

## Salem Lutheran Church – Funeral Planning Form

**Burial of the Dead** - This is the basic order of worship for Christian burial. Items with an asterisk are extras. A memorial service typically has a little less.

Introduction / Invocation

Hymn

Prayer

Communion

\*Hymn / Special Music

Apostles' Creed

\*Sharing Remembrances

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading(s)

Commendation

\*Hymn or sung Psalm

Hymn

Gospel Reading

Committal (at the gravesite)

Sermon

\*Psalm and/or Hymn

### **Questions the funeral home will ask:**

Do you wish to be cremated?

Location of Service (e.g. Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Funeral Home chapel, etc.)?

Burial Location (e.g. Salem Church cemetery, Thornrose cemetery, etc.)?

Obituary information (include Place and Date of Birth, significant life events, predeceased and survived by info, military service, highest education)

Social Security Number?

Who are the pallbearers (and honorary pallbearers, if applicable)?

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Your FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Questions the Pastor will ask:**

Type of Service? Funeral (body or cremains are present)  
Memorial Service (remains are not present)

Is this a service of Holy Communion?

Will the casket be open or closed? If open, it will be at the front of the sanctuary, closed ten minutes before the service starts, and the funeral pall will be placed over it at that time. If closed, the casket will be at the front entrance and brought forward at the beginning of the service.

What favorite Bible verses might we use?

What favorite hymns might we use?

### **Funeral Service suggested Scripture Readings and Hymns**

#### **First Reading:**

**Job 19 23-27a** “I know that my Redeemer lives...in my flesh I will see God”

**Isaiah 6:1-3** “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts”

**Isaiah 25:6-9** “He will swallow up death forever...the LORD God will wipe away tears”

#### **Psalm:**

**Psalm 23** “The LORD is my shepherd”

**42:1-8** “As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God”

**46:1-7** “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”

**100** “Make a joyful noise to the LORD...his steadfast love endures forever”

**121** “The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in”

**143** “I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds”

#### **Second Reading:**

**I Corinthians 15:12-26** “For as in Adam all die...in Christ shall all be made alive”

**1 John 3:1-2** “we are God’s children now, what we will be has yet to be revealed”

**Revelation 21:2-7** “the new Jerusalem...there will be no more death, no more grief.”

**Romans 8:31-35 & 37-39** “[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God”

**Romans 5:17-21** “just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”

#### **Gospel Reading:**

**John 11:21-27** “Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life”

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**John 14:1-6** “In my Father’s house are many dwelling places”

**Matthew 11:25-30** “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you... you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**Matthew 7:7-11** <sup>7</sup> “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”

### **Hymns:**

Abide With Me (LBW 272)

Amazing Grace (ELW 779)

Away In A Manger (LBW 67)

Blessed Assurance (WOV 699)

Children of the Heavenly Father (LBW 474)

Come We That Love the Lord (WOV 742)

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer (LBW 343)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (LBW 60)

How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)

Jesus Remember Me (WOV 740)

Just As I Am, Without One Plea (LBW 296)

My Faith Looks Up To Thee (LBW 479)

On A Hill Far Away

Onward Christian Soldiers (LBW 509)

Rock of Ages (LBW 327)

Shall We Gather at the River (WOV 690)

Softly & Tenderly (WOV 734)

Take Me Life, That I May Be (LBW 406)

What Wondrous Love Is This (LBW 385)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LBW 482)

When Peace Like a River (LBW 346)