

## Suggested Funeral Readings and Hymns

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### Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a: *I know that my Redeemer lives*  
Isaiah 25:6-9: *God will swallow up death forever*  
**\*Isaiah 43:1-3a: I have called you by name**  
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19: *I am about to do a new thing*  
Isaiah 61:1-3: *The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me*  
**\*Isaiah 66:10-14: As a mother comforts her child**  
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33: *The steadfast love of the LORD*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8: *For everything there is a season*  
**\*Isaiah 40:1, 6-11: God will gather the lambs**  
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31: *Comfort my people, says your God*  
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13: *Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters*  
**\*Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25: A new heaven and a new earth**  
Jeremiah 31:8-13: *I will turn their mourning into joy*

### Psalm

**\*Psalm 23: The LORD is my shepherd**  
Psalm 46:1-7: *God is our refuge and strength*  
**\*Psalm 139:7-12: The gracious omnipresence of the LORD**  
Psalm 143: *LORD, hear my prayer*

**\*Psalm 42:1-5: As a deer longs for flowing streams**  
**\*Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills**  
**\*Psalm 142:1-6: I cry to the LORD with my voice**

### 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?**  
**Romans 14:7-9: We belong to the Lord**  
2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18: *Treasure in clay jars*  
Hebrews 12:1-2: *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses*  
**\*1 John 3:1-2: See what love the Father has given us**  
Revelation 21:2-7: *I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem*  
**1 Corinthians 15:12-26: Christ, the first fruits, has been raised**  
**\*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18: Teaching about those who have died**  
Revelation 7:9-17: *God will wipe away every tear*  
Revelation 22:1-5: *The Lord God will be their light*

### Gospel

**\*Matthew 5:1-10: Blessed are those who mourn**  
**\*Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14: A child is the greatest in the kingdom**  
Mark 16:1-7: *The resurrection of Christ*  
John 1:1-5, 9-14: *The light shines in the darkness*  
**\*John 10:11-16: I am the good shepherd**  
**John 14:1-6: I prepare a place for you**

**Matthew 11:25-30: I will give you rest**  
**\*Mark 10:13-16: Let the little children come**  
**Luke 24:1-9: he resurrection of Christ**  
**John 6:37-40: I will raise them up on the last day**  
**John 11:21-27: I am the resurrection and the life**  
**John 14:25-27: Peace I leave with you**

### Hymns

**308: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!**  
**313: O Lord, Now Let Your Servant**  
351, 352: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
**377: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**  
**\*381: Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes**  
391: This Joyful Easteride  
409: Kyrie! God, Father  
**422: For All the Saints**  
**423: Shall We Gather at the River**  
429: In Our Day of Thanksgiving  
447: O Blessed Spring  
483: Here Is Bread  
500: Now We Remain  
**502: The King of Love My Shepherd Is**  
531: The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing  
**\*595: Jesus Loves Me!**  
**\*613: Thy Holy Wings**  
621: Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense

622: Neither Death nor Life  
**629: Abide with Me**  
636: How Small Our Span of Life  
637: Holy God, Holy and Glorious  
639: When We Are Living  
721: Goodness Is Stronger than Evil  
730: Lord Our God, with Praise We Come  
750: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart  
**759: My Faith Looks Up to Thee**  
760: O Christ the Same  
**770: Give Me Jesus**  
**773: Precious Lord, Take My Hand**  
**778: The Lord's My Shepherd**  
786: O Holy Spirit, Enter In  
**787: On Eagle's Wings**  
**\*815: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**  
826: Thine the Amen  
**\*Appropriate for a child's funeral**

*A time of mourning*



*and a time of hope*

A Planning Guide  
*for*  
*Funerals and Memorial Services*  
*at*  
First Lutheran Church, Kearney

**SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR \_\_\_\_\_**  
**UPDATED ON \_\_\_\_\_**

**TYPE OF SERVICE:**

- Funeral (Casket Present)*
- Memorial Service*
- Urn Present*
- Inurnment at another time*
- Internment at another time*
- Graveside*

**LOCATION:**

- First Lutheran Church*
- Funeral Home*
- Cemetery Only*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

- Yes*       *No*

**SOUND AND PROJECTION NEEDS**

- Recorded music*
- Slideshow or Video*

**HYMNS**

- Processional* \_\_\_\_\_
- Sermon* \_\_\_\_\_
- Sending* \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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**SOMEONE TO SHARE MEMORIES DURING THE SERVICE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER EXPECTED**

- Bulletins*                       *Reception*

**RECEPTION**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Yes*      \_\_\_\_\_ *No*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Hot Meal*      \_\_\_\_\_ *Cold Meal*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Dessert Only*

**PALL BEARERS** (*normally six*)

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**MEMORIAL GIFTS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO:**

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**IF YOU HAVE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ON FILE WITH A FUNERAL HOME, WHICH ONE?**

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Dear Members of First Lutheran,

We appreciate your desire to make preparations for your funeral or memorial service. Please know that both pastors are available to meet with you to walk alongside you in this planning process.

We are grateful when we can know when your time is drawing to a close. We are available to visit and pray with you and your family during this time.

When it comes time to schedule a date and time for the service, please contact the church office or one of the pastors. This way we can check the church calendar. We can also host a visitation prior to the service as well.

One of the pastors will meet with your family to discuss the arrangements. This is when we will finalize hymns, scripture, decide on other preparations that may be needed as well as hear stories shared by the family.

Again, please be in contact with us if we can be of assistance.

In Peace,  
Pastor Michelle and Pastor Rick

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