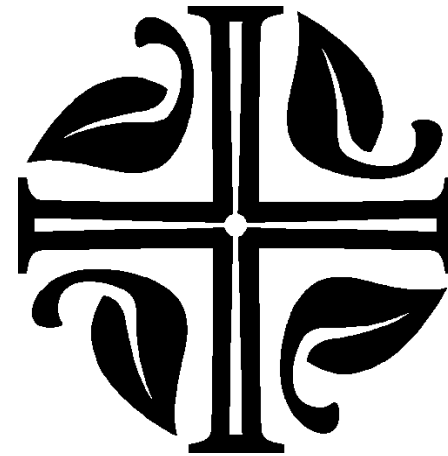
376	Thine Is The Glory	365	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
627	O Day Full Of Grace	629	Abide With Me
503/05	A Mighty Fortress	596/97	My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less
632	O God Our Help	618	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
838	Beautiful Savior	785	When Peace Like A River
780	Shepherd Me O God	619	I Know That My Redeemer Lives
765	Lord of all Hopefulness	781	Children Of The Heavenly Father
856	How Great Thou Art	839/40	Now Thank We All Our God
779	Amazing Grace	661	I Love To Tell The Story
502	The King of Love	742	What A Friend We Have In Jesus
759	My Faith Looks Up	881	Let All Things Now Living
638	Blessed Assurance	880	O God Beyond All Praising
773	Precious Lord ...	733	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
793	Be Thou My Vision	614	There is a Balm in Gilead
613	Thy Holy Wings	770	Give Me Jesus
787	On Eagle's Wings	631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
790	Day by Day	774	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
732	Borning Cry	379	Now the Green Blade Rises

Several of the hymns listed above are suitable to be sung as solos.

You may consult the organist for additional suggestions about special music.



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A Time for Faith. A Time for Hope.

Planning a Funeral or Memorial Service

The Funeral Service is an expression of the faith and hope of the Christian Community in the face of the death of one of its members or friends. Because we have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, we possess the hope in the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. In the Funeral service we express our faith in these ways:

- † **We pray** for the one who has died, commending that person to the care of our gracious God.
- † **We comfort** one another with the assurance of the grace, power and goodness of the living God.
- † **We praise** God, who destroyed death, and who is the source of life and salvation.
- † **We find hope** in God's promise of abiding presence and everlasting life.

The Order of Service

Our Baptism

The service begins with a declaration of God's promises of eternal hope and new life given in baptism. The order of service based on the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal and service book, pages 279-285.

Remembering

The service includes a time for Words of Remembrance.

This can be a time for family or friends to share brief reflections of the deceased, or to read scripture or a poem.

The obituary may be read at this time.

God's Word

Following the Words of Remembrance, scripture passages will be read aloud. Scripture may include a Psalm, a passage from the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament), a reading from one of the New Testament letters and a reading from one of the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The family is encouraged to participate in the choosing of these readings. The pastor will offer words of hope in a brief homily, following the scripture readings.

Music

On most occasions when the funeral takes place in the church, there are two to four musical selections in a service. One or more may be hymns sung by the congregation. Our church musician (organist/pianist) may provide prelude and postlude music before and after the service and will accompany the congregational singing. The use of soloists or other instruments is encouraged.

Reception following the service

The family may choose to arrange for a gathering of friends and family in Fellowship Hall following the service. Light refreshments or a meal can be made available with the help of a local caterer or a serving group from the congregation. See the brochure for *Planning a Funeral Reception*

Suggested Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.*

Psalm 90 *O God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.*

Psalm 42:1-7 *As a deer longs for flowing streams, my soul longs for God.*

Psalm 46:1-7 *God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Psalm 91 - *God's wings will cover you and you will find refuge..*

Psalm 118 - *I called to God in my distress, God answered by setting me free*

Psalm 121 - *I lift my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?*

Psalm 130 - *I wait for the LORD, and in God's word I hope.*

Psalm 139 – *Lord you have searched me, You have known me...*

Job 19:23-27a - *For I know that my Redeemer lives.*

Isaiah 25:6-9 - *The Lord of hosts will make a feast...*

Isaiah 61:1-3 – *God sent me to bring good news...comfort all who mourn.*

Ecclesiastes 3 – *For everything there is a season and a time...*

Isaiah 35 – *The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad*

Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33 - *The steadfast love of the God never ceases...*

Romans 5:1-11 - *Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace...*

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 – *Nothing can separate us from God's love*

I Corinthians 15:12-26 - *Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?*

II Corinthians 4:7-18 *We have this treasure in clay jars...we are afflicted in every way but not crushed...struck down but not destroyed*

I Peter 1:3-9 - *Being protected by the power of God through faith...*

I John 3:1-2 - *Beloved, we are God's children now...*

Revelation 7:9-17 - *Salvation belongs to our God.*

Revelation 21:2-7 - *God will wipe every tear. Death will be no more.*

Matthew 11:25-30 - *Come to me, all who are weary and I will give you rest.*

John 5:24-29 - *Anyone who hears my word and believes...has eternal life.*

John 6:37-40 - *Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away.*

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

John 14:1-6 - *In God's house there are many dwelling places...*

John 14:15 – *I live and you will live also... I will not leave you orphaned*