



# INFORMATION FOR ARRANGING MY FUNERAL

Make copies of this completed form and give them to individuals who will be involved with arranging your funeral. Provide one copy to St. John Lutheran Church

## YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT INFORMATION ~ Family members to be contacted at time of your death.

Name _____	Relationship _____
Phone numbers _____	City _____ State _____
Name _____	Relationship _____
Phone numbers _____	City _____ State _____

## ARRANGEMENTS

If you would like your body, or parts of it, to be used for medical purposes, indicate the location of necessary documents providing for your donation.

Location of documents \_\_\_\_\_

What funeral home do you wish to handle your funeral?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

If you live in Dickinson and the funeral home you've chosen is not in Dickinson, give the name of a Dickinson funeral home for local arrangements:

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**ARRANGEMENTS** ~ Check one of the following

I want to be cremated with ashes to be buried at

Place \_\_\_\_\_ City and state \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be cremated with ashes placed or disposed of (according to any state laws)

Place \_\_\_\_\_ City and state \_\_\_\_\_

Specific disposal directions \_\_\_\_\_

I want burial in a casket

Cemetery or mausoleum \_\_\_\_\_ City and state \_\_\_\_\_

Have you purchased a plot in a Dickinson cemetery or a vault in the mausoleum?  Yes  No

If you have a cemetery plot, indicate the name of the cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Casket cost: Low  Moderate  High  Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have your body viewed? Yes, at funeral home  Yes, at church  No



I prefer memorials designated to the following organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you want your funeral held? (Check one)

Church \_\_\_\_\_

City (if away from Dickinson) \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

City (if away from Dickinson) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you desire a family/prayer service the evening before the funeral? Yes  No

If yes, is it to be private (family and close friends only) or public? Private  Public

Do you desire a reception following the funeral? Yes  No

**PARTICIPANTS** in the funeral

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Eulogist(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Lectors or assisting ministers \_\_\_\_\_

Cross bearer and/or paschal candle bearer \_\_\_\_\_

Organist or pianist \_\_\_\_\_

Soloist(s)/other musicians \_\_\_\_\_

Pallbearers (casket bearers and honorary, if desired): \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE FUNERAL SERVICE** *(See the following pages for suggested Biblical texts and hymns – pgs. 5-7)*

Biblical texts

Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

Epistle \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

Other readings \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational hymns \_\_\_\_\_

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Other music \_\_\_\_\_

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Communion at the funeral? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I have these additional requests \_\_\_\_\_

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**OBITUARY INFORMATION**

List family members

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Provide background information about yourself that you want included in an obituary. This may include education, work, organizations, accomplishments, etc.

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The following newspapers should receive my obituary

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*I have provided a copy of these plans to the following people, church, and/or funeral home*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Do not put this form in your safety deposit box. This is information needed by your church and your family immediately at the time of your death.)*

## SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FUNERALS

*In addition to a reading from the gospel, other texts may include a reading from the Old Testament, the Psalms and/or the New Testament.*

### OLD TESTAMENT (First Readings)

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#### Verses

#### Theme

Job 19:23-27  
Proverbs 31:10-31  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
Isaiah 25:6-9

My Redeemer lives  
Portrait of a godly woman  
For everything there is a season  
God will swallow up death forever

Isaiah 35:3-10  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Isaiah 40:27-31  
Isaiah 43:1-3, 18-19, 25

The ransomed shall return  
He shall feed his flock  
They who wait for the Lord  
I am going to do a new thing

Isaiah 55:1-3,6-13  
Isaiah 61:1-4,10-11  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Zechariah 8:1-8

God's gracious covenant  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me  
A new heaven and a new earth  
Written on the heart  
Children at play in God's city

### PSALMS

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#### Verses

#### Theme

Psalms 23  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Psalm 42:1-6a  
Psalm 46

The Lord is my shepherd  
Taste and see that the Lord is good  
As the deer longs for flowing streams  
God is our refuge and strength

Psalms 90:1-6,10,12-17  
Psalm 91:1-2,9-12,14-16  
Psalm 103:1-5,10-18  
Psalm 116:1-9,12-15

So teach us to number our days  
In the shadow of the Almighty  
God's steadfast love  
Precious is the death of his saints

Psalms 121  
Psalm 130  
Psalm 139:1-12,23-24  
Psalm 143

The Lord will keep you  
Out of the depths  
Pursued by God  
Hear my prayer, O Lord

## NEW TESTAMENT (Second Readings)

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<u>Verses</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Romans 5:1-11 Romans 6:3-9 Romans 8:14-23 Romans 8:31-35,37-39	While we were yet sinners Baptized into Christ's death. Joint heirs with Christ Who shall separate us?
1 Corinthians 13 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 2 Corinthians 4:7-14	But the greatest of these is love Assurance of resurrection O, death, where is thy sting? Perplexed, but not in despair
2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Philippians 2:5-11 Philippians 4:4-9 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	A house not made with hands He emptied himself Rejoice in the Lord The comfort of his coming again
Hebrews 12:1-2 1 Peter 1:3-9 1 John 1:1-7 Revelation 7:9-17	A cloud of witnesses Born anew to a living hope Walk in the light A great multitude in white robes
Revelation 21:22-27 Revelation 22:1-7	The heavenly Jerusalem The Lamb of God and the Tree of Life

## GOSPEL READINGS

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<u>Verses</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Matthew 5:1-10 Matthew 11:25-30 Matthew 18:1-5,10-14 Matthew 25:31-40	Blessed are those who mourn Easy yoke, light burden Become like children You gave me food
Mark 10:13-16 Luke 23:32-43 Luke 24:1-5, 9-14 Luke 24:13-35	Let the children come to me Today I will be with you in Paradise The resurrection of Christ Known in the breaking of the bread
John 1:1-5, 9-14 John 3:16-21 John 5:19-29 John 6:37-40	The light shines in the darkness God so loved the world The Son gives life The Bread of Life
John 10:7-16 John 11:17-27 John 14:1-7 John 14:25-27	The Good Shepherd I am the Resurrection The Way, the Truth, the Life Peace I leave with you

## SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR FUNERALS

Generally a funeral will include four hymns and/or solos. The hymn numbers are from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	#504	Jesus Loves Me	#595
Abide with Me	#629	Jesus Savior, Pilot Me	#755
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	#634	Jesus, the Very Thought of You	#754
Battle Hymn of the Republic	#890	Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	#767
Be Thou My Vision	#793	Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling	#631
Beautiful Savior	#838	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	#759
Behold a Host	#425	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	#597
Blessed Assurance	#638	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	#632
Bornng Cry (I Was There)	#732	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	#773
Children of the Heavenly Father	#781	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	#632
Day by Day	#790	Shall We Gather at the River	#423
For All the Saints	#422	The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want	#778
Great Is Thy Faithfulness	#733	The Strife Is O'er	#366
Guide Me, Great Redeemer	#618	Thine Is the Glory	#376
How Great Thou Art	#856	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	#742
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	#619	When Peace, Like a River	#785
In Heaven Above	#630	Who Is This Host Arrayed in White	#425
		You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle's Wings)	#787