

Day of the Funeral

On the day of the funeral you can expect that:

- Glory Greeters will welcome your family and guests upon their arrival.
- A private space will be provided for your family to meet prior to the service.
- The pastor will meet with your family for prayer and to provide direction.
- The funeral committee will be available to support last minute needs.
- Reserved seating will be marked for the designated funeral party.
- The guest book, extra service bulletins, sympathy cards, and flowers will be collected, secured and given to you before you leave.
- All commitments accepted by Glory Lutheran Church will be fulfilled to the best of our ability.

At Glory Lutheran Church our goal is to serve you during this difficult time of arrangements, transitions and grieving. If you have any questions or concerns with anything in connection to the preceding information about the service and/or luncheon, please discuss this with the pastor or a member of the funeral committee. Above all, we want this to be a healing time for you. Our prayers and love are with you.

Peace in Christ,

The Pastor, Council, and Congregation of Glory Lutheran Church



Church Location: Access to Glory Lutheran Church is via the service road at the intersection of Highway 16 and RR225. To facilitate the timely arrival of guests, we will discuss with you some strategies for communicating the church location.

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Celebrating the Saints At Glory Lutheran Church



Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

At Glory Lutheran Church, funerals take place within the act of Christian worship, where we acknowledge God's purpose for life and ask for His help dealing with loss.

In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we are here to support you in your time of grief. We hope this information helps you in your preparations for a funeral service.

First Step

Securing the Pastor and church facility: If it is your desire to have Glory Lutheran church involved in the funeral of your loved one, the process begins by contacting Pastor Markus Wilhelm or Intern Pastor Seth Perry.

Glory Lutheran Church: 780.416.9594

Pastor Markus Wilhelm: 780.909.6658 (c) mpwilhelm@hotmail.com

Intern Pastor Seth Perry: 250.667.4749 (c) sethpr0@gmail.com

Arrangements to Consider

With the approval of the pastor, the participation of the church is engaged. The Pastor of Glory Lutheran Church will conduct the service on your behalf.

Meeting with the Pastor: The Pastor will meet with you for pastoral support and will also discuss the overall plan for the service (e.g. readings, eulogy, Holy Communion, music and interment).

If you have engaged the services of a funeral home, it is important that the pastor be provided with the name of the funeral home and their **funeral director** to ensure the coordination of church and funeral home responsibilities.

Meeting with the Funeral Committee: Glory Lutheran Church's funeral committee, in conjunction with the Pastor, will assist you in all aspects of planning for the funeral or memorial service for your loved one. The committee will contact you to arrange a meeting.

Music for the Service: If an organist/pianist is needed, the committee will secure an organist/pianist unless you have family or friends you might wish to ask. Use of Glory musicians is subject to their availability.

Glory Lutheran Church is blessed with an organ, grand piano and electronic keyboard. Should you choose to have someone other than a Glory musician provide the music, they need to be experienced on the instrument **and must meet with one of the Glory music team.**

You may also decide to add musical selections from vocalists, instruments or recorded music. These arrangements need to be discussed with the committee.

It is important that music is discussed early in the process to provide adequate preparation time.

Flowers: We can provide support and assistance when flowers arrive at the church for the service.

Audio Visual Support: The committee will secure a sound technician to operate the sound system during the service. It is important that audio needs be discussed with the technician early in the process to ensure your needs can be met. The service will be recorded on both a cassette tape and a USB stick and be given to the family. Slideshows prepared by the family or funeral home may be presented in the reception area following the service.

Order of Service Bulletins, Guest Books, Ushers and Greeters: Memorial cards, guest books and ushers may be provided by funeral homes if so arranged.

However, if you choose not to have the funeral home provide these services, the Glory Funeral Committee will do so. This will include order of service bulletins (which will include the information usually found on a memorial card), ushers and greeters. You will need to purchase a guest book.

Funeral Reception: If there is to be a luncheon following the funeral service, please discuss your plans with the Glory funeral committee when you meet with them.

It is your responsibility to arrange for all food. Coffee, tea, water, and juice will be provided. Glory members will serve the food and act as hosts during the reception. If using a caterer, please provide their contact information to facilitate the delivery of the food.

Funeral Financial Obligations: Glory Lutheran Church considers support of families during a time of loss to be one of our ministries. Therefore, there is no charge for the use of the church sanctuary, narthex, and ancillary spaces.

There are fees assessed for the pastor, organist/pianist and audio/visual technicians. Please make cheques payable to each individual. Names will be provided.

The service fee includes costs incurred in hosting a funeral/memorial service (i.e. kitchen supplies, water, sewage, lighting, heating, etc.) and should be made payable to Glory Lutheran Church.

All fees are to be paid prior to or on the day of the funeral unless other arrangements have been made.

Presiding Pastor	\$250.00
Organist/Pianist	\$200.00
Audio Visual Technicians	\$50.00 each
Vocalist and accompanying musicians	Arrange with individuals
Service Fee (supplies, utilities, etc.)	\$300.00

Funeral ministry: There are many volunteers from Glory's congregation who, together with the funeral committee, willingly offer their time and talent in a variety of ways to you and your family. In gratitude for their ministry, please consider making a donation to Glory Lutheran Church to support our ongoing ministry in celebrating the saints.

A tax receipt will be provided for this donation.