

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 office@memoriallutheran.org*
2. Pastor will be in touch to set 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 tasteful cover. If you would like to include color photos or to create a more elaborate bulletin, you will need to outsource that. Pastor will have recommendations on how to do this.
5. See the remainder of this document for more resources and information.

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

Psalm 23

Psalm 46

Psalm 90

Psalm 103

Psalm 121

Psalm 130

Isaiah 43:1-4a

John 1:1-5,14-18

John 10:11, 18, 27-30

John 11:17-27

John 14:1-6

Romans 8:31-39

I Cor. 15:51-58

Ephesians 1:3-10

Philippians 4:4-9

Colossians 1:13-20

I Thes. 4:13-18

I Peter 1:3-9

Revelation 3:19-22

Revelation 7:9-14

Revelation 21:1-7

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
765 Lord of All Hopefulness
631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
623 Rock of Ages
789 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
778 The Lord's My Shepherd
666 What Wondrous Love is This
785 When 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

Reception

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:

*During Co-Vid we are happy to partner with a professional catering business for your reception. Our funeral ministry team is not available at this time.

Service Fees

Pastor \$250.00
Musician \$150.00
Soloist \$125.00
Custodian \$100.00
Kitchen Coordinator... tbd