
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

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:
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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.

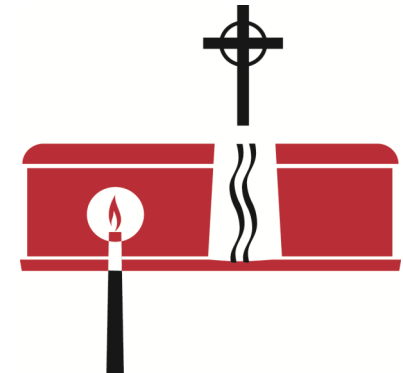
Members of Zion are encouraged to have their funeral service held at the church. Funerals in the church building are left to the Pastor's discretion for non-members. All arrangements for the funeral and burial are to be discussed with the Pastor before being finalized with the Funeral Home. The Pastor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

For members, an honorarium for the organist or soloist is to be considered. For non-members of Zion, a funeral honorarium for organist, soloist and for the Fellowship Hall is to be considered. 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

Worship In Sanctuary - 9:15am
Burmese Worship - 10:30am

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Funeral Planning

FUNERAL PLANS FOR...

First/Middle/Last – Maiden name
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
⇒ Phone _____
⇒ Zion Member? Yes ___ No ___
⇒ Date of Birth _____
⇒ City of Birth _____
⇒ Father’s Full Name _____
⇒ Mother’s Full Name _____
⇒ Date of Baptism _____
⇒ Date of Confirmation _____
⇒ Wedding Date _____
⇒ Next of Kin _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Zip _____
Email _____
Employment _____

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FUNERAL VISITATION

⇒ at Church? Yes ___ No ___
⇒ at Funeral Home? Yes ___ No ___
⇒ Open Casket? Yes ___ No ___
⇒ Cremation? Yes ___ No ___
⇒ Funeral Home _____
⇒ Funeral Home Address _____
Cemetery _____
Cemetery Address _____
Pall Bearers _____

FUNERAL SERVICE

Officiating _____
Musicians/Soloists _____
Pianist _____
Songs _____

Read Lessons Yes ___ No ___
Communion Yes ___ No ___
Communion Assistants _____

FUNERAL MEAL Yes - No
Location _____

Service Information

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 encouraged. Please contact the church office to coordinate plans for meal.