

THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP

name

birth date – death date

date of funeral
time of funeral

Salem Lutheran Church

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Prelude name of pianist/organist

P: = Pastor David N. Anderson A: = Associate in Ministry Greg Meyer
C: = Congregation

INTRODUCTION from the baptismal font at the entrance of the church

OPTION A:

A: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother name give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

OPTION B:

A: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

OPTION A

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

OPTION B

P: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her/his baptism, name was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she/he shall be clothed with glory.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

ACCLAMATION

A: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
C: We glorify you.

A: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
C: We praise you.

A: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
C: We worship you.

A: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

OPTION A:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister/brother, name. We thank you for giving her/him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

OPTION B

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

OPTION C: At the death of a child

C: Holy God, your beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to entrust *name* to your never-failing care and love. Comfort us as we bear the pain of *her/his* death, and receive us all into your everlasting arms, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SONG/CONGREGATION HYMN/SOLO

READING OF OBITUARY

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

SONG/CONGREGATION HYMN/SOLO

BIBLE READINGS and MESSAGE Pastor David N. Anderson

SONG /CONGREGATION HYMN

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition the assembly responds:

A: Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

P: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death, nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (optional)
SONGS/CONGREGATION HYMNS/SOLO**

COMMENDATION

A: Let us commend _____ to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant _____ Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive **him** into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

TABLE GRACE

DISMISSAL

A: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

After the Funeral Service of Worship you are invited to the committal service

- at Scandia Cemetery.
- Outside at Salem's columbarium.

After the committal service please join the family for a luncheon in Salem's Fellowship Hall.

The committal service will be held after the luncheon at Fort Ripley.