

FUNERAL SERVICE GUIDELINES

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

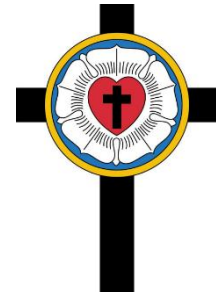
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for Members of the Congregation

1. The Funeral Service is intended for the burial of those who departed this life in the Christian faith.
2. The death of a member of the church should be reported immediately to the pastor. No arrangements should be made without consultation with him.
3. The Funeral Service of baptized members is conducted at the church.
4. Hymns and music in the Funeral Service should reflect Christian confidence, trust, and hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Only hymns from our hymnal are to be used. Any solos or other music must be approved by the pastor.
5. A eulogy is not in the best Christian tradition and will not be part of the service. Remembrances may be spoken in the reception which follows the service. An obituary may be read which focuses on the Gospel promise of salvation by grace through faith alone in Christ our Lord, and not on the good deeds of the deceased.
6. Ceremonies or tributes of social societies or lodges have no place within the service of the Church. Civic and military ceremonies or tributes should be held after the service of the Church, normally following the committal.
7. The organist's honorarium is \$150.00. The pastor's honorarium is \$200.00.
8. Suggested funeral hymns from Lutheran Service Book are listed in this document.
9. Two flower arrangements for altar are provided by the family. All other flowers will be placed in the narthex and/or parish hall.
10. A white pall will be placed upon the casket/urn to symbolize holy baptism. No other objects, items, or photos will be placed upon or next to the remains to keep the emphasis upon Christ and his redemption that covers your loved one.
11. If the Parish Hall is desired for a reception, contact the Board of Fellowship.
12. Final authority for all that occurs in the service rests with the pastor.