**Celebration of Life for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Memorial Service: (DATE)**

**Birth Date - Date of Death**

***(You may wish to identify songs, hymns, poems, bible verses, videos and photos for this service. Pastor Connie is flexible and feel free to contact her about additions or changes your family needs to this service.)***

Welcome to this celebration of the life of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg and I am the Pastor at King of Glory Lutheran Church and it is my privilege to officiate at this service today.

We are gathered here to remember the life of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We are grateful for the time that we had with him/her and ask that God take him/her into God’s hands.

**Pastor:** Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to give thanks for her/his life, to commend her/him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Creator, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Jesus in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**Hymn:** Any song that is appropriate for a church setting is great. It doesn’t need to be a hymn. If the deceased liked hymns here are some suggestions:

Beautiful Savior

Amazing Grace

How Great Thou Art

Abide With Me

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Lord of All Hopefulness

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

For All the Saints

This is My Father’s World

Children of the Heavenly Father

All Things Bright and Beautiful

(\*You may wish to play a recorded song that was a favorite of the deceased or have our musician play the song.)

**Suggestions for Lessons: (You may choose other bible lessons also)**

Suggestions:

Psalm 23

Psalm 46:1-10

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Romans 8:35-39

John 14:1-3

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

**Time for Sharing** - People may wish to speak about their beloved family member or friend. If people do not wish to say their own comments they can write them out and have Pastor Connie read their words. A person can tell their story to Pastor Connie and she can repeat it to those gathered if someone is not comfortable speaking in front of people).

**Hymn:**

**Words by Pastor Connie -**  You can have Pastor Connie say a short homily or you can opt out of this.

**Commendation**

Let us commend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Receive him/her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in life. AMEN.

**Hymn:**

**Benediction: Matthew 28:20**

Jesus said, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Go in peace: Christ is with you. You are a dearly loved child of God. AMEN

*If there is a reception following the service this announcement will be made.*

*\*\*Announcement - The Family invites you to a reception following the service.*