

FUNERAL PLANS

For (Name): _____ Date this form completed: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date/place of Baptism: _____

CHURCH INFORMATION

Holly Grove Lutheran Church
212 Holly Grove Lutheran Church Rd
Lexington, NC 27292
(336) 249-2807

FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION

Name of Funeral Home _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Have pre-arrangements been made? _____ If so, when _____

DISPOSITION OF THE BODY

Do you want your body to be: (*check one*)

a.) buried _____ b.) cremated _____ c.) donated to science _____

- If buried, do you want your body to be a.) embalmed _____ or b.) not embalmed _____ (*check one*)

- If buried, then name/location of cemetery:

Have you made arrangements for a plot with the church or cemetery? _____

- If cremated, then what would you like done with your ashes? (*check one*)

- Placed in Columbarium at Holly Grove Cemetery _____

- Buried in Cemetery: _____

- Buried/kept elsewhere: (Explain)

- Scattered: _____

If donated to science, arrangements have *already* been made with (institution or school):

MEMORIALS

If you wish to have memorials given in your honor to a particular church or organization, please list them here.

FUNERAL SERVICE

The Funeral Service is found on p. 279 in ELW

Will the funeral service be at church, funeral home, or elsewhere?

Would you prefer that there be an opportunity for a viewing of the body? ____yes ____no

Note: This is possible even with cremation. The body can be cremated after the funeral service. Also note that your family may have very different wishes from yourself on this matter. Your funeral service should be a comfort to them, so it is wise to consult them on this matter.

Would you like Holy Communion at the service? ____ yes ____ no ____ don't know/no preference

Scripture Preferences

You may choose up to 3 scripture texts (one from each section of the Bible) and a Psalm. Some suggested readings are listed below.

Old Testament	_____
Psalm	_____
Epistle	_____
Gospel	_____

Please write a few sentences explaining why you like the scripture passages you chose.

Hymn Preferences

You may list hymns for specific parts of the service, or just a list. Some suggested hymns are listed below.

Entrance Hymn _____

Hymn of the Day _____

Communion Hymns _____

Closing Hymn _____ Please name

other musical preferences here or write about your favorite hymn. Please note that all musical offerings must reflect the spirit of Christian worship.

If a casket will be present for the service, you may name at least 6 pallbearers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

List any other people you wish to honor with special roles in the service (readers of Scripture, soloists, crucifers, etc.)

All of these plans should be reviewed and updated regularly. Give copies to family members and your pastor upon completion and each time a change is made.

Appendix – Suggested Readings and Hymns

Scripture Reading Suggestions

FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a I know that my redeemer lives.
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 For everything a season.
Isaiah 25:6-9 The Lord will swallow up death forever.
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 Comfort my people, says your God
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5 – 7 I have called you by name
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19 I am about to do a new thing
Isaiah 61:1-3 God comforts all who mourn.
Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25 A new heaven and a new earth
Isaiah 66:10-14 As a mother comforts her child
Jeremiah 31:8-13 I will turn their mourning into joy
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

PSALM

Psalms 23 The Lord is my shepherd
Psalm 25:1-10 To you I lift up my soul
Psalm 42:1-7 As a deer longs for flowing streams
Psalm 46:1-7 God is our refuge and strength
Psalm 63 Eagerly I seek you
Psalm 84 How dear to me is your dwelling place
Psalm 90 You have been our refuge
Psalm 116 You have rescued my life from death
Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills
Psalm 122 Let us go to the house of the Lord
Psalm 130 Out of the depths I cry to you
Psalm 139:7-12 The gracious omnipresence of the Lord
Psalm 142:1-6 I cry to the Lord with my voice
Psalm 143 Lord, hear my prayer
See the hymn section for psalm paraphrases of psalms 23, 90 and 91

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11 Justified by faith, we have peace with God.
Romans 6:3-9 Baptized into Jesus death and resurrection.
Romans 8:14-23 We groan while we wait for the redemption of our bodies.
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Romans 14:7-12 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
I Corinthians 15:12-26 In Christ shall all be made alive.
I Corinthians 15:51-57 Death is swallowed up in victory.
II Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18 Treasure in clay jars
II Corinthians 4:14-5:1 What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.
II Corinthians 5:1, 6-10 We have an everlasting home in heaven.
Philippians 3:20-21 Jesus will transfigure our bodies to be like his glorious body.
I Thessalonians 4:13-4, 18 We shall stay with the Lord forever.
II Timothy 2:8-13 If we have died with him, we shall live with him.
I John 3:1-2 We shall see God as God really is.
Revelation 7:9-17 God will wipe away every tear.
Revelation 21:2-7 Behold, I make all things new.

Revelation 22:1-15 The Lord God will be their light.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-10 Blessed are those who mourn.

Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me and I will give you rest.

Matthew 25:1-13 The bridegroom is coming; come out to meet him.

Mark 16:1-7 The resurrection of Christ

Luke 2:25-32 (or 2:25-40) Simeon is able to die in peace.

Luke 23:33, 39-43 Today you will be with me in paradise.

Luke 24:13-35 The road to Emmaus.

John 1:1-5, 9-14 The light shines in the darkness.

John 6:37-40 All that the Father gives me will come to me.

John 6:51-58 All who eat this bread will live forever; I will raise them up on the last day.

John 10:11-16 I am the good shepherd.

John 11:21-27 (or 11:32-45) I am the resurrection and the life.

John 12:23-28 If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

John 14:1-6 In my Father's house there are many rooms.

John 14:25-27 Peace I leave with you.

Funeral Hymn Suggestions

(This list is not exhaustive – just for starters)

A Mighty Fortress	ELW 504	Jerusalem, My Happy Home	ELW 628
Abide With Me	ELW 629	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	ELW 697
Amazing Grace	ELW 779	Lift High the Cross	ELW 660
Around You, O Lord Jesus	ELW 468	Lord of All Hopefulness	ELW 765
Beautiful Savior	ELW 838	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	ELW 631
Blessed Assurance	ELW 854	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	ELW 596/597
Children of the Heavenly Father	ELW 781	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	ELW 759
Crown Him with Many Crowns	ELW 855	Now Thank We All Our God	ELW 840
For All the Saints	ELW 422	O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Ps 90)	ELW 632
For the Beauty of the Earth	ELW 879	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	ELW 773
Go, My Children, with My Blessing	ELW 543	Shall We Gather at the River	ELW 423
God Be With You Til We Meet Again	ELW 536	The Church's One Foundation	ELW 654
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	ELW 414	The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Ps 23)	ELW 502
Holy, Holy, Holy	ELW 413	The Lord's My Shepherd (Ps 23)	ELW 778
How Great Thou Art	ELW 856	This Is My Father's World	ELW 824
I Am the Bread of Life	ELW 485	Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow	ELW 327
I Know That My Redeemer Lives!	ELW 619	Thy Holy Wings	ELW 613
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry	ELW 732	We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus	ELW 451
If You But Trust in God to Guide You	ELW 769	What Wondrous Love Is This	ELW 666