



Fees

Pastor Honorarium*	\$350
Organist / Pianist**	\$225
Vocalist**	\$150
Audio/Video Technician	\$100-150
Sanctuary Use*	\$250
Use of Fireside Room*	\$125
Use of Torvend Hall	\$150
Bulletin Covers	\$ 25

* For Bethel member families, use of the facilities is provided at no charge and the pastor honorarium is optional.

** Only if musicians are secured by Bethel.

Please provide a check payable to Bethel Lutheran Church for the total amount of services requested and we will pay the Bethel participants on your behalf.

Payment prior to the service is greatly appreciated, so that you don't have to worry about such details after the service.

Memorial Fund Donations

Memorial donations to Bethel Lutheran Church in the name of the deceased are a wonderful way to recognize your loved one and benefit Bethel's ministries. Memorial gifts are meant to reflect the faith and involvement of your loved one in a manner that furthers the over-all ministry of Bethel. The Pastors can be helpful in directing memorial gifts to the appropriate ministry or project.



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Memorial / Funeral Services

at

Bethel Lutheran Church

The pastors, staff, and congregation of Bethel Lutheran Church express their deepest sympathy for your loss. We wish to offer our services to you in your time of need.

Tel: 408-252-8500

Holding a Memorial Service

A memorial or funeral service is a special opportunity to intentionally pause in the midst of mourning the loss of a loved one. The service provides an opportunity to affirm the wonder of God's love whose promise in Jesus Christ is that death itself has been overcome. The service also provides an opportunity to celebrate the ways in which God's grace was manifest in the life of the loved one whose death you are lamenting.

As a result, the service is meant to provide support and assurance to those in mourning.

Our goal is to honor and celebrate the life of your loved one in the context of God's power to sustain us and bring us the hope that comes from the promise of eternal life.

Planning the Service

Our pastors will meet with you and your family to discuss your special wishes for your loved one's service. This includes planning the order of the Service, music selections, and the bulletin. You may choose to use our organist, pianist, and/or soloists. Our goal is to help you plan a service that honors and celebrates your loved one.

Service Guidelines

We recommend the following order when possible: gravesite or committal service first; followed by a memorial service either on the same or a different day; lastly, a reception in memory of the deceased. The emotional, as well as spiritual curve tends to move from the most difficult experience of saying goodbye one last time at the cemetery to remembering and celebrating the life of the deceased.

Scripture, Music, and Bulletins

Our pastors will help with the selection of appropriate scripture passages, music, and bulletin for the service.

Eulogies

The sharing of memories greatly adds to the beauty of a memorial service and helps us to celebrate the life of the deceased individual.

Military Honors

When appropriate, this honor is welcomed and will be included at the end of the Service. Typically, your mortuary will arrange for military honors.

Casket

For funeral services (when the remains or casket is present), the casket is to remain closed.

Immediately Prior to the Service

We provide a comfortable waiting room for the family prior to the service. The officiating pastor will meet you there and walk with you to your seats prior to the service.

Guest Books & Memorabilia

You may bring your own guest books to the service. Our staff will also make arrangements for a podium, easels and tables to display the memorial book, pictures, and personal memorabilia.

Service Music

The principal use of music in the service shall be religious. Secular music may fit more appropriately at the reception, but such details can be best discussed with our pastors.

The following are example musical genres to consider. A more extensive list is available upon request.

Classical Music

Air (J.S. Bach)

Psalm Musical Settings

The Lord is My Shepherd

Traditional Hymns

Amazing Grace, Beautiful Savior

Contemporary Hymn

On Eagles' Wings

Contemporary Christian Music

I Will Rise (Chris Tomlin)

Patriotic Hymns

Eternal Father, Strong to Save