

FUNERAL INFORMATION

Trinity Lutheran Church

Too many times at the occasion of a death, the family is asked to make decisions regarding funeral services and arrangements without knowing the exact wishes of the deceased.

We want to give the members of Trinity Lutheran Church an opportunity to be instrumental in planning their own arrangements, thereby aiding their families at a most difficult time, as well as making sure that their own wishes are met. **THIS IS NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT IS NOT BINDING, AND THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE MAY BE CHANGED BY YOU AT ANY TIME.**

Please read over the following paragraphs. Their number corresponds with the appropriate question on the information sheet. After you have read through this 'background' section, please fill out the information survey and return it to the church office. If more information surveys are needed, feel free to duplicate or call the church office.

If you have any questions, or would like help in filling this out, you may also contact the church office.

BACKGROUND

1. From where do you desire your funeral service to be held?

All members of Trinity are strongly encouraged to have their SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL take place from the Church Sanctuary.

Beginning with our baptism, when we are made members of the body of Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, the good news of our Lord's victory over death and the grave is proclaimed and heard in our Sanctuary. We can think of no better or more appropriate place for the funeral service to be conducted than in the place where Christians celebrate new life week after week.

2. My preference for biblical lessons to be read are:

Many members of Trinity Lutheran Church have their 'favorites'. Others don't have any particular passages they call their own. However, in either case, it would be helpful to know your wishes.

What follows is a list of some suggestions. In no way are you limited to these verses. They are offered only for your study, reflection and possible choice. Please feel free to include any suggestions.

Psalms: 23, 121, 143, 42:1-8, 46:1-7, 118:1-6, 8-9, 14-17, 19-20

<u>Lessons:</u> Job 19:23-27a, Isaiah 25:6-9, Romans 8:31-35, 37-39, Revelation 21:2-7, Romans 5:17-21, Romans 5:1-11, John 11:21-27, John 14:1-6, John 5:24-29	Isaiah 61:1-3, I Corinthians 15:12-26, I Peter 1:3-9, Revelation 7:9-17, Luke 12:35-40, Matthew 25: 1-13
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3. I would like these hymns used at my funeral service:

Hymns have an ancient origin in the life of the Church and all believers, and have always served as a way of lifting our praise to God. The hymns that you select may be played before or sung during the worship service. You may list one or several hymns, whatever is your preference. **Please note: Hymns can only be used if the service is conducted from the Church.**

4. I would like the Sacrament of Holy Communion offered at my funeral service:

This is the very special meal which is most significant in the life of the Christian believer. It is a meal which proclaims to us, each time that we eat and drink, both the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life.

For that reason, it is most appropriate to include the Sacrament of Holy Communion at this service of Christian Burial.

Please note: Holy Communion can be offered only if the service is conducted at the Church.

5. I would prefer gifts to be made in my memory to:

In the past, many members of Trinity have preferred to be remembered by memorial gifts at the time of their death. There are a number of memorial options here at Trinity for that desire to be met.

- Memorial Endowment Fund:** Only the interest generated from this fund is used to meet on going ministries, programs, and expenses of Trinity. The principal remains, which enables any gifts to continue to provide ministries far into the future.
- Hallock Fund:** Established in memory of the Rev. Dr. Maynard C. Hallock in 1975. The principal remains and the interest is applied, in alternating years, to the Christian Education and Welfare needs of Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Memorial Fund:** This is probably our most flexible fund available for memorials. As gifts come into this fund, they are gathered together and held until the **family makes a decision** on a specific purpose or intent for the collected memorials.
- Lewis Luther Ridge Care Fund:** This fund was established by Trinity's Finance Committee and Church Council from a bequest given by Helen W. Lewis. This fund provides financial support to members of Trinity who are applying for residency at Luther Ridge and have limited available assets.
- Bear Creek Camp:** Gifts to this fund enables Trinity members, and children in the community, to spend a week at Camp. The initial gift was given in memory of Nancy Gangloff to provide scholarships to children in order for them to experience God's gifts outside their 'normal' everyday life.

Van Fund:

Trinity's Van provides transportation to those individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend worship on a Sunday morning. Once a month the Van takes senior members of Trinity to the grocery store-and once a month to the Mall shopping. The Van is also used periodically for Youth Events. The initial amount to purchase this Van was given to Trinity by Gene Gangloff and the upkeep has been provided by members of Trinity through gifts and memorials.

6. Do you desire a public viewing?

This is strictly a matter of personal preference.

6b. If so, from where do you desire the public viewing to be held?

In the event that the service of Christian burial takes place from the Funeral Home, then the public viewing, if desired, would also be held at that location.

However, if the funeral service is to take place from the Church, several options are available:

- a) Public viewing may be held at the Funeral Home the evening before the service.
- b) Public viewing may be held at the Funeral Home earlier in the day prior to the service.
- c) Public viewing may be held at the Church prior to the service.

7. Place of interment?

8. Has a plot been secured?

It would be helpful to know which cemetery will be used, and if specific plots have already been purchased or set aside for your use.

Questions 8, 9, 10, and 11 are just yes or no answers. If you have ANY questions, PLEASE feel free to call the Church Office at (570) 622-9910.

Please feel free to add any comments that might be helpful to know in making arrangements. The more information shared now will make it easier on family and friends later. Thank you for your cooperation.

FUNERAL INFORMATION SURVEY

Name: _____ Next of kin or person making
arrangements: _____
Maiden name: _____ Address: _____
Address _____
Phone: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship: _____
Birthdate: _____
Funeral Director: _____

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_____ Trinity Lutheran Church
_____ Funeral Home

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3- I would like these hymns used at my funeral service:

4- I would like the Sacrament of Holy Communion offered at my funeral service:

_____ Yes _____ No

5- I would prefer gifts to be made in my memory to:

6- Do you desire a public viewing?

_____ No _____ Yes

6b- If yes, from where do you desire the public viewing to be held?

At the funeral home the evening before the service

At the funeral home prior to the service

At the Church prior to the service

Other _____

7- Place of Interment:

8- Has a plot been secured? Yes No

9- I want to be cremated: Yes No

10- I have a living will completed: Yes No

11- I have arrangements made to donate organs: Yes No

12- Other instructions or remarks:

