

An Order of Closure at the Time of Death

(A pastor, chaplain, family member or friend may use this order in the home or resident's room at the time of death.)

Leader: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 23: *The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name 's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I fear no evil: for you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

The Christian life is a graceful cycle. We move from God to each other and back again to God. Our movement is both personal and communal. It binds together the past and the future, and through it we come together in the presence of God we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(Those gathered may be invited to share a remembrance of the loved one.)

Prayer: Eternal God, you entrusted to us _____.
We thank you for the life we shared. Deal graciously with those of us who mourn, that we may know the consolation of your love. Help us now to release our loved one to your mighty keeping. In your good time may we be reunited with (him/her) once again through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

(Leader may place hand on me forehead of the deceased and make the sign of the cross saying me following.)

Leader: Sealed with the Holy Spirit and Marked with the Cross of Christ forever. May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. May the Lord look upon us with favor, and grant us peace. Amen

Funerals & Memorial Services

*I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and
everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
John 11:25-26*

Scheduling and Planning the Service

Funerals or memorial services are times of passage in which we gather to grieve, share stories and to give thanks to God for the life of the one who has died. The members and staff of King of Kings Lutheran Church seek to be of comfort and assistance to the family and friends at such a time.

Please confer with one of the pastors to schedule a service that will be held at the church. Timing will depend upon whether the service is to be a funeral or a memorial service. The difference between a funeral and a memorial service is the presence or absence of the casket. Because the casket is present at a funeral, such a service needs to be held within a few days of the death. Because there is no casket at a memorial service, it can occur several days or weeks afterward. You will want to find a date that best fits the needs of family and friends as well as any necessary burial arrangements.

One of the pastors will meet with you to plan the service and provide bereavement counseling. If there are hymns, scripture passages, and a special reading you would like included in the service, let the pastor know. The pastor will also have suggestions for music and scripture readings. A family member or friend of the deceased may read Scripture and/or a reading at the service. If you would like remembrances shared at the service, it is recommended that you limit it to one. Others may share either at the reviewal the day before or at the lunch. The church provides a simple bulletin for the order of service.

Working with a Funeral/Memorial Home

Professionals can be very helpful in advising you on the many practical aspects of making arrangements for your loved one. They can assist you in writing the obituary for the newspaper, radio announcements, burial or cremation arrangements, flowers, and the timing of a funeral or a memorial service. Their fees will often include payments that they make on your behalf to people involved in the service. Please confirm such arrangements with them. A service may be held at a Memorial Home, but we encourage you to have the service for your loved one at the church.

Columbarium

King of Kings Lutheran Church is re-establishing the tradition of early American churches by providing for a final resting place. The special place that is becoming the modern churchyard cemetery is a columbarium, a place for the respectful and usually public storage of urns. Cremation is consistent with the Christian view that the physical body disintegrates and a new body is given by God in Resurrection. The columbarium is a place of solitude located on the west side of our Sanctuary. For more information about purchasing the right of interment, call the church office at 651-738-3110.

Memorial Gifts

You may specify the organizations that you wish to benefit from gifts given in memory of your loved one. Gifts given to King of Kings will be designated by the family. Please talk to the pastor regarding possible designations. It is good to include the family wishes regarding memorials in the obituary written for the newspaper.

Examples of Designated Memorials to King of Kings Lutheran Church:

Garden Ministry: Memorial funds are used to upkeep & improve the grounds of the church.

Building Ministry: Memorial funds will be used for projects & repairs in the building.

Children, Student & Family Ministry: Memorial funds will be used to assist in the purchasing of children's bibles, scholarship funds for education & mission trips; supplies that are not in the operating budget.

Worship Ministry: Includes the purchase of bibles in the Sanctuary, parament, banners. Music Ministry: choir robes-cleaning, repair & replacement; Choir music & music folders, instrument purchase.

Retired Men's Group: Supports King of Kings ministries through special needs, they have supported the installation of handicap doors & tables for areas of the church.

Columbarium Garden

King of Kings operating Fund: funds designated to this memorial are applied towards the ministries of King of Kings.

Receptions

A reception after the service is a time to share memories and comfort one another. King of Kings requests the family work directly with the caterer if a luncheon is desired. King of Kings will provide set-up, coffee, lemonade, serving and clean up at no cost for members of the church.

For non-members, a minimum of \$100 is the suggested donation to the King of Kings Kitchen fund.

Honorariums and Fees

Honorariums:

Pastor	\$175
Organist	\$150
Soloist	\$100
Sound Technician . .	\$100*

Fees:

- \$150 - If a funeral or memorial service is scheduled on a Saturday or evening (after 5:00), this will cover the expense of additional custodial and support services.
- \$150 - will be charged if there is No Funeral Director scheduled at the church service when 200 or more people are expected.

** Because we want to ensure the best sound quality for music and the service, we secure the services of a professional sound tech to operate our equipment.*

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