# **Scripture Readings**

## ****You may choose one Old Testament reading, such as:****

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

## ****You may choose a Psalm to be prayed by the congregation, such as:****

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

## ****You may choose a New Testament reading, such as:****

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

## ****The pastor will read one Gospel, such as:****

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

# Music

*Through music, we are often able to express what words alone cannot. For services at the church, Faith Lutheran’s Music Director will normally be the musician. In selecting music, it is important to consider how the hymn proclaims Christ crucified and risen as demonstrated in the life of the deceased, as well as feasibility for congregational singing. Recordings or popular tunes might be more appropriate as music at the visitation or luncheon. This list is a starting point, and by no means exhaustive. Choose three to five hymns:*

ELW Hymns  
Abide with Me 629

A Might Fortress is our God 504

Amazing Grace 779

Beautiful Savior 838

Children of the Heavenly Father 781

For All the Saints 422

Holy God, Holy and Glorious 637

How Small Our Span of Life 636

Give Me Jesus 770

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer 618

How Great Thou Art 856

I Know that My Redeemer Lives 619

Lift High the Cross 660

Lord of all Hopefulness 765

My Faith Looks Up to Thee 759

On Eagle’s Wings 787

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 773

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling 608

The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done 366

Thy Holy Wings 613