

FUNERAL SERVICE GUIDELINES

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

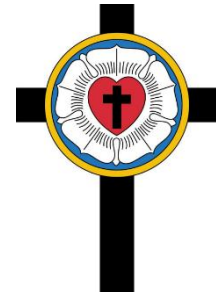
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for Non-Members (of the this congregation) in Which a Christian Funeral is Possible

The death of your loved one is a difficult thing to deal with. The pastor of this church is glad to help you by officiating the service according to Lutheran doctrine and practice. The following guidelines are intended to provide information on how the service will be conducted and also serves to assist in planning the service.

1. Eulogies are not to be part of the service and are not in the best of Christian tradition. Remembrances may be spoken at the reception, if desired. The purpose of a funeral service is to extol our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to proclaim the hope we have through his life, death, and resurrection as he gives us forgiveness of sins and salvation in His name. The ceremonies or tributes of social or other societies or lodges have no place within or after the service of the church. All music is to be approved by the pastor.
2. The liturgy for the funeral service is on page 278 of Lutheran Service Book and will be the order of service used.
3. The choice of hymns is to be from Lutheran Service Book, our approved hymnal.
4. The casket will be closed for the service and will be covered with a pall. Viewing may take place prior to the service, in the narthex.
5. Please limit flowers to two altar pieces and request memorial gifts in lieu of flowers. The family is requested to place two altar pieces of flowers.
6. You may wish to honor those who serve since they must prepare and take the day to fulfill their duties. The following is a recommendation.
 - a. Honorariums for Organist: \$150.00
 - b. Honorariums for Pastor: \$200.00
7. If the Parish Hall is desired for a reception, refer to Parish Hall rental guidelines and rates policy.
8. Final authority for all that occurs in the service rests with the pastor.