



PLANNING GUIDE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND CHRISTIAN FUNERAL SERVICE

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THE GOAL OF THE CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

The gathering of family and friends is a rich opportunity to recall the promises of God through Christ. Because of His suffering, death, and resurrection to new life, each time we gather to worship upon the death of a loved one, we do so in the context of God's promise. Every funeral includes praising God in Christ who is our hope and our salvation, even as we remember the deceased and give thanks to God for the time shared with that person.

As Christians, we believe in Jesus Christ whose bodily death and resurrection made possible life everlasting. Christians view death as another step in our life as children of God. Yet, Christians also experience death as a time of loss when sorrow, grief, and bereavement are both natural and appropriate. These two truths inform the planning of the service and guide the church in its ministry to those who have lost a loved one to death, affirming with both joy and tears the promise and hope of the Good News of Jesus.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility

- a. Services are conducted for those who are members of Christ Lutheran Church. Though others may have their service held at Christ Lutheran Church, the final decision to host a service for anyone who is a non-member rests with the pastoral staff.
- b. It is contrary to the truth to offer Christian burial (that is, from the sanctuary, with church rites, and with the assurances of the resurrection unto eternal life) to those who are not Christian, the excommunicated, or those who were indifferent to Christ's Church. Should the pastoral staff accept a request for burial as a service of love and mercy for the family, that burial is limited to the funeral home/graveside.

2. Date and Time

- a. It is recommended that a Celebration of Life and/or Christian Funeral be held *as soon as possible* after death.
- b. The church must be notified as early as possible after death to confirm the availability of the space and the appropriate pastoral staff.
 - i. Previously scheduled activities on church premises must be considered when making plans for the service. We will endeavor to meet the needs of the parties concerned; however, regularly scheduled services of the church take precedence over all other services.
 - ii. Though the day of the week is chosen based on numerous factors, **we kindly ask that Saturday and Sunday planning be avoided if at all possible out of consideration for our staff's sabbath.**
 - iii. If a funeral service is to be followed by a burial that same day, the schedule of the cemetery workers dictates that burials be held during normal business hours.

3. Planning

- a. A member of the pastoral or worship staff must meet with interested family members to plan specifics related to the planning and content of the service (hymns, readings, etc.). An appointment must be made for this meeting.
- b. If the family wishes to include the Celebration of Holy Communion within the service, the final decision will be made by the pastoral staff, and will only be done in accordance with the preexisting practices of Christ Lutheran Church.
- c. An appointment with a Funeral Director in advance of death is a wise step to help you decide what you and your family need from the many services available. If you are a family member caring for a dying loved one, making an initial contact now with a Funeral Director can be very helpful and will lessen the decisions and demands you'll face upon death.
 - i. Funeral Home Recommendation: El Cajon Mortuary and Cremation Service
- d. Regarding Cremation:
 - i. Cremation is an acceptable way for Christians to deal with one's earthly remains. The Scriptures tell us that we are formed "of the dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7) and, after death, we shall return "again to dust." (Job 34:15).
 - ii. The Church teaches that it is proper to keep the remains in an urn, *refraining from scattering the ashes*.
- e. Regarding the Obituary:
 - i. The Funeral Director will assist with the obituary, though it is normally written by the family. A reduced obituary can be included in the service bulletin.
 - ii. A guide for writing an obituary, and an example, are in **APPENDIX A**.
- f. Regarding Memorial Gifts:
 - i. Many people who knew the deceased wish to make a gift in their honor.
 - ii. Christ Lutheran and any other organizations you choose are blessed when memorials are directed to support their ministries and missions.

4. Participants

- a. A member of the pastoral staff of Christ Lutheran Church will deliver the homily at the funeral. Discretion is authorized in allowing another pastor (holding membership in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod) to participate/preach in the service.
- b. Since funeral services are religious services and are subject to the Biblical and theological standards of our church body, other religious traditions and secular organizations will not have a role, and their participation, other than attendance at the service, is precluded. No rites from these outside organizations may be performed on church grounds or – in the event the service is to take place at another location – before or after the service. **The only exceptions are for military honor guards.**
- c. Though eulogies have become popular in modern culture, and the heart behind sharing eulogies endeavors to honor the life and qualities of the deceased, eulogies are not permitted during the service. The Pastor/Deacon will utilize stories about

the person's life and accentuate Godly qualities in the homily. Alternative opportunities for family/friends to share reflections are as follows:

- i. A written testimony concerning the deceased can be included in the service bulletin.
- ii. A time during the luncheon/reception to share.
- iii. A time to share during the visitation (starting 15 minutes before the service and ending promptly at the time the service is to begin).

5. Music

- a. The church will provide an approved musician to accompany the service. All music used must be chosen with care so that it may be consistent with the sacred character of worship.
- b. Secular music is not appropriate for a Christian funeral.
- c. All vocalists and instrumentalists must be approved by the Director of Music and Worship.
- d. All music must be approved by the pastoral staff and Director of Music and Worship.

6. Photography and Videography

- a. Reverence for God, and respect for those worshiping and in mourning, precludes the use of flash photography during the funeral service. Any photographers or videographers of any service must have prior approval from the pastoral staff.
- b. Christ Lutheran Church does not livestream a funeral service unless needed for overflow seating.

7. Floral Arrangements

- a. Floral arrangements are not to be arranged on the altar, nor should they obstruct the chancel or lectern.
- b. A photo may be utilized on a tripod during the service but must not obstruct the liturgical function of the space.

8. Reception

- a. Various spaces on the campus are available for use after the service.
- b. Please coordinate requests with a member of the pastoral staff during the planning of the service.

9. Fees

- a. There is no charge for the use of the sanctuary or gathering spaces for a celebration of life or funeral service. However, since such use requires additional resources, the following donations are *recommended*, but not *required*:
 - i. Musician: \$250
 - ii. Custodian: \$50
 - iii. Reception: \$250
- b.** There is no cost for a pastor/deacon to officiate at a service. Honorariums are *accepted* but not *expected*.

FOR THE PERSON MAKING ADVANCED PLANS

When you have completed this worksheet, please share it with a member of the pastoral staff and church secretary. Your information will be kept in your member file. It will be used in consultation with your family or whomever you have directed to carry out these wishes upon your death.

After completing the following sections, consider telling someone you trust about it. You may wish to discuss with them what you have written to be certain that it is clear. Consider providing copies to your family and the funeral director.

You also may simply give this to someone you trust with a note that says:

"I have recorded my desires regarding my death and burial. I keep this information in the following place: _____ (i.e. on file at the church, with my will, etc.).

At the time of my death, I ask that you use this information in making arrangements for the funeral I desire. Although this information is being left for safekeeping, I understand that it is not legally binding or enforceable. This worksheet does not make the church or anyone obligated or responsible for the execution of these instructions.

*With gratitude,
Signature and Date"*

What I want my service to confess about Jesus Christ

Information to include in my obituary (important dates, experiences, etc.)

A typed version may be turned in to the pastoral staff and church office

Birth Date:

Marriage Date:

Date of Baptism:

Confirmation Date:

Readings to include and why

*Please limit to three readings: an Old Testament Readings, Epistle/New Testament Readings, and a Gospel Reading. You may also include a responsorial psalm. Suggestions are in **APPENDIX B.***

First Reading (Old Testament):

Responsorial Psalm (Optional):

Second Reading (Epistle/New Testament):

Third Reading (Gospel):

Hymns/songs to include and why

*Please limit to 3-4 sacred hymns/songs. Suggestions are in **APPENDIX C.***

Opening Song/Hymn:

Sermon Song/Hymn:

Closing Song/Hymn:

Additional Song/Hymn & Placement:

Where would you like memorial gifts in your honor to go to and why?

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Other details about your service and your life for the pastoral staff

Consider the following points: (1) What do you want the pastor/deacon to tell those grieving at your service? (2) What do you want people gathered to know about Jesus? (3) How do you want people to remember you?

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Arrangement Details

Funeral Home			
Where can prearrangement details be found?			
Cemetery Location			
Burial Wishes	<input type="checkbox"/> Cremation	<input type="checkbox"/> Burial in Coffin	
Burial Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Before Service	<input type="checkbox"/> After Service	
Military Honors	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Desired Participants

Pastor/Deacon	
Reader(s)	
Pallbearers	
Others	

FOR LOVED ONES MAKING PLANS AFTER DEATH

Please use the following sections to assist with plans that will honor your loved one's expressed wishes or desires and will reflect his/her values. This guide can also be completed with the assistance of a member of the pastoral staff.

Location of the Service			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Church		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Funeral Home		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cemetery		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other		
Date and Time			
Date	Visitation Time (Optional)	Service Start Time	Reception Time
Remains Present at Service			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coffin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urn with Ashes
		<input type="checkbox"/>	No Remains
Additional Elements			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Floral Arrangement(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flag
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Easel for Picture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Table with Photos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guest Book
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<i>Use this space to include additional elements/details:</i>			
Participants			
Pastoral Staff			
Reader(s)			
Usher(s)			
Musician(s)			
Pallbearers			

Readings (See APPENDIX B)	
First Reading (Old Testament)	
<i>Responsorial Psalm (Optional)</i>	
Second Reading (Epistle/New Testament)	
Third Reading (Gospel)	
Songs/Hymns (See APPENDIX C)	
Opening Song/Hymn	
Sermon Song/Hymn	
Closing Song/Hymn	
Others:	
Other Notes on the Service	
Number of Bulletins Needed	
<i>Additional Details:</i>	
Burial Information	
<i>Location, time, number of participants, etc.</i>	

Reception following Service

Reception immediately following the service and before burial

Reception immediately following the burial

Notes (location, menu, etc.):

AN OVERVIEW ON THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Preservice: Slideshow/Video

Welcome

Opening Song/Hymn

Invocation

Remembrance of Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Readings

Apostles' Creed

Hymn/Song

Homily

Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer

Committal (if the remains are present)

Nunc Dimmittis

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn/Song

Family Recessional

APPENDIX A: OBITUARY¹

Writing an Obituary

Key elements of an obituary:

- Announce the death
- Share the life story (key dates, people, etc.)
- List close family members
- Include funeral service information
- Add charity information
- Photo

American journalist Alden Whitman once explained that a good obituary “has all the characteristics of a well-focused snapshot. It does not disclose everything, yet it conveys a vivid and accurate impression. If the snapshot is clear, the viewer gets a quick fix on the subject.”

There are six basic parts to a good obit: the announcement of your loved one’s death; a summary of their life story; a list of their closest family members; information about any funeral and/or memorial services; a mention of any charities they supported; and a photo.

Here’s how to handle each:

1. Announce the death.
 - a. This is, at its most basic, a simple summary of some key facts about their life. Include your loved one’s full name (first, middle, and last names, maiden name, nickname, and suffixes like Jr. or Sr.), where they lived, age, date and place of death.
 - b. There are many ways to say someone has died. Specifically Christian ways include: “departed this earthly life,” “entered eternal rest,” etc.
2. Share their life story.
 - a. This is the portion of the obituary where you have the greatest room to be creative, and where you’ll have an opportunity to spotlight the best of your loved one. This is where an obituary can be elevated from something ordinary to something people will never forget.
 - b. First, you will want to cover the basics: Date and place of birth, and marriage; their hometown; schools they attended and degrees they earned; their occupation and/or military service; membership in organizations or places of worship; and other such details.
 - c. Here, you can also describe their character, hobbies or special interests, the things they loved to do, special accomplishments, general highlights of their life, noteworthy experiences they had, and more. The best obituaries will paint a good picture of who your loved one was.

¹ Stephen Segal, “How to Write an Obituary.” July 25, 2023. <https://www.legacy.com/advice/how-to-write-an-obituary/>

3. List family members.
 - a. A list of close family members is a common aspect of most obituaries. This will usually include the deceased's spouse or partner, their parents, children, siblings, and grandchildren. They can be listed by name or grouped together, such as "five grandchildren."
4. Include funeral or memorial service information.
 - a. This section should be straightforward and informative, allowing readers to easily understand what they need to know. This will include the location of the visitation, funeral/memorial service, burial, and any relevant dates and times. Be sure to include the name of the funeral home, and if the services are private, indicate this. You may also include the name of the pastor/deacon officiating the service.
5. Add charity information.
 - a. Obituaries often request donations to a specific charity, though this section is optional. If your loved one had charities or organizations that were important to them, this is the place to list them. Some mourners may wish to make a donation in the name of the deceased. Or, in some cases, a family may wish to support an organization.
 - b. Be sure to include the name, address, and/or website of the organization in question so people can easily make donations.
 - c. If the family prefers charitable donations or monetary contributions rather than flowers, include a phrase such as "In lieu of flowers," followed by "please consider a donation to _____."
6. Select a photo.
 - a. Not all obituaries contain a photo, though including one can help evoke fond memories of the deceased. When choosing a photo for an obituary, use a portrait or close-up that clearly shows the face.
 - b. Whether it's a recent photo or one from their youth is entirely at your discretion.

An Example Obituary²

John Michael Smith, age 87, peacefully entered into eternal rest on Monday, November 23, 2020. He was a beloved father, grandfather, respected businessman, and devout Christian.

John was born on March 15, 1933, in Springfield, Illinois. He grew up in a close-knit family, surrounded by the love of his parents, James and Margaret Smith, and his siblings. John attended Springfield High School, where he excelled academically and developed a passion for music.

After high school, John pursued his love for music by attending Julliard School of Music in New York City. He became an accomplished pianist and later served as a music teacher in the local community. His dedication to nurturing young talents and sharing the joy of music touched countless lives.

John's unwavering faith was the cornerstone of his life. He was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church, where he served as a choir director and Sunday school teacher. His kindness, compassion, and commitment to helping others exemplified the Christian values he held dear.

John is survived by his loving family: Patricia Smith, his devoted wife of 60 years; Emily Johnson (David), his daughter; Matthew Smith (Rebecca), his son; Grandchildren: Sarah, Benjamin, and Lily Johnson; and Siblings: Robert Smith and Elizabeth Turner.

A celebration of John's life will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday, November 28, 2020, at 10:00 am, with the Rev. Thomas Johnson officiating. Friends and family are invited to join in remembering and honoring this remarkable man.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Music for All, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing music education opportunities for underprivileged youth. Contributions can be sent directly to the church or made online at musicforall.org/donate.

² Example generated by copilot.microsoft.com.

APPENDIX B: SUGGESTED READINGS

Old Testament Readings	
Psalm 23:1-6	<p>¹The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.</p>
Psalm 27:1-5	<p>¹The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. ³Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident. ⁴One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. ⁵For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.</p>
Psalm 46:1-5	<p>¹God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.</p>
Isaiah 40:28-31	<p>²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.</p>

Job 19:23-27	<p>²³“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!</p>
Epistle/New Testament Readings	
Romans 8:14-23	<p>¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “<i>Abba, Father.</i>” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.</p> <p>¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.</p> <p>²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.</p>
1 Corinthians 15:20-26	<p>²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.</p>

<p>1 Corinthians 15:50-58</p>	<p>⁵⁰I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”</p> <p>⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”</p> <p>⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.</p>
<p>2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1</p>	<p>¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.</p>
<p>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</p>	<p>¹³Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.</p>
<p>Revelation 21:1-4</p>	<p>Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is</p>

	<p>now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."</p>
Gospel Readings	
<p>Luke 23:33-43</p>	<p>³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.</p> <p>³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."</p> <p>³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."</p> <p>³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.</p> <p>³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"</p> <p>⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."</p> <p>⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."</p> <p>⁴³Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."</p>
<p>John 11:17-27</p>	<p>¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.</p> <p>²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."</p> <p>²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."</p> <p>²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."</p> <p>²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"</p> <p>²⁷"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."</p>

John 14:1-6	<p>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”</p> <p>⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”</p> <p>⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.</p>
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APPENDIX C: SUGGESTED SONGS/HYMNS

Traditional	Modern
Beautiful Savior	Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	In Christ Alone
I Know That My Redeemer Lives!	I Can Only Imagine
Love Divine All Loves Excelling	10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
God, Our Help in Ages Past	Graves into Gardens
For All the Saints	Revelation Song
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	The Blessing
Lift High the Cross	Because He Lives
The Lord's My Shepherd	Oceans (Where Feet My Fail)
Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me	Promises
A Mighty Fortress	How He Loves
My Faith Looks up to Thee	Do It Again
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	
Amazing Grace	
How Great Thou Art	
This Is My Father's World	
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	
Eternal Father, Strong to Save	



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