

## **Suggested Scripture Readings from Evangelical Lutheran Worship** Pastoral Care Edition

Job 19:23-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *For everything there is a season*  
Isaiah 25:6-9 *God will swallow up death forever*  
\*Isaiah 40:1, 6-11 *God will gather the lambs*  
Isaiah 40:1-11, 28-31 *Comfort my people, says your God*  
\*Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7 *I have called you by name*  
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19 *I am about to do a new thing*  
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13 *Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters*  
Isaiah 61:1-3 *The spirit of the Lord God is upon me*  
\*Isaiah 65:17-20, 23-25 *A new heaven and a new earth*  
\*Isaiah 66:10-14 *As a mother comforts her child*  
Jeremiah 31:8-13 *I will turn their mourning into joy*  
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 *The steadfast love of the Lord*

\*Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*  
\*Psalm 42:1-5 *As a deer longs for flowing streams*  
Psalm 46:1-7 *God is our refuge and strength*  
\*Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills*  
\*Psalm 139:7-12 *The gracious omnipresence of the Lord*  
\*Psalm 142:1-6 *I cry to the Lord with my voice*  
Psalm 143 *Lord, hear my prayer*

Romans 5:1-11 *Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*  
\*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of Christ?*  
1 Corinthians 15:12-26 *Christ, the first fruits, has been raised*  
2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18 *Treasure in clay jars*  
\*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 18 *Teaching about those who have died*  
Hebrews 12:1-2 *Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses*  
1 Peter 1:3-9 *A living hope through Jesus' resurrection*  
\*1 John 3:1-2 *See what love the Father has given us*  
Revelation 7:9-17 *God will wipe away every tear*  
Revelation 21:2-7 *I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem*  
Revelation 22:1-5 *The Lord God will be their light*

\*Matthew 5:1-10 *Blessed are those who mourn*  
Matthew 11:25-30 *I will give you rest*  
\*Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14 *A child is the greatest in the kingdom*  
\*Mark 10:13-16 *Let the little children come*  
Mark 16:1-7 *The resurrection of Christ*  
Luke 24:1-9 *he resurrection of Christ*  
John 1:1-5, 9-14 *The light shines in the darkness*  
John 6:37-40 *I will raise them up on the last day*  
\*John 10:11-16 *I am the good shepherd*  
John 11:21-27 *I am the resurrection and the life*  
John 14:1-6 *I prepare a place for you*  
John 14:25-27 *Peace I leave with you*

\*Although most of the suggested readings are suitable for a funeral involving a person of any age, these may be especially useful at the death of a child.