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**Guide for the Christian Funeral of:**

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It is important that your next of kin or another trusted person is aware of your wishes. Please make sure they know and have a copy. You may attach this worksheet to your Five Wishes Booklet and/ or your Will or Trust Plan.

If you have made arrangements with a funeral home, they should have a copy of this. If you would like to leave a copy of this form with the pastors of St Mark’s, you may do so.

Be sure your next of kin know the following:

1. The location of your 5 Wishes, Trust, Will and other important documents
2. Your wishes and plans for your funeral or memorial
3. Your wishes and where and how you would like to be buried
4. Your attorney’s name and contact information if applicable

**Christian Worship Service Plans:**

**Your Choice of Bible Readings** (see attached list for suggestions)

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You may also simply choose a favorite Biblical theme or image: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Hymns / songs** (reflecting the spirit of Christian worship) (see attached list suggestions)

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**Soloist** If possible, I would like this vocalist to sing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Vocal Solos Selected (reflecting the spirit of Christian worship.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Any other specific wishes** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Memorial Suggestions**

\_\_\_\_\_ St Mark’s Lutheran Church Legacy/ Endowment Trust Fund *(An Endowed Fund where memorial gifts are invested, and the interest growth is disbursed annually to support a variety of ministries and missions of St Mark’s.)*

 \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Mission or Ministry (i.e. Concert series, youth, VBS, Quilting Ministries, Project Hand, building Altar fund, etc.) – please circle or write here \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_ In addition, you may want to include other organizations that you wish to support with your legacy: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Writing your story:**

**Your family may find it helpful to have this information:**

* **Your** Full Name (including Maiden Name)
* Birth Date and Location
* Parent’s Names (including Mother’s Maiden Name)
* Baptism Date, Church, and Location
* Marriage Date, and Name of Spouse (including maiden name)
* Names of your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and additional next of kin

**Personal History**

On a separate page, record additional information including place(s) of residence, special events, hobbies/interests, schools attended and degrees received, accomplishments, memberships, employment history, volunteer activities, military service, etc. Include as many full names, city of residence, birth and death dates, etc. as possible.

It would also be wonderful to hear what your Christian faith means to you and how God has helped you during your lifetime.

**Suggested Readings** (not an exhaustive list) (\* especially for the death of a child)

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

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O Mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you?

\*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

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

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight

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

 \*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 he 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

**Suggested hymns/songs (not an exhaustive list)**

1. Abide with me
2. Amazing grace

3. How great thou art

1. The old rugged cross
2. Lord of all hopefulness
3. All Things Bright and Beautiful
4. Morning Has Broken
5. Lord of the Dance
6. Shine Jesus Shine
7. Great is Thy Faithfulness
8. Mine eyes have seen the Glory
9. The Navy Hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save
10. A Mighty Fortress is our God
11. Beautiful Savior
12. Borning Cry
13. My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep from Singing)
14. Children of the Heavenly Father 781
15. What Wondrous Love is This # 666
16. Eagles Wings
17. Holy Holy Holy # 414
18. My Hope is Built on Nothing Less # 597
19. Healer of our Every Ill
20. For All The Saints # 422
21. Neither Death Nor Life #629
22. Give Me Jesus #773