**Funeral Reading Suggestions**

Dear Families,

As you plan for the funeral service one of the most important, and sometimes challenging, parts is choosing scripture verses for the service. The following is a list of suggestions and common funeral readings from the Bible. You are not limited to these suggestions. Please note that depending on what kind of Bible you are using some scripture verses may not be listed in them, for example the Wisdom readings. A helpful bible website has been included below that you can use to search for and read scripture passages. If you have any questions about the readings, please contact the pastor.

Old Testament

* Job 19:1, 23-27a
* Wisdom 3:1-9
* Wisdom 4:7-15
* Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
* Lamentations 3:17-26
* Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm Readings

* Psalm 23
* Psalm 25:17-21
* Psalm 27: 1, 13-14
* Psalm 62:5-9
* Psalm 63:3-8
* Psalm 103:15-22

Epistle Readings

* Romans 5:5-11
* Romans 6:3-9
* Romans 8:14-23
* Romans 14:7-9
* 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
* 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
* 2 Corinthians 4:14—5:1
* 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
* Philippians 3:20-21
* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
* 2 Timothy 2:8-13
* 1 John 3:1-2
* 1 John 3:14-16

Gospel Readings

* Matthew 5:1-12
* Matthew 11:25-30
* Matthew 25:1-13
* Luke 7:11-17
* Luke 12:35-40
* Luke 24:13-31
* John 5:24-28
* John 6:37-40
* John 6:51-58
* John 11:17-27
* John 12:23-26
* John 14:1-6
* John 17:24-26

Bible Website - <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

To use the website simply enter in the scripture passage you want to read. Please note you can choose from a variety of translations, but the one used in worship services of the ELCA is the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) you can also search for passages in the New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE) so you can read the options from Wisdom.