

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@memoriallutheran.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

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