# Cremation as an Alternative to Burial

Cremation provides a simple, dignified and less expensive alternative to full-body interment. The practice dates back to ancient times. Cremation purifies the remains as a protective healthy measure. It greatly reduces space needed for burial, conserving our land.

No form of interment thwarts the resurrection. The power to resurrect is in the hands of God, not in the burial formulas of humans.

I am the resurrection and I am the life.

John 11:25



# Trinity Memorial Garden

Trinity Lutheran Memorial Garden, located in the southwest area of our church property, consists of underground, granite covered crypts designed to accommodate urns containing cremated human remains. Each crypt provides for interment of one or two urns for family use. A common crypt provides for interment of loose ashes.

Three purchase alternatives are available to Trinity members as follows:

## Individual Crypt:

\$1050 To be used by one individual. Price includes urn, interment, engraving of the cover, and perpetual care.

## Family Crypt:

\$1350 To be used by two family members. Price includes urn, second interment, engraving of the granite cover, and perpetual care

#### Common Crypt:

\$150. To be used for interment of loose ashes. Price includes interment and memorial plate on memorial board

# **Upright Columbarium**

The Trust Fund installed two upright columbaria flanking either side of the underground crypts, completed at the end of November 2009. Each columbarium houses 30 niches. The niches are granite faced and were installed in December 2009.

Two alternatives are available to Trinity members as follows:

#### Individual Niche:

\$1300 To be used by one individual. Price includes urn, inurnment, engraving of the cover, and perpetual care.

#### Family Niche:

\$1600 To be used by two family members. Price includes urn, inurnment, engraving of the cover, and perpetual care.



## **Churchyard Burials**

As cremation has become a more common form of final disposition, families have sought a place of interment besides remote cemeteries. With that in mind, Trinity Lutheran Church has designated a portion of the Church grounds to be used and maintained as a Memorial Garden for the interment of cremated human remains. A place of beauty, a quiet place of rest for all the saints, enfolded in the daily presence of the living family of God. As we come to Trinity for worship, fellowship, baptism, confirmation and marriage, so the Memorial Garden will hold special meaning as we celebrate together the completion of this life.

With the Memorial Garden but a few steps away from the Sanctuary, the walk to the interment site can be one of impressive dignity, enabling the service to proceed to committal without interruption. There will be no need for a funeral cortege which may leave behind friends who are unable to go to a remote cemetery.

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I am the door.