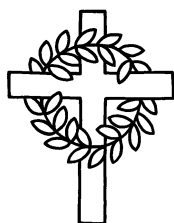


Funerals at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:3-5

What is a Christian Funeral?

A Christian funeral is a celebration of joy and triumph. At this time we remember the promise of our baptism. Our Lord is praised for giving us new life. We also acknowledge the gift of the loved one for whom we gather and, at the same time, we realize the loss. This is why it is so important to be part of a caring community, that we may support one another in times of grief.

For these reasons, we recommend that the worship service be held in the sanctuary of the church, regardless of the number of people expected to attend. The Christian funeral, held in the church building, is a powerful Christian witness to neighborhood and community of God's Word of hope and resurrection.

In the church, the Christian community surrounds us. Here we are in the presence of the symbols of our faith and, here we find the proper setting for the great events of life, whether baptism, confirmation, marriage or Christian burial.

Officiant

According to the Model Constitution for St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (C9.03.b.1), the pastor under call to this congregation shall officiate at all funeral/memorial services conducted on the campus of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. In the event the pastor is unavailable for the funeral/memorial service, the pastor on-call shall be responsible for making the appropriate arrangements. Full Communion Partners may also be considered. In the event the family would prefer another pastor (outside the above criteria) or family friend to conduct the service, the service must be conducted elsewhere.

Christian Symbols

The Christ Candle is lighted at baptism and Easter symbolizing the death and resurrection of Christ. At the funeral service the Christ Candle reminds us of the promise of our baptism.

Funeral Pall

The Pall is a linen-like covering for the casket and is white, the Easter Color of Resurrection joy. Its color reminds us of the white baptismal robe put on as we become children of God and the resurrection to which we journey. St. Andrew's Lutheran provides a funeral pall. The pall is placed over the casket prior to the service and is removed when the funeral is over. It enables all to come equally before the altar, just as God loves everyone, rich and poor alike. Flowers are never placed on top of the pall, for it would contradict the meaning of the pall.

Flowers

Flowers are an important symbol of our joy in Christ, as well as of our human frailty. Following the service, the family has several options for disposition of flowers. They may be taken to the place of burial, members and friends of the family may take them home, and/or they may be delivered to nursing homes and/or shut-ins. One arrangement may be designated for Sunday worship by contacting the church office.

Memorials

While flowers add beauty to the worship service, a memorial to the family and/or a specific designation to St. Andrew's would be a continued thanksgiving to God for the life of the loved one.

Music

The music of a Christian funeral is a significant part of the service and should reflect hope and comfort. Singing together identifies us as the Body of Christ. Everything about the music should proclaim the joy of Christ's Resurrection. The music should be of high quality and hymns of victory and praise should be used.

The pastor is prepared to assist the family in the selection of hymns from our worship resources, which include the *Lutheran Book of Worship, With One Voice* and *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Proper music from others sources may be printed in the bulletin. A list of suggested hymns is part of this booklet. We encourage the family to consider using the church organist or accompanist. The family may choose whether they want the organ or piano used during the service. Any non-church musician must be approved by the Music Director to play the organ or piano.

Day and Time

The family is encouraged to meet with the pastor at the death of a loved one to discuss the funeral arrangements. Pre-arrangements are encouraged and acceptable. The purpose of these visits is to help determine how the church may assist the family at a time of loss and to plan the service. The time of the funeral should be arranged with the pastors to avoid conflicts with the church's schedule. Either a morning or afternoon service is acceptable. The Committal service may be before or after the actual service. A prayer service for the family is an option and is encouraged.

A Life Remembered

The family is invited to honor the memory of their loved one by writing and sharing a remembrance for the family and congregation or creating a pictorial remembrance to show on our screen. It is most helpful if the family can provide favorite bible passages and hymns and personal remembrance and family stories about your loved one in preparing the worship service. A copy of the obituary should be provided if one is to be used.

Photo

Typically we "borrow" the photo of your loved one from the newspaper or funeral home website. If you'd prefer we use something else, please bring a picture of your loved one to the church office. We will scan it into the computer and return it to you. For All Saints Day, we will show the picture as part of our All Saints Remembrance.

Ushers

Normally ushers are provided by the funeral home making the arrangements. Sometimes, especially when there is a cremation/memorial service, Funeral Home Directors may not attend the service. If this is the case, please contact the office manager to have her call people from St. Andrew's to serve as ushers.

Altar Guild

A member of the Altar Guild will be contacted to make sure the sanctuary is prepared for the funeral/memorial service, including paraments and candles.

Lounge

The family is welcome to use the lounge and chapel for the gathering of the family.

Reception

St. Andrew's Women of the ELCA are honored to provide food and fellowship to you as you say goodbye to your love one. We pray that this meal surrounds you with love from your church family.

For the lunch, the church will provide: salads, cookies, beverages (coffee/tea), paper cups, and the set up/serving and clean up.

The Funeral Committee will buy and present the family with a bill, approximately \$1.50-\$1.75 per person, for these lunch items: catered sandwiches from HyVee (ham, roast beef, and turkey with different cheeses), paper products, chips, condiments, veggies, and pickles.

In lieu of a luncheon, if a morning or afternoon reception is preferred, the church will provide cookies, coffee/tea, set up/serve, and clean up.

If the family wishes a different menu or any additions to the above list, please order/provide that food and have it delivered to the church. The Funeral Committee will happily set up/serve, and clean up.

Donations are always welcome by the St. Andrew's Women of the ELCA.

Bulletins

St. Andrew's will supply worship service bulletins for the funeral. The order of worship service will follow the *ELW*. This allows an opportunity for friends and family to be more involved in the service.

CD Recording

The sound technician will make a CD recording of the service and will make copies for you if asked.

Fees

Fees are not assessed for the use of the church and the fellowship hall. There are charges for the organist and/or a soloist & sound technician. An honorarium to the pastor is appropriate.

Organist/Accompanist	\$150
Sound Technician	\$75

HYMNS FOR CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Suggested hymns from *ELW*

ENTRANCE HYMNS

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| # 376 Thine is the Glory | # 597 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less |
| # 422 For All the Saints | # 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past |
| # 858 Praise to the Lord the Almighty | # 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives |
| # 886 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | # 864 Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven |

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

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| # 632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past | # 630 In Heaven Above |
| # 660 Lift High the Cross | # 624 Jesus, Still Lead On |
| # 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives | # 805 Lead On, O King Eternal |
| # 836 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | # 858 Praise to the Lord the Almighty |

GENERAL HYMNS

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| # 629 Abide With Me | # 754 Jesus, The Very Thought of You |
| # 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | # 623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me |
| # 767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me | # 755 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me |
| # 785 When Peace Like a River | # 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds |
| # 742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus | # 666 What Wondrous Love is This? |
| # 502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is | # 779 Amazing Grace |
| # 781 Children of the Heavenly Father | # 765 Lord of All Hopefulness |
| # 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee | # 764 Have No Fear Little Flock |
| # 824 This is My Father's World | # 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing |
| # 820 O Savior, Precious Savior | # 856 How Great Thou Art |
| # 777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty | # 338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus |
| # 595 Jesus Loves Me | # 536 God Be With You Till We Meet Again |
| # 641 All Are Welcome | # 800 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart |
| # 763 My Life Flows On An Endless Song | # 482 I Come With Joy |

HYMNS FROM CONTEMPORARY RESOURCES

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| # 215 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | # 377 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! |
| # 638 Blessed Assurance | # 485 I Am the Bread of Life |
| # 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand | # 439 Soon and Very Soon |
| # 790 Day by Day | # 574 Here, I am Lord |
| # 760 O Christ The Same ("Danny Boy" tune) | # 787 On Eagles Wings |
| # 732 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry | # 826 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise |
| # 543 Go My Children With My Blessings (Benediction) | |

Breathe
 Draw Me Close
 Heart of Worship
 Revelation Song
 Who Am I

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone
 Grace Alone
 My Redeemer Lives
 The River
 Word of God Speak

SUGGESTIONS FOR READINGS

Old Testament

Job 19: 23-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 *For everything there is a season*
Isaiah 25: 6-9 *God will swallow up death forever*
Isaiah 40: 1, 6-11 *God will gather the lambs*
Isaiah 40: 1-11, 28-31 *Comfort my people, says your God*
Isaiah 43: 1-3a, 5-7 *I have called you by name*
Isaiah 43, 1-3a, 18-19 *I am about to do a new thing*
Isaiah 55: 1-3, 6-13 *Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters*
Isaiah 61: 1-3 *The spirit of the Lord God is upon me*
Isaiah 65: 17-20, 23-25 *A new heaven and a new earth*
Isaiah 66: 10-14 *As a mother comforts her child*
Jeremiah 31: 8-13 *I will turn their mourning into joy*
Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-33 *The steadfast love of the Lord*

Psalm

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*
Psalm 42: 1-5 *As a deer longs for flowing streams*
Psalm 46: 1-7 *God is our refuge and strength*
Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills*
Psalm 139: 7-12 *The gracious omnipresence of the Lord*
Psalm 142: 1-6 *I cry to the Lord with my voice*
Psalm 143 *Lord, hear my prayer*

New Testament

Romans 5: 1-11 *Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*
Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of Christ*
1 Corinthians 15: 12-26 *Christ, the first fruits, has been raised*
2 Corinthians 4: 6-12, 16-18 *Treasure in clay jars*
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-14, 18 *Teaching about those who have died*
Hebrews 12: 1-2 *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses*
1 Peter 1: 3-9 *A living hope through Jesus' resurrection*
1 John 3: 1-2 *See what love the Father has given us*
Revelation 7: 9-17 *God will wipe away every tear*
Revelation 21: 2-7 *I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem*
Revelation 22: 1-5 *The Lord God will be their light*

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-10 *Blessed are those who mourn*
Matthew 11: 25-30 *I will give you rest*
Matthew 18: 1-5, 10-14 *A child is the greatest in the kingdom*
Mark 10: 13-16 *Let the little children come*
Mark 16: 1-7 *The resurrection of Christ*
Luke 24: 1-9 *The resurrection of Christ*
John 1: 1-5, 9-14 *The light shines in the darkness*
John 6: 37-40 *I will raise them up on the last day*
John 10: 11-16 *I am the good shepherd*
John 11: 21-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*
John 14: 1-6 *I prepare a place for you*
John 14: 25-27 *Peace I leave with you*