



"Experience God's Love"

Dear Friend in Christ,

When one of our siblings in Christ dies, the Church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life. A funeral liturgy allows those who mourn to give voice to sorrow, thank God for their loved ones, and entrust them into the hands of God. At the time of death, your family should notify and work with both the pastor and Funeral Director, ensuring your wishes are honored and Lutheran funeral practices are observed out of respect for your faith, family, and church family.

Because our baptism shapes the whole of Christian life into the crucified and risen Christ, formed by the proclaimed Word of God and nurtured through the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the best place for a funeral is in the church. Within the church building, we see essential signs that shape us as Christians: the baptismal font, the communion table, the pulpit, the altar, and most importantly, the cross. Funeral services are public times of worship, open to all people.

Knowing that specific funeral service details have been prepared in advance is a comfort for some. Still, others prefer to have the pastor and loved ones plan the liturgy at the time of death. This worksheet allows you to make some choices regarding your funeral. If you prefer to leave these decisions to the pastor or your family, leave the options blank. You can also communicate your intended bequests and desired memorial gift recipients to the church. This information will remain confidential and on file in the church office until death. You may update this form at any time.

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans: *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Because of this promise of God's love, we can celebrate life, even amid death!

Go with God,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan D. Bull". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" and last name "Bull" clearly legible.

The Reverend Jonathan D. Bull, Senior Pastor
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
Westerville, OH

**FUNERAL PLANNING
WORKSHEET**

The Christian funeral is a worship service of the Church. Its purpose is to lead the bereaved through the rites of the Church where the voice of the Gospel can be heard with healing power and clarity. Planning the service in advance with the Church enables the Gospel message to become even more personal and powerful at the time of bereavement. The purpose of this worksheet is to serve as a guideline in planning a funeral. Completed worksheets which are turned into the Church Office are in our files and may be updated in writing at any time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Location of Birth: _____ Location of Death: _____

Marital Status: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

Spouse(s) Name(s): _____

Names and Ages of Children: _____

Names and Ages of Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren: _____

Work History: _____

Church Involvement: _____

Branch and Division of Military Service: _____

Years Active in Military: _____

Name of person, relationship, and telephone number to be contacted at the time of your death for arrangements: _____

FUNERAL HOME & SERVICE INFORMATION

Funeral Director/Home: _____

Have you done any preplanning with the Funeral Home? _____

Do you wish to have a burial or a cremation? _____

Visitation Location: *(Please indicate a preference)*

St. Paul Lutheran Church _____

Other: _____

Service Location: *(Please indicate a preference)*

St. Paul Lutheran Church _____

Other: _____

Holy Communion: Yes___No___

Place of Interment: _____

Graveside Service: Yes___No___

Date of Interment: _____

FUNERAL LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Will there be a Funeral Luncheon? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered 'Yes' above:

Do you desire to have the luncheon at St. Paul? Yes _____ No _____

Eulogies and speakers are usually invited to share their memories of you at the funeral luncheon rather than at the funeral service itself. This provides a comfortable atmosphere and plenty of time for your loved ones to speak. Do you desire to call for such a time at the luncheon? Yes _____ No _____

HONORARIUMS AND FEES

St. Paul Lutheran is often asked what the appropriate gifts are for the pastor, organist, soloist, and funeral luncheon. The following are minimum suggestions. Please feel free to contact Pastor Jonathan regarding these suggestions.

Pastor's Honorarium: \$350

Organist's Honorarium: \$200

Soloist's Honorarium: \$200

Luncheon Fee: Funeral luncheons are one way St. Paul creates a nurturing community. Any monetary gifts are welcome. Please see Pastor Jonathan if you have any questions.

SCRIPTURE SUGGESTIONS

First Reading

Psalm

___ Job 19:23-27	<i>I know that my redeemer lives</i>	___ Psalm 23	<i>The Lord is my shepherd</i>
___ Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	<i>For everything there is a season</i>	___ Psalm 42:1-7	<i>As the deer pants for the water</i>
___ Isaiah 25:6-9	<i>God will swallow up death forever</i>	___ Psalm 46:1-7	<i>God is our refuge and strength</i>
___ Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31	<i>Comfort, O comfort my people</i>	___ Psalm 121	<i>I lift my eyes to the hills</i>
___ Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19, 25	<i>I am about to do a new thing</i>	___ Psalm 130	<i>Out of the depths I cry to you</i>
___ Isaiah 49:13b-16a	<i>God will not forget you</i>	___ Psalm 143	<i>Hear my prayer, O Lord</i>
___ Isaiah 54:10	<i>The Lord has compassion on you</i>		
___ Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	<i>Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters</i>		
___ Isaiah 61:1-3	<i>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me</i>		
___ Jeremiah 31:8-13	<i>I will turn their mourning into joy</i>		
___ Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33	<i>The steadfast love of God never ceases</i>		

Second Reading

___Romans 5:1-11	<i>We are justified by faith</i>
___Romans 5:17-21	<i>The free gift of righteousness</i>
___Romans 6:3-9	<i>Baptized into Christ Jesus</i>
___Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	<i>Neither death nor life can separate us</i>
___1 Cor. 15:12-26	<i>All will be made alive in Christ</i>
___2 Cor. 4:7-18	<i>We have this treasure in clay jars</i>
___1 Thess. 4:13-14, 18	<i>We do not want you to be uninformed</i>
___Hebrews 12:1-2	<i>We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses</i>
___1 Peter 1:3-9	<i>A new birth into a living hope</i>
___1 John 3:1-2	<i>Beloved, we are God's children now</i>
___Revelation 7:9-17	<i>God will wipe away every tear</i>
___Revelation 22:1-5	<i>The Lord will be their light</i>

Gospel

___Matthew 5:1-12	<i>Blessed are the poor in spirit</i>
___Matthew 11:25-30	<i>Come to me, all who are weary</i>
___Matthew 25:1-13	<i>Look! Here is the bridegroom</i>
___Mark 16:1-7	<i>The resurrection of Christ</i>
___Luke 12:22-34	<i>Do not be afraid, little flock</i>
___Luke 12:35-40	<i>Have your lamps lit</i>
___Luke 24:1-9, 36-43	<i>The resurrection of Christ</i>
___John 1:1-5, 9-14	<i>The light shines in the darkness</i>
___John 5:24-29	<i>The hour is coming</i>
___John 6:37-40	<i>I will raise them up on the last day</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>Do not let your hearts be troubled</i>
___John 14:25-27	<i>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you</i>

Other Scripture Passages or Readings: _____

MUSIC

Music selected should embody high standards of quality and, in general, reflect the spirit of Christian confidence, trust, and hope in the resurrection characteristic of the spoken parts of the service. The hymns should reflect themes such as the invocation of the Holy Spirit, comfort, the communion of saints, and hope in the resurrection. Hymn paraphrases of the psalms may also be sung. All hymn numbers are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.



Hymn Suggestions

#308	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!	_____
#313	O Lord, Now Let Your Servant	_____
#342	There in God's Garden	_____
#351/2	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	_____
#366	The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done	_____
#376	Thine Is the Glory	_____
#377	Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen	_____
#381	Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes	_____
#391	This Joyful Eastertide	_____
#409	Kyrie! God, Father	_____
#414	Holy God, We Praise Your Name	_____
#422	For All the Saints	_____
#423	Shall We Gather at the River	_____
#427	For All Your Saints, O Lord	_____
#429	In Our Day of Thanksgiving	_____
#439	Soon and Very Soon	_____
#447	O Blessed Spring	_____
#483	Here Is Bread	_____
#500	Now We Remain	_____
#502	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	_____
#504	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	_____
#531	The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing	_____
#536	God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again	_____
#543	Go, My Children, With My Blessing	_____
#569	The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended	_____
#574	I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)	_____
#581	You Are Mine	_____
#592	Just As I Am, Without One Plea	_____
#595	Jesus Loves Me, This I Know	_____
#607	Come, Ye Disconsolate	_____
#608	Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling	_____
#611	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	_____
#612	Healer of Our Every Ill	_____

#613	Thy Holy Wings	
#619	I Know That My Redeemer Lives	
#621	Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense	_____
#622	Neither Death nor Life	_____
#623	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	_____
#624	Jesus, Still Lead On	_____
#629	Abide With Me	_____
#630	In Heaven Above	_____
#631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	_____
#632	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	_____
#635	We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight	_____
#636	How Small Our Span of Life	_____
#637	Holy God, Holy and Glorious	_____
#638	Blessed Assurance	_____
#639	When We Are Living	_____
#654	The Church's One Foundation	_____
#656	Blest Be the Tie that Binds	_____
#661	I Love to Tell the Story	_____
#666	What Wondrous Love Is This	_____
#697	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	_____
#721	Goodness Is Stronger than Evil	_____
#728	Blest Are They	_____
#730	Lord Our God, with Praise We Come	_____
#732	I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry	_____
#733	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	_____
#735	Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth	_____
#742	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	_____
#750	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	_____
#756	Eternal Father, Strong to Save	_____
#759	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	_____
#760	O Christ the Same	_____
#763	My Life Flows On In Endless Song	_____
#769	If You But Trust In God to Guide You	_____
#770	Give Me Jesus	_____
#773	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	_____
#774	What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine	_____
#775	Jesus, Priceless Treasure	_____
#776	What God Ordains Is Good Indeed	_____
#778	The Lord's My Shepherd	_____
#779	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	_____
#780	Shepherd Me, O God	_____
#781	Children of the Heavenly Father	_____
#785	When Peace, Like a River	_____
#786	O Holy Spirit, Enter In	_____
#787	On Eagle's Wings	_____
#790	Day by Day	_____

#815	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	_____
#792	When Memory Fades	_____
#793	Be Thou My Vision	_____
#802	Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	_____
#806	O God, My Faithful God	_____
#810	O Jesus, I Have Promised	_____
#826	Thine the Amen	_____
#838	Beautiful Savior	_____
#840	Now Thank We All Our God	_____
#856	How Great Thou Art	_____
#858	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	_____
#864	Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven	_____
#880	O God, Beyond All Praising	_____

OTHER PREPARATIONS

Remember to prepare a will and to remember the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ when you do so!

Bequests and Memorials:

I have shared with my family where financial gifts should be directed: Yes _____

Recipients Include:

St. Paul Lutheran Church: _____ Designated for: _____

St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund: _____

All non-designated gifts are divided 75% to St. Paul, and 25% St. Paul Endowment Fund.

Planned Giving:

I/We have included St. Paul Lutheran Church in our will: Yes _____ No _____

I/We have planned another type of deferred gift: Yes _____ No _____

(Please list: Life insurance, Gift-Annuity, Charitable Trust, etc.)

If you have answered yes to one of the above, please share the following:

St. Paul Lutheran Church is included in my/our estate plan

for: Percentage: _____ %

Estimated value of gift: \$ _____

Fixed amount: \$ _____

I would like a member of the St. Paul Endowment Committee to contact me regarding estate planning and giving to the Endowment: Yes _____ No _____

Advance Directives:

I have a living will: Yes____No____

I have a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care: Yes____No____

I would like a visit regarding Advance Directives: Yes____No____

Other Matters:

Form prepared by: _____

(Please print name)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please note: A funeral is for those who walk as yet by faith. Those who have entered the Church Triumphant already know first-hand the promise of the resurrection. Because the funeral is for those still walking by faith, I understand this form is to help share my faith. I understand that parts of the worship service may be changed to address the needs of the living.

Please return to:

Rev. Jonathan D. Bull
c/o St. Paul Lutheran Church
4686 E. Walnut Street
Westerville, OH 43081

Or, a completed form may be scanned and emailed to: jon.bull@splcwesterville.org.

Upon receipt of this form, Pastor Jonathan will be in contact with you to confirm receipt and to discuss your plans.

If at any time you have a question, please call Pastor Jonathan at (614) 882-7601.