

Checklist

- Funeral Casket Memorial Urn

Number of People Anticipated _____

Details _____

- Music Organist Soloist

Opening Song _____

Closing Song _____

Other Song/Solo _____

Photography Display

- Poster Easel Table Slideshow

Reception

- Luncheon Cookies Only

Number of People Anticipated _____

Memorials to: _____

Other Special Requests _____

Funeral & Memorial Services

In Memory of Our Loved Ones



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This brochure is designed to help you as you plan a Christian celebration to remember the life of someone who was very special and loved by you. We hope it will comfort you, answer some of your questions and guide you in making some important decisions at this difficult time.

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you always, and especially now.

Funeral or Memorial?

A *funeral or *memorial/celebration of life, offers a chance for loved ones to remember someone special through the rite of Christian worship. It can be a cathartic and healing experience for those who are grieving a loss by allowing them to hear what the Word of God says about life, death and the resurrection.

- * A “funeral” service is conducted with the body present, or an urn and is usually planned within a few days of death.
- * A “memorial/celebration of life” service (with or without an urn) can be delayed as long as the family chooses to meet the convenience and needs of the family. Some individuals plan to hold a memorial service weeks, months or even on the one-year anniversary of the loved one’s death.

Fee Schedule	Members	Non-Members
Pastor	Your discretion	\$200
Reception (VLCW serving + food cost)	\$75	\$75
Fellowship Hall	no fee	\$400
Organist	\$150	\$150
Soloist (2 songs)	\$100	\$100
Custodian Friday-Sunday	\$25/hr	\$25/hr
A/V Technician (Victory Staff Only)	\$75	\$75
Create Slideshow from Photos (up to 50 photos / >50 additional cost)	\$50	\$50
Recording of Memorial	\$75	\$75
Bulletins	\$30 (0 to 50) \$45 (51-100)	\$30 (0 to 50) \$45 (51-100)

Additional Resources

Caterers: Basha’s Deli (480) 985-9433

Albertson’s (480) 924-9001

A.J.’s Fine Foods (480) 507-7280

Flowers: Razzle Dazzle Flowers (480) 983-0802

Apache Junction Flowers (480) 982-1851

Cookies: Costco or Walmart

Please contact the church office for Fellowship Coordinators.

Pictures and Memory Albums

Pictures displayed at a funeral or memorial/celebration of life often bring comfort to family and friends as they reminisce. You might want to ask friends and relatives to contribute photos, clippings, awards or other special mementos that can be assembled in a memory book for the surviving spouse, family or displayed on a poster board easel. You may even consider a slideshow of photos before the service.

**If you will need an easel or table for this display please mention this during the planning process.*

**Photos and videos are subject to review by VLC staff at the sole discretion for suitability and compliance with our guidelines.*

Sharing Food

Sharing food during a bereavement gathering is a popular practice. At your request a reception with a light luncheon or perhaps coffee/tea and lemonade with cookies can be held in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

If you would like a reception please discuss this during the planning process and give us the projected number of people you feel will attend.

(Custodian Reception Fee \$25.00/hr - Average 5 hours)

Flowers

Flowers may be delivered to the church on the day of and up to one hour before the service.

Memorials

Memorials may be made to Victory Lutheran Church or to any organization the family chooses. The Pastor or the church office can offer you a list for designated memorials made to the church if the family has not already determined this.



Who Will Come?

You should decide if there will be a public announcement in the newspaper, whether a written mailing to certain friends and associates seems better, or whether phone calls and the local “grapevine” will be sufficient notice. If schedules permit, we can announce the service time during our regular weekend worship services. The funeral home will assist in the public announcement area.

During the planning process for the service let us know number of people you anticipate will attend the service and/or reception.

Who Will Participate in the Service?

One of Victory’s pastors will be the worship leader at any service at Victory. In preparing their message, a Pastor usually asks for details from the life of the one who has died. To assist them in preparing a fitting memorial message, you will usually want to meet with the presiding Pastor for more specific planning.

As for others who might have a part in the service, this should be a request communicated early in the planning process with the presiding Pastor.

It is always nice to find a role for children to play if the deceased was a special person in their lives. Handing out programs or flowers can be managed by even young children or grandchildren.



Scripture Readings

Scripture readings are an important part of any worship service. For a funeral or memorial, readings may be suggested by the family based on their preference or that of the deceased. These may be read by the Pastor or a member of the family. The following is a brief list of some suggested readings. Certainly others may be used depending on the desires of the family.

Old Testament Readings (Suggestions)

Psalm 23 - The Lord is my shepherd . . .

Psalm 25 - To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul . . .

Psalm 27 - The Lord is my light and my salvation . . .

Psalm 46 - God is our refuge and strength . . .

Psalm 84 - How lovely is thy dwelling place . . .

Psalm 95 - O Come, let us sing unto the Lord . . .

Psalm 100 - Make a joyful noise to the Lord . . .

Psalm 147 - Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing . . .

Isaiah 40 - Comfort, comfort my people . . .

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (SUGGESTIONS)

Matthew 5 - Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .

John 10 - I am the good shepherd . . .

John 11 - I am the resurrection and the life . . .

John 14 - In my Father's house are many rooms . . .

Romans 8 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

1 John 4 - Beloved, let us love one another . . .

Revelation 21 - The New Jerusalem . . .

Music

The universal language of music throughout the service can be calming, healing and unifying.

Please inform the presiding pastor of your music desires. Most services in our Sanctuary will require the participation of our church organist.

Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Hymnal)

For All the Saints - 174

A Mighty Fortress is Our God - 228/229

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name - 262

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - 315

O God, Our Help in Ages Past - 320

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go - 324

Mine Eyes Have Seen - 332

Blest Be the Tie That Binds - 370

God of Grace and God of Glory - 415

Amazing Grace - 448

Children of the Heavenly Father - 474

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 479

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee - 492

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought - 501

Beautiful Savior - 518

How Great Thou Art - 532

With One Voice (Blue Hymnal)

Be Thou My Vision - 776

