



**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 the 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