

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE AND HYMNS FOR FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

**Although most of the suggested readings and hymns are suitable for a funeral involving a person of any age, these may be especially useful at the death of a child.*

Readings and Psalms

At the processions

*Psalm 23 *The LORD is my shepherd*
Psalm 90 *Our dwelling place in all generations*
Psalm 118 *God's steadfast love endures forever*
Psalm 130 *Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD*
Isaiah 41:9b-10 *Do not be afraid, for I am with you*
Matthew 11:28-29 *I will give you rest*
John 11:25-26 *I am the resurrection and the life*
John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you*
Romans 14:7-9 *Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's*
Revelation 1:17-18 *Do not be afraid, I am the first and the last*
Revelation 14:13 *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*

In the service

Job 19:23-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *For everything there is a season*
Isaiah 25:6-9 *God will swallow up death forever*
*Isaiah 40:1, 6-11 *God will gather the lambs*
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 55:1-3, 6-13 *Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters*
Isaiah 61:1-3 *The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me*
*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*
*Psalm 23 *The LORD is my shepherd*
*Psalm 42:1-5 *As a deer longs for flowing streams*
Psalm 46:1-7 *God is our refuge and strength*
*Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills*
*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*
Romans 5:1-11 *Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*
*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of Christ?*

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *Christ, the first fruits, has been raised*
2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18 *Treasure in clay jars*
*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 *Teaching about those who have died*
Hebrews 12:1-2 *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses*
1 Peter 1:3-9 *A living hope through Jesus' resurrection*
*1 John 3:1-2 *See what love the Father has given us*
Revelation 7:9-17 *God will wipe away every tear*
Revelation 21:2-7 *I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem*
Revelation 22:1-5 *The Lord God will be their light*
*Matthew 5:1-10 *Blessed are those who mourn*
Matthew 11:25-30 *I will give you rest*
*Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14 *A child is the greatest in the kingdom*
*Mark 10:13-16 *Let the little children come*
Mark 16:1-7 *The resurrection of Christ*
Luke 24:1-9 *The resurrection of Christ*
John 1:1-5, 9-14 *The light shines in the darkness*
John 6:37-40 *I will raise them up on the last day*
*John 10:11-16 *I am the good shepherd*
John 11:21-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*
John 14:1-6 *I prepare a place for you*
John 14:25-27 *Peace I leave with you*

Hymns (hymn numbers refer to "Evangelical Lutheran Worship", the cranberry hymnal)

308: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
313: O Lord, Now Let Your Servant
351, 352: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
377: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!
*381: Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes
391: This Joyful Eastertide
409: Kyrie! God, Father
422: For All the Saints
423: Shall We Gather at the River
429: In Our Day of Thanksgiving
447: O Blessed Spring
483: Here Is Bread
500: Now We Remain
502: The King of Love My Shepherd Is
531: The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
*595: Jesus Loves Me!
*613: Thy Holy Wings
621: Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense
622: Neither Death nor Life
629: Abide with Me
636: How Small Our Span of Life

637: Holy God, Holy and Glorious
639: When We Are Living
721: Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
730: Lord Our God, with Praise We Come
750: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
759: My Faith Looks Up to Thee
760: O Christ the Same
770: Give Me Jesus
773: Precious Lord, Take My Hand
778: The Lord's My Shepherd
786: O Holy Spirit, Enter In
787: On Eagle's Wings
*815 : I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
826: Thine the Amen

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