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## ***Bible Passages***

Psalm 23, 46, 90, 118, 121, or 130  
Isaiah 40:28-31  
Isaiah 61:1-3  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Lamentations 3:22-26; 31-33  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Matthew 11:25-30  
Matthew 5:1-12  
Matthew 6:25-34  
Luke 2:25-32  
John 1:1-5; 9-14  
John 5: 24-29  
John 6: 37-40  
John 6:67-69  
John 11: 21-27  
John 14:1-6  
Romans 5:1-11  
Romans 8:31-35; 37-39  
Romans 14: 7-9  
Corinthians 15:12-26  
Philippians 2: 5-11  
2 Timothy 4:6-8  
Revelation 7:9-12  
Revelation 21:1-7

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## ***Worship Music***

(Pick at least three)

Amazing Grace  
Beautiful Savior  
Children of the Heavenly Father  
Eagles Wings  
How Great Thou Art  
I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry  
Just As I Am  
Savior like A Shepherd Lead Us  
The Old Rugged Cross  
Other:  
Other:

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## ***Funeral Planning***

The purpose of a Christian funeral is to accompany the family from the place of departure of the loved one to the place of burial. The Christian community gathers along that journey at Zion Church to offer words of hope, songs of comfort, the water of baptismal promise, the meal of strength and the presence of Christ.

Members of Zion are encouraged to have their funeral service held at the church. Funerals in the church building are left to the Pastor's discretion for non-members. All arrangements for the funeral and burial are to be discussed with the Pastor before being finalized with the Funeral Home. The Pastor has final decision on the music, order of service and other participants in the service.

Visitations can be held on the side of the worship space in the atrium. Prior to the sermon, the casket is closed and we gather in the narthex/lobby before we process down the side isle. We stop at the font and a "funeral pall" is placed on the casket or urn as the baptismal sign of our new life in Christ. Communion is welcomed at such a time to offer a reminder of the presence of Christ among the communion of saints here and in eternity. There is no cost for the use of the church building for members of Zion.

Funeral honorariums for clergy, musicians, building usage and for the Fellowship Hall for non-members are to be discussed with your Funeral Home. Funeral service arrangements for use of the building are to be made with the Pastor, as well as for any family gathering meal to be held at the church building.

# ***Funeral Preparation***

For anyone who would like to make pre-arrangements, this form can be kept on file at the church office and used by family members to make arrangements for a funeral or memorial service.

Feel free to update it as you feel appropriate. Family members will use this to make final arrangements for a funeral or memorial services at Zion Lutheran Church.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Traditional Worship—8:00am  
Education Hour —9:15am  
Festive Worship—10:30am

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## **Funeral Planning**

Funeral Planned for

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First/Middle/Last – Maiden name

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

• Zion Member\_\_\_\_\_

• Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

• City of Birth\_\_\_\_\_

• Date of Baptism\_\_\_\_\_

• Date of Confirmation\_\_\_\_\_

• Wedding Date\_\_\_\_\_

• Date of Death\_\_\_\_\_

• Place of Death\_\_\_\_\_

• Date of Visitation\_\_\_\_\_

• Date of Funeral\_\_\_\_\_

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## **Contact Information**

Contact Person\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

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## **Funeral Planning**

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Father's Full Name\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Name\_\_\_\_\_

Interest, Gifts, Talents, & Hobbies\_\_\_\_\_

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FUNERAL VISITATION

Where?\_\_\_\_\_

When\_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home\_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home Address\_\_\_\_\_

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Graveside\_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery\_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Address\_\_\_\_\_

Visitation Viewing\_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

Cremation?\_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No

Interred Location\_\_\_\_\_

Pall Bearers\_\_\_\_\_

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## **Service Information**

FUNERAL SERVICE

Officiating\_\_\_\_\_

Musicians/Soloists\_\_\_\_\_

Pianist\_\_\_\_\_

Others\_\_\_\_\_

Communion Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Communion Assistants\_\_\_\_\_

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Placement of the Pall\_\_\_\_\_

Light altar candles? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Pour water into font? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

FUNERAL FELLOWSHIP Yes - No

Location\_\_\_\_\_

After cemetery or before?\_\_\_\_\_

Caterer?\_\_\_\_\_

Will they provide napkins? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Will they provide silverware? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Will they provide plates? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

How many expected?\_\_\_\_\_

What to drink?\_\_\_\_\_

Will you provide coffee?\_\_\_\_\_

The cost to purchase food and supplies for any meal is left up to the family to provide. Please provide ice for punch or soda. Zion can provide tablecloths, silverware, plates, coffee cups, packets of sugar and creamer and the volunteers to serve. A gift to the Zion WELCA group for serving the meal is welcomed. Please contact the church office to reach the Funeral lunch coordinator.