



O LORD,

support us all the day long of this
troubled life, until the shadows
lengthen and the evening comes and
the busy world is hushed, the fever
of life is over and our work here is
done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a
safe lodging, and a holy rest, and
peace at the last, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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From the Funeral Service, Evangelical Lutheran Worship



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THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

A peaceful atmosphere in which to rest,
pray, meditate and remember loved ones.



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The Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden is a landscaped area of the church grounds set aside for the interment of the cremated remains of members of Good Shepherd Church and their immediate families. It offers a valuable alternative to the traditional church cemetery for those who would like their final resting place near the church and choose cremation as a burial option.

The Memorial Garden provides a peaceful atmosphere in which to rest, pray, meditate and remember loved ones.

Construction of the Memorial Garden was made possible primarily through a generous bequest from the estate of Helen C. Herr. The

garden is maintained through the requested donations given by those who wish to be interred in the garden, as well as the Endowment Fund for Memorial Garden maintenance. The Memorial Garden Committee appointed by the Congregation Council of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is responsible for the care and administration of the garden.

Interment in the Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden was created for the interment of cremated remains of members of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and their immediate families. Exceptions may be made in appropriate

circumstances at the discretion of the pastor(s).

Cremated remains are poured directly into the ground. No permanent containers (urns) may be used. No ashes may be scattered over the site.

Because the entire garden is a memorial, no markers are permitted within the garden to identify an interment site. A person requesting interment may not designate a particular location within the garden.

The placement of flowers, plants, flags, or other ornamental objects on or near the site is not permitted.

A plaque inscribed with the name of the deceased, as well as dates of birth and death, is placed on the exterior brick wall in the garden.

A record of burials is maintained by the Parish Secretary.

Arrangement for Interment

Advance planning minimizes indecision and grief for the family at the time of death and is encouraged. To discuss burial plans speak with the pastor(s).

Those wishing to have their remains interred in the garden are requested to make a minimum donation of \$400. Donations are placed in the Memorial Garden Fund. The donations are understood to be non-refundable.

Since it is church property, and not a cemetery, individual lots may not be sold, nor deeds issued.

Memorial Gifts

A monetary gift in memory of a loved one interred elsewhere can be made at any time. This gift will be used for the continuing maintenance and improvement of the garden. These gifts will be recorded in the Memorial Garden Book.

Administration of the Memorial Garden

The basic design, planting and arrangement of the garden shall at all times be under the supervision of the Memorial Garden Committee. The committee shall be responsible for ordering and installing the name plaques and arranging for the opening and closing of the site.



The Memorial Garden Cross is the focal point of the garden, serving for many as a guidepost for reflection, comfort and God's eternal peace.