

Funeral Policy  
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If the burial is to take place in the Fargo National Veterans Cemetery and it is desired to utilize Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church, please contact the church office for availability and pricing at (701) 282-4024.

If a veteran was killed in action (KIA), Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church will offer its personnel and facilities at no cost.

## Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church Funeral Guidelines & Policy

Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church would like to help you in this time of loss and grief. The pastor is available to walk with you and your family when a loved one is transitioning from this life into the next. As you deal with your grief and adjustment to life after the death of a loved one, the pastor is available to walk alongside you as well.

This document is designed to guide you through the process of planning a funeral or memorial service as it pertains to our church. It should help answer most of your questions, but the pastor is available to answer any others that may arise.

Funeral and memorial services are a chance to celebrate the life of your loved one and to remind one another of the hope and promise of resurrection we have in Jesus Christ. A visitation is an optional event that can be a time to reminisce and share memories of your loved one. Both are helpful and have their place, but because we are a church, we do a worship service better than a visitation.

We recognize that this is a difficult time for you and your family. We recommend utilization of a funeral home and will work closely with them once we are contacted that your loved one has died.

### Contacting the Church

When the death of a loved one is near or has occurred and pastor has not been notified, please contact the church office at 701-282-4024. If you have already chosen a funeral home, you should contact them to provide them with impending notice. It will be helpful for the pastor to join the family at the funeral home when planning the services. Availability of people, facilities and reception and the visitation details will be discussed.

**Please provide the following to the church office.**

Name of the Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Officiant: \_\_\_\_\_

Will the service be officiated by a Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church pastor or is another officiate intended to be used? You should be prepared to state who the officiant will be and provide their contact information.

Name of the Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following is a list of funeral homes, websites and contact information in the Fargo Moorhead area:**

Boulger Funeral Home  
123 10 St South  
Fargo, ND 58103  
Phone: (701) 237-6441  
Fax: (701) 237-9791  
<http://boulgerfuneralhome.com/>  
Email: [info@boulgerfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@boulgerfuneralhome.com)  
Also in Hillsboro and Kindred

Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home  
215 7th Street South  
Fargo, ND 58103  
Phone: (701) 232-3222  
Fax: (701) 232-0326  
Toll Free: (800) 598-3223  
<http://www.hansonrunsvold.com/>  
Email: [info@hansonrunsvold.com](mailto:info@hansonrunsvold.com)

Korsmo Funeral Service  
409 8th Street South  
Moorhead, MN, 56561  
Phone: (218) 233-1533  
Toll Free: (888) 799-1533  
<http://www.korsmofuneralservice.com/>

West Funeral Home  
321 Sheyenne Street  
West Fargo, ND 58078  
Phone: (701) 282-6699  
<https://www.westfuneralhome.com/>  
Also in Casselton

Wright Funeral Home & Cremation Service  
605 Second Ave South  
Moorhead, MN 56560  
Phone: (218) 233-1321  
<https://www.wrightfuneral.com/>  
Also in Hawley & Lake Park

## Scheduling the Date, Time and Location

Consult with the funeral home and the pastor to ensure availability of date, time and location for all visitations and services. A funeral or memorial service may be held at the church which holds 110 people in the sanctuary and 120 people at tables in Maple Hall. Video and sound of the sanctuary can be provided on a video screen in Maple Hall. A time of visitation is often held prior to the service either at the funeral home (usually most convenient for visitors) or at the church the evening before the service.

## Visitation and Prayer Service

When a visitation or prayer service is the evening prior to the funeral service, the funeral home will likely be the host and make all the arrangements. Should the funeral home not be able to accommodate the desired time and date, the funeral home will work with the pastor to make other arrangements. When a visitation or prayer is at Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church, the church can provide coffee upon request. Anything more than this will need to be catered and addressed through the funeral home.

## Planning the Service

The pastor and funeral home will assist the family members in planning the service. Holy Communion may be a part of the service. The Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW Cranberry book) on page 279 lists the order of service to be used. Please refer to the document entitled "Sample Service" at the end of this document for reference. In addition, the pastor can help you choose scripture and hymns. Sample scriptures and hymns are listed at the end of this document. Special music is always welcome but the musician's practice and preparation may be limited due to time, availability and sound system support. Please request a musician during your planning meeting with the pastor.

### Funeral Pall: A Symbol of Faith

For those funerals where a casket is present, Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church provides a funeral pall (a white liturgical shroud) to be placed over the casket during the service. The action of placing the pall over the casket will take place prior to the liturgy before the casket enters the church. The pall will be the only thing covering the casket while in the church building. The pall will be removed in the narthex following the liturgy, before leaving the church.

The Lutheran funeral liturgy resonates with the promise that all who are baptized into Christ have "clothed themselves" with Christ and that all who are buried with Christ in baptism will be raised with him in newness of life. If used, the white color of the pall reminds those assembled of their faith in the resurrection. It further symbolizes putting on the robe of Christ's righteousness in baptism which covers the redeemed who stand before God. It is especially appropriate to recall baptism, the beginning of a Christian life, as the body of someone who has faithfully served Christ during life enters the church for the last time.

## Veterans

If the deceased is an eligible veteran for such an honor, the American flag may be used in place of a funeral pall.

## Music

Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church, if requested and available, will provide the organist/pianist and/or soloist. Should an unfamiliar piece of music be requested, it will be subject to approval by the musician and the pastor. The sheet music must be provided to the musician and soloist as soon as possible. Should prerecorded music be desired, please notify the pastor during your family planning meeting. A good faith effort will be made to accommodate your request.

## Memorials

Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church will lovingly accept memorials made to the church and use them in accordance with the family's wishes at the Church's discretion. Our hope is that you want to leave a lasting legacy and consider Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church, the Endowment Fund or the Cemetery Fund. An entry will be made into the Memorial Book as a record of the donation.

## The Day of the Service

The funeral home will bring the casket or ashes to the church prior to the service. The pastor will coordinate with the funeral home so that arrangements go smoothly. If desired, display tables for memorabilia and mementos can be made available upon request.

A private area will be reserved for the family members to meet with the pastor 5-10 minutes prior to the service. This time is used for prayer and reviewing the processional order and service.

If there is a burial of a casket or urn, the service continues at the graveside.

## Burial at Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Cemetery

Should it be desired to lay a loved one to rest in the Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Cemetery, prior arrangements shall be made for the purchase of a burial plot with the Cemetery Sextant (link located at [www.maplesheyenne.com](http://www.maplesheyenne.com)) or notify the funeral home of an available plot. The funeral home will assist with the arrangements and the burial after the funeral or memorial service either on the day of the funeral or at a later date.

**For Reception details, Honorariums and Burials, contact the office for pricing and availability.**

# Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church Funeral Worship Preplanning Worksheet

As a gift to your family, and in consultation with them you may choose to complete the following worship preplanning sheet and provide your family with copies.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Funeral Home to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Cremation:  Yes  No

Visitation Location:  At funeral home  At the church

Congregational Hymns: \_\_\_\_\_

And/or Other Music (Soloists or instrumentalists): \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Pall to be used:  Yes  No

Scripture Readings \_\_\_\_\_

Graveside Committal:  Yes  No

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon: If there is a graveside committal, is your preference to have a reception before or after the committal at the cemetery?  Before  After

Which Caterer do you plan to use?

What do you plan to serve?

Designated Memorial Gift Recipient(s):

Other considerations for the funeral/memorial service:

# Sample Service

## Baptismal Proclamation

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_, to give thanks for his/her life, to commend him/her to our merciful Father and to comfort one another in our grief.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

## Processional Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW # 779

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all and especially with \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends gathered today.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_. We thank you for giving him/her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Reading of the Obituary

## The Sharing of Memories

(Optional)

## Special Music

(Optional)

## The Word

First Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Psalm	Psalm 23
Second Reading	Romans 8:31-35; 37-39
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-10

## Sermon

Pastor

## Hymn of the Day

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW # 623

## Prayers

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion, in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and peace.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Christ to our joyful resurrection.

Grant to us who are still in our journey, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in faith all our days.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that they may know the comfort of your love in difficult times. Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in your unfailing love. Grant us grace to entrust \_\_\_\_\_ into your care which sustained him/her throughout his/her life. Receive him/her into the arms of your mercy.

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death, Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things

present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Commendation**

Let us commend \_\_\_\_\_ to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Let us pray. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant \_\_\_\_\_. Acknowledge a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming, a child of your own calling. Receive him/her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

May the Lord bless him/her and keep him/her. May the Lord's face shine on him/her and be gracious to him/her. The Lord look upon him/ her with favor and give him/her peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

### **Fellowship Announcement**

### **Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen.

### **Recessional Song**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW # 815

# Scripture

There are usually 2-3 readings during the service. The readings selected can be a powerful reminder of God's grace, ever-present support, and promise of new life. The reading of scripture is an appropriate time to have friends/family involved in the service.

Below are some suggested texts that are common to funeral/memorial services. Please don't be limited by the following list. It serves only as a starting point.

## Old Testament

Job 19:23-27	<i>I know my redeemer lives</i>
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	<i>For everything there is a season</i>
Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>God will swallow up death forever</i>
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7	<i>I have called you by name</i>
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	<i>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters</i>
Jeremiah 31:8-13	<i>I will turn their mourning into joy</i>

## Psalms

Psalms 23	<i>The Lord is my Shepherd</i>
Psalms 46	<i>God is our refuge and strength</i>
Psalms 118	<i>God's steadfast love endures forever</i>
Psalms 121	<i>I lift up my eyes to the hills</i>
Psalms 130	<i>Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord</i>
Psalms 139	<i>I am fearfully and wonderfully made</i>

## Gospels

Matthew 5:1-10	<i>Blessed are those who mourn</i>
Matthew 11:25-30	<i>I will give you rest</i>
John 1:1-5, 9-14	<i>The light shines in the darkness</i>
John 10:11-16	<i>I am the good shepherd</i>
John 11:21-27	<i>I am the resurrection and the life</i>
John 14:1-6	<i>I prepare a place for you</i>

## New Testament Writings

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	<i>Who will separate us from the love of God?</i>
2 Corinthians 15:12-26	<i>Treasure in clay jars</i>
Hebrews 12:1-12	<i>Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses</i>
1 Peter	<i>A living hope through Jesus' resurrection</i>
Revelations 7:9-17	<i>God will wipe away every tear</i>
Revelations 21:2-7	<i>I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem</i>



# Hymn Suggestions

- Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (ELW 377)
- This Joyful Eastertide (ELW 391)
- Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove (ELW 404)
- For All the Saints (ELW 422)
- We Know That Christ Is Raised (ELW 449)
- I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)
- A Mighty Fortress (ELW 504)
- O Living Bread from Heaven (ELW 542)
- Thy Holy Wings (ELW 613)
- Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW 618)
- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (ELW 623)
- Jesus, Still Lead On (ELW 624)
- Abide with Me (ELW 629)
- In Heaven Above (ELW 630)
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)
- O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ELW 632)
- You Are the Way (ELW 758)
- My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759)
- Lord of All Hopefulness (ELW 765)
- If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW 773)
- Jesus, Priceless Treasure (ELW 775)
- The Lord's My Shepherd (ELW 778)
- Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)
- Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781)
- On Eagle's Wings (ELW 787)
- Day by Day (ELW 790)
- I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)
- Borning Cry (ELW 732)
- How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)
- Healer of our Every Ill (ELW 612)
- Here is Bread (ELW 483)
- There is a Balm in Gilead (ELW 614)
- You Are Mine (ELW 581)
- What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW 581)
- Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)
- Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 743)
- Shepherd Me, a God (ELW 780)
- The King of Love Mt Shepherd Is (ELW 502)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_