

## **Planning a Funeral Service at Memorial Lutheran Church of Afton**

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. Psalm 23: 6*

### **Planning Process**

1. \*If you would like to hold a funeral and/or reception at Memorial, please begin this process by calling or emailing the church office. 651.436.1138 or [churchlifecoordinator@memorallutheran.org](mailto:churchlifecoordinator@memorallutheran.org)\*
2. Pastor will be in touch to set up a meeting with members of the family. At this meeting she will lead you through the funeral planning process. It would be helpful if you could bring scripture readings, music, speakers, or other personal touches you'd like to be a part of the service. Do not worry if you do not have any of these details ready, Pastor will help you select every part of the service as needed.
3. Funeral Planning Meeting with Pastor
4. Bulletin Printing: we are able to print a simple order of service on a bulletin with a religious cover. You would need to outsource for memory cards and more elaborate bulletins.

### **Scripture Readings**

\*At Memorial we read from the NRSV translation of the Bible, you can easily look up each of these passage in that translation by using this website:  
[www.bible.oremus.org](http://www.bible.oremus.org)

Psalm 23	John 1:1-5,14-18 John 10:11, Colossians 1:13-20 I Thes. 18, 27-30 John 11:17-27	4:13-18
Psalm 46	John 14:1-6	I Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 90	Romans 8:31-39 I Cor. 15:51-58	Revelation 3:19-22
Psalm 103	Psalm 121	Revelation 7:9-14
Psalm 130	Isaiah 43:1-4a	Revelation 21:1-7
	Ephesians 1:3-10	Philippians 4:4-9

## Music

Music is often a very important element of the funeral service. Music can be done as congregational singing, by bringing in a soloist or other musicians.

### Gathering Hymns

- 838 Beautiful Savior
- 660 Lift High the Cross
- 619 I Know That My  
Redeemer Lives 759 My Faith  
Looks Up
- 627 O Day Full of Grace
- 632 O God Our Help
- 858 Praise To The Lord

### Hymn of the Day

#### (after sermon)

- 629 Abide With Me
- 779 Amazing Grace
- 732 Borning Cry

- 781 Children of the Heavenly  
Father
- 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 623 Rock of Ages
- 789 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
- 778 The Lord's My ShepherdWhat
- 666 Wondrous Love is ThisWhen
- 785 Peace, Like a River

### Sending Hymns

- 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 389
- Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing 422
- For All the Saints
- 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore
- 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus 534
- Savior, Again to Your Dear Name 449
- We Know That Christ Is Raised

Sharing a meal or a time of fellowship is so important as you and your community grieves. Our funeral ministry team is ready to host you at minimal cost:

### Typical Service Fees

- Pastor ..... \$250.00
- Musician ..... \$150.00
- Soloist ..... \$125.00
- Custodian ..... \$50.00
- Church Life Coordinator..\$100.00 with funeral home; \$200 without funeral home
- Sound Board, if livestreaming...\$50
- Kitchen Coordinator... food costs and then your discretion