

The Resurrection of the Body and Cremation – Part 2

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Lansing, MI

Wednesday Bible Class

A Fundamental Truth - **“But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”** (1 Corinthians 15:20)

How does the Bible talk about death and burial?

Genesis 25:8, 17 -

1 Kings 2:10 -

Isaiah 57:1 -

Mark 5:39, John 11:11-13, (1 Thessalonians 4:13, 1 Corinthians 15:18) -

John 12:24, 1 Corinthians 15: 42-44 -

Luke 2:29 -

Philippians 1:23 -

How do we honor the dead body of a Christian at the time of burial?

1. Commendation of the Dying / Sending Service
2. Comforting of the Bereaved
3. Funeral Service
4. Committal

Two purposes of a funeral:

1. Comfort
2. Profession of Faith

Notes about Cremation

1. We still want to honor the body and profess the resurrection
2. We lack customs and practices because of a historical stigma of cremation
3. A Memorial Service and Committal Service proclaim Christ's victory and look to the Resurrection
4. Other factors to consider ...
 1. Do not scatter
 2. Don't put it off
 3. Have a final resting place
 4. Mark with name and date
 5. Keep together
 6. Don't ignore death, but confront it with hope

Our common message: Because of Jesus' Resurrection - THIS BODY WILL RISE

Preparing for a Christian Funeral – Handout

Waiting for Heaven - Living out our Baptism

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life... If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection... Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him... In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Romans 6

For more resources on cremation and Christian burial, go to
www.oursaviorlansing.org/memorialgarden.