The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

FUNERAL/MEMORIAL PLANNING WORKSHEET

For (your full name):

Date submitted or revised:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your date of birth:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Names and contact information (phone and email) for your relatives or health care agent:

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**Type of service you anticipate:**

* Funeral with coffin present (*NOTE:  For any funeral with a coffin present at the church, the coffin will be closed during the service and covered with the traditional pall.)*
* Funeral Home:

* Cemetery:

* Funeral with urn (cremation) present:

* Inurnment in the Columbarium at Redeemer.

* Other:

* Memorial service with no remains present.

* Graveside service only.

* Other:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Visitation**

* The evening prior to the service at the funeral home

* One hour prior to the service at Redeemer in Sims Atrium

* Immediately following the service in Sims Atrium

* Refreshments at the visitation
* Coffee and Cookies (Provided by Redeemer)

* Fruit and Cheese included (at your cost)

**flowers**

Should you choose to purchase altar flowers they are best provided by the florist who provides our Sunday arrangements.  Special flowers or color requests may be made with the recognition that requests would be subject to seasonal availability.  The Church will assist.  Redeemer’s silk arrangements are available at no cost and are recommended.

* Altar flower preference type or color:

**Memorial Designations**

* I have shared with my next of kin where financial gifts in my memory should be directed.

* Recipients include:

* I would like to discuss planned giving from my estate.

**Music From *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* Hymnal**

An approved organist will play for the funeral/memorial service.  Other musicians must contact Redeemer’s organist in a timely manner to coordinate practice.

Redeemer’s musicians are paid individually.  Organist fee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Hymns include but are not limited to:

#422 For All the Saints

#423 Shall We Gather at the River

#502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#581 You are Mine

#597 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

#613 Thy Holy Wings

#614 There Is a Balm in Gilead

#629 Abide with Me

#638 Blessed Assurance

#732 Borning Cry

#733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

#773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

#781 Children of the Heavenly Father

#785 When Peace like a River

#787 On Eagle’s Wings

#504 A Mighty Fortress

#856 How Great Thou Art

#790 Day by Day

#838 Beautiful Savior

* Others
* Please have my family and pastors select.

**Scripture Readings**

Scripture Readings Suggestions from the Old and New Testament:

Ecclesiastes 3:1- For everything there is a season....

Job 19:23- For I know that my Redeemer lives....

Romans 5:1- Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace....

Romans 8:37- We are more than conqueror

II Corinthians 4:16- Even though our outer nature is wasting away....

II Timothy 4:6- I have fought the good fight! I have finished the race!

Revelation 21:2- God will wipe away every tear. Death shall be no more...

Suggestions from the Psalms

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 118 The Lord... has become my salvation

Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills

Psalm 130 I wait for the Lord

Suggestions from the Gospels:

Matthew 11:25- Come to me, all you that are weary....

John 3:16- For God so loved the world that He gave....

John 6:37- Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away....

John 11:21- I am the resurrection and the life....

John 14:1- In my Father's house are many dwelling places.

**Holy Communion**

Communion is a wonderful affirmation of God’s resurrection promises through Christ, and trends throughout the Lutheran Church are moving toward more frequent celebration of communion at both weddings and funerals. but it is by no means required.   At the funeral, Holy Communion is a way to gather with the deceased around the heavenly banquet table.  Choose this option if it would be meaningful to you.

* Yes, I would like my family and friends to share in Holy Communion

**Other Comments**

It is important for my family and pastoral staff to know:

*Copies of this form should be shared with your family members and especially your next of kin, with your funeral home of choice, and with the Redeemer Lutheran Church office and pastoral staff for our files.*

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