

FUNERAL or MEMORIAL

Words of Hope from Scripture

The service usually includes one to three readings. At least one is from the gospels (Matthew, Luke John), read by the pastor. Others may be read by the assisting minister or other readers chosen by the family.

Job 19:23-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*
Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd ...*
Psalm 42:1-7 *My soul thirsts for God*
Psalm 46:1-7 *God is our refuge and strength*
Psalm 90 *Lord, you are our dwelling place*
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *God will give the angels charge over you*
Psalm 118 *The Lord ... has become my salvation*
Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills*
Psalm 130 *I wait for the Lord*
Isaiah 25:6-9 *God will wipe away the tears*
Isaiah 43:1-4 *I have called you by name*
Isaiah 61:1-3 *Gladness instead of mourning*
Matthew 11:25-30 *Come to me, all you that are weary*
Luke 2:29-32 *Dismiss your servant in peace*
John 5:24-29 *Passed from death to life*
John 6:47-51 *The bread of life*
John 10:27-29 *My sheep hear my voice*
John 11:21-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*
John 12:23-26 *A grain of wheat ... if it dies, it bears much fruit*
John 14:1-7 *I go and prepare a place for you*
John 14:18-21,25-27 *Peace I leave with you*
Romans 5:1-11 *Hope does not disappoint us*
Romans 5:17-21 *Justification and life for all*
Romans 6:3-9 *Baptized into Christ's death*
Romans 8:31-35,37-39 *Nothing is able to separate us from God's love*
Romans 14:7-9 *Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's*
1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *Death will be destroyed*
1 Corinthians 15:51-57 *Death has been swallowed up in victory*
Philippians 1:18-23 *Living is Christ, and dying is gain*
Philippians 3:7-14 *To know Christ and his resurrection*
Philippians 3:20-21 *Our citizenship is in heaven*
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Do not grieve*
2 Timothy 4:6-8 *I have fought the good fight*
Hebrews 12:1f *Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses*
1 Peter 1:3-9 *A living hope*
1 John 3:1-2 *We are God's children*
Revelation 7:9-17 *Hunger and thirst no more*
Revelation 21:1-7 *A new heaven and a new earth*

Hymns in Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Between two and four hymns sung by the assembly are appropriate for the service. Most common are an entrance, sermon and closing hymn. If communion is celebrated another hymn, instrumental or solo may be included.

629 *Abide with me*
377 *Alleluia! Jesus is risen!*
779 *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound*
732 *Borning cry*
626 *By gracious powers*
781 *Children of the heavenly father*
422 *For all the saints*
612 *Healer of our every ill*
856 *How great thou art*
619 *I know that my redeemer lives (vv. 1-4, 7)*
815 *I want to walk as a child of the light*
429 *In our day of thanksgiving*
440 *In peace and joy I now depart*
333 *Jesus is a rock in a weary land*
595 *Jesus loves me!*
697 *Just a closer walk with thee*
770 *Just give Me Jesus*
802 *Let us ever walk with Jesus*
750 *Lord, thee I love with all my heart*
759 *My faith looks up to thee*
596 *My hope is built on nothing less*
447 *O blessed spring*
760 *O Christ the same*
313 *O Lord, now let your servant*
352 *O sacred head, now wounded*
441 *Oh, happy day when we shall stand*
787 *On Eagle's Wings*
773 *Precious Lord, take my hand*
623 *Rock of ages, cleft for me*
330 *Seed that in earth is dying*
426 *Sing with all the saints in glory*
608 *Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*
439 *Soon and very soon*
502 *The king of love my shepherd is (vv. 1-2, 4, 6)*
531 *The trumpets sound, the angels sing*
391 *This joyful Eastertide*
613 *Thy holy wings*
826 *Thine the amen*