



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"Grace changes everything."*

## FUNERAL/MEMORIAL ORDER OF SERVICE

*(There is some flexibility in this order of service, but generally, this order reflects the celebration of God's love for the person and is fitting for a service within Gloria Dei's sanctuary. If you have questions, please speak with a pastor ahead of time.)*

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME *(This is a brief welcome, announcements, and introduction to the service given by the pastor.)*

THE HYMN *(Hymns and songs may be chosen by the family that are fitting for a Christian service.)*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE READINGS *(These can be from both the Old or New Testament. See handout.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC/HYMN *(Optional - A favorite hymn may be sung here or a solo or instrumental piece.)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(The pastor and family select this and it reflects the eternal hope of Christ.)*

EULOGIES *(1 or 2 Eulogies may be given. Eulogy means "good words." Often this is a family member or close friend. The pastor will speak with the family about the Eulogies.)*

THE HYMN/SONG

THE MESSAGE *(This is a brief homily/message given by the pastor.)*

THE HYMN/SPECIAL MUSIC *(All of the special music is optional.)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your Mercy. **Hear our prayer.**)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMENDATION *(The pastor offers a final commendation of the person to God)*

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *(12x representing the church on earth and in heaven.)*

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN

POSTLUDE *(Often the family is ushered out during the Sending Hymn or during the Postlude music to greet people on the patio.)*

*(The Order of Service is a template. Please speak with the pastor or other church staff about other options during preliminary meetings.)*