

Christ Lutheran Church  
Celebration of Life Fee Schedule

***Celebration of Life***

**FACILITIES**

Sanctuary	No charge
Reception/CLC	
Reception/CCC	

**CUSTODIAL SERVICES**

**(if on a Saturday)**

Sanctuary/Restrooms (Service only)	35
CLC/Restrooms (If luncheon also)	35
CCC/Restrooms (If luncheon also)	35

<b>PIANIST</b>	75
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<b>VOCALIST</b>	50
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<b>SOUND</b>	35
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<b>PROJECTION DURING SERVICE</b>	35
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<b>FACILITY SET UP</b>	35
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<b>VIDEO TAPE SERVICE</b>	50
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Many times these fees can be handled through the funeral home at the time arrangements are made.

## **Celebrate Life!**

We are sorry for your loss. Please know that we celebrate with you the resurrection promise of eternal life that God has fulfilled for your loved one, and look forward to that promise being fulfilled in our own lives.

At Christ Lutheran Church we attempt to put things into perspective by introducing this booklet, Celebrate Life! We are interested in being a Ministry to and for you as you make plans for the day-to-come. We hope to be able to reduce the worries by helping attend to the details so that you may look back at these days many years from now with peace-filled thoughts. We want to help you celebrate life.

### **Helpful Information when Planning the Service**

- Obituary (Important Remembrances)
- Baptism date and location
- Family of Origin: names, birth order, birth place
- School: High School, College, Technical, Post Graduate
- Marriage Date, location, and circumstances
- Employment
- Civic and Social Club memberships
- Hobbies
- Awards and Recognition
- Retirement date
- Corresponding geographical moves
- Church membership and positions
- Military Service
- Children, Grandchildren

## **Popular Hymns**

- "Borning Cry"-WOV 770
- "How Great Thou Art" LBW 532
- "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LBW 479
- "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LBW 327
- "Amazing Grace" LBW 448
- "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LBW 481
- "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult" LBW 494
- "Christ, the Life of All the Living" LBW 97
- "A Mighty Fortress" LBW 229
- "In the Hour of Trial" LBW 106
- "Just as I Am" LBW 296
- "Faith of Our Fathers" LBW 500
- "Thine is the Glory" LBW 145
- "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LBW 143

### **Contemporary Christian songs**

- Grace Like Rain-Todd Agnew
- Wonderful Cross (Modern version) Chris Tomlin
- Who Am I? - Casting Crowns
- I Can Only Imagine-MercyMe
- Untitled Hymn (Cry out to Jesus)-Third Day
- You Never Let Go-Matt Redman
- At the Cross-Hillsong
- Who is this King of Glory-Third Day
- Emmanuel-God with Us-Casting Crowns
- More-Matthew West
- Come to Jesus-Chris Rice
- When I Get to Where I'm Going-Dolly Parton/Brad Paisley

## Scripture Samplings

Psalm 42:1-7	Psalm 46:1-7
Psalm 121	Job 19:23-27a
Isaiah 25:6-9	Isaiah 61:1-3
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33	Psalm 23
Romans 5:1-11	Romans 5:17-21
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	Romans 14:7-8
1 Corinthians 15:12-26	1 Peter 1:3-9
1 John 3:1-2	Revelation 7:9-17
Revelation 21:2-7	Philippians 3:20-21
Matthew 11:25-30	Matthew 25:1-13
Luke 12:35-40	John 5:24-29
John 6:37-40	John 11:21-27
John 14:1-6	

## Service Recommendations

### Music

Music used in any Celebration of Life Ceremony is an important part of the worship service. We encourage families to help maintain the dignity of the service by helping to choose music appropriate to the occasion. Music, per se, is neither sacred nor secular; it becomes so by association. Our congregation allows some latitude in the choice of music.

### Pre-Service Music, Processional, and Recessional

The Minister of Music will assist the family in choosing the best music for the moment. Please see page 6 of this booklet for some possibilities.

### Soloists and Special Music

The family is responsible for providing an honorarium for the soloists and musicians used for special music. The Minister of Music can provide you with soloists and instrumentalists if needed. If you have a preference for your own soloist, be sure that you know what this person is capable of singing.

We discourage singing to "taped music." The quality of the music is often times less than satisfactory. Our organist/pianists are quite capable of playing most anything.

### Video Taping the Service

For services in the sanctuary, we can record the service with a video camera at the back of the sanctuary. Copies can be made for the family. See back page for cost information.

### Sound and Projection

A Christ Lutheran Church Sound technician will be at the ceremony to ensure quality sound. Christ Lutheran will supply a Projectionist if one is needed for either pictures or songs. Since our Sound and Projection technicians will most likely need to take time off from their regular "day jobs", please see the back of this brochure for the fee schedule.

Many funeral homes can put together a "Slide Show" of photos for either before the service or during the service. It is recommended that between 30 and 45 pictures be used for the slide show. We encourage families to maintain the dignity of the service by choosing photos/background music appropriate to the occasion. Please be aware that our equipment requires the show to be in **WMV format** and delivered on a flash drive as soon as possible before the service.

It is important to know that our equipment will not be able to play a DVD during the service.

## **Celebration of Life Bulletins/Brochures**

The church office will provide an "order of worship" within your Celebration of Life bulletin. When you meet with the pastor to plan the service, we will request that we be provided with the proper spelling of names as soon as possible, as well as the readings, and other details pertinent to the service. Many funeral homes also provide a small take away "folder" with information about the deceased that does not take the place of the "Order of Worship" bulletin.

## **Sanctuary Presentation**

The altar, pulpit, and baptismal font are important statements to our faith and may not be moved or removed for the Ceremony.

## **Table displays in the Foyer**

If requested, a table can be set up in the foyer to display family photos, hobbies or items dear to your loved one during life. This display will not be in the sanctuary, or on the altar at any time.

## **Florists**

When flowers are delivered to the church, the church staff will take responsibility for flower arrangements in the sanctuary. At no time will a floral arrangement be placed on the altar, or in such a way as to limit movement around the altar area.

## **Guest Signing Book**

It is the responsibility of the family to purchase and provide a "Guest Signing Book" if one is desired. These are available at many stationary stores, Christian supply stores, and many funeral homes.

## **Receptions**

Receptions may be held at the church (either in the Community Connections Center or the Christian Life Center) with the help of our Manna Ministry. We request that you work with our Manna Ministry Team in order to give an approximate number of those attending, and allow the Manna Ministry Team discretion of setting up and decorating. Please refer anyone who would like to help with food to our Manna Ministry Team Leader, Rita Crandall. Donations to Manna Ministry are gratefully accepted.

## **Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a wonderful way to honor the presence of Christ in the Celebration of Life. However, because of the highly religious nature of this Sacrament, and the theological disagreements across denominational lines, it is best to celebrate only if all family members come from similar religious backgrounds.

## **Remembrances**

When choosing those who will speak about their remembrances of your loved one, please bear in mind that you should limit the speakers to no more than 3, and each speaker is strongly encouraged to limit their speaking to no more than 5 minutes.

## **SAMPLE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude Music  
Seating of Family  
Remembrance of Baptism  
Entrance Hymn (Congregational Song)  
Invocation/Opening Prayer  
Scripture Readings  
Reading of the Life Story  
Remembrances\*  
Hymn (Congregational Song)  
Message/Homily  
Special Music\*  
Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer  
Holy Communion\*  
Psalm 23 \*  
The Commendation  
The Benediction  
Hymn (Congregational Song)

*\* indicates optional*