

Congregational Hymns

Hymns that the congregation sings are strongly encouraged. Singing gives expression to our faith by proclaiming our hope in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God uses our singing to lift us up and bring us hope. Select hymns that are both easily sung and commonly known. Typically, three hymns are sung at a funeral service. Listed below are just some of the hymns that you might consider. All of these hymns are from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the worship book we use here at McFarland Lutheran Church.

Abide with Me No. 629	Now the Green Blade Rises No. 379
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound No. 779	O Christ, Our Hope No. 604
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God No. 504	O Day Full of Grace No. 627
Beautiful Savior No. 838	O God, Our Help in Ages Past No. 632
Behold the Host Arrayed in White No. 425	Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand No. 441
Beneath the Cross of Jesus No. 338	O Jesus, I Have Promised No. 810
Blessed Assurance No. 638	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me No. 623
Blest Be the Tie That Binds No. 656	Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us No. 789
Children of the Heavenly Father No. 781	Shall We Gather At the River No. 423
For All the Saints No. 422	Soon and Very Soon No. 39
For All Your Saints, O Lord No. 427	The King of Love My Shepherd Is No. 502
Great Is Thy Faithfulness No. 733	The Lord's My Shepherd No. 778
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer No. 618	Thine Is the Glory No. 376
How Firm a Foundation No. 796	What a Friend We Have in Jesus No. 742
How Great Thou Art No. 856	
I Know That My Redeemer Lives! No. 619	
I Love to Tell the Story No. 661	
In the Cross of Christ I Glory No. 324	
It Is Well with My Soul No. 785	
Jerusalem, My Happy Home No. 628	
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today No. 365	
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross No. 335	
Jesus Loves Me! No. 595	
Just As I Am, without One Plea No. 592	
Lift High the Cross No. 660	
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 631	
My Faith Looks Up to Thee No. 759	
My God, How Wonderful Thou Art No. 863	
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less No. 597	
My Life Flows on in Endless Song No. 763	
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds No. 367	

Other Music

Soloists or instrumentalists can be a part of praising God at funerals or memorial services. While it is okay to have a friend or relative provide such music, they should have the music abilities necessary and the emotional strength to sing or play at a time when they may be grieving. Again, only music that reflects our trust in Christ and His promises to us is appropriate at a funeral. One or two solos can be sung as a part of your funeral service. Below are some appropriate songs to assist you in sharing preferences with your family. Congregational hymns can also be done as solos.

Behold the host Arrayed in White No. 425
Borning Cry No. 732
Drawn to the Light No. 593
Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ No. 402
God Be with You Till We Meet Again
Give Me Jesus No. 770
He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought
If with All Your Hearts (Elijah) – Mendelssohn
I Lift My Eyes to the Hills – Keesecker
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach (Instru.)
Just a Closer Walk with Thee No. 697
Lamb of God No. 336
Nunc Dimitis Pg. 113
On Eagle's Wings No. 787
O Rest in the Lord (Elijah) - Mendelssohn
Precious Lord, Take My Hand No. 773
Sheep May Safely Graze – Bach (Instru.)
Shepherd Me, O God No. 780
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling No. 608
The Old Rugged Cross Thine Is the Glory No. 376
Thy Holy Wings No. 613
You Are Mine No. 581