

Ascension Lutheran Church Memorial Garden

Ascension Lutheran Church Memorial Garden for burial of cremated human remains (cremains) continues the age-old custom of the church to serve its people from baptism to death. Not only does such a garden satisfy the need for Christian burial in an environmentally responsible manner, but it also brings past and present together, uniting as one the community of faith. Those who have gone before us continue to be part of the church community – all one in the Lord.

The Memorial Garden has been created as a place of beauty and peace for members and friends of Ascension to bury cremains of family members with respect and dignity. Cremains are buried directly into the soil of the plant beds of the garden, at least three inches below the surface, and covered with earth. A ceremonial shovel – the one used at the church's dedication – may be used.

This private, landscaped setting, with a garden bench, provides a peaceful place for prayerful meditation in God's presence and for remembrance of God's promises.

RECORDING OF NAMES

The names of those interred, along with the dates of interment, are recorded by the church office administrator in a Memorial Garden record book. Appropriate notations are made in the official church records as well. Apart from the stone marker identifying the Memorial Garden, no individual markers are placed into the Garden itself. (It is understood that at some future date, a wall-mounted listing of the names of those interred may be installed.) The specific location of the interment of an individual's cremains is not identified or recorded.



WHOM SHALL I CONTACT REGARDING INTERMENT?

All interments of cremains are arranged by the Pastor. The Pastor will provide for interment services as requested by the family and as deemed appropriate.

FEES

Ascension Lutheran Church offers interment of cremains into the Memorial Garden without fee. Donations to the Ascension Lutheran Church Memorial Garden Fund may be made, and will be used for the improvement and maintenance of the Garden.

MAINTENANCE OF THE GARDEN

The Memorial Garden is maintained by the church's Garden Committee. Additions to the garden, such as additional landscaping, trees, benches, or other features, will be evaluated by the Garden Committee and Church Council. Coordination of any approved additions is handled by the Garden Committee.

"He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord, God will wipe away the tears from all faces."

Isaiah 24:7-8





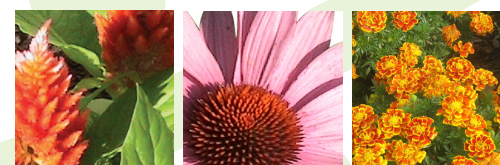
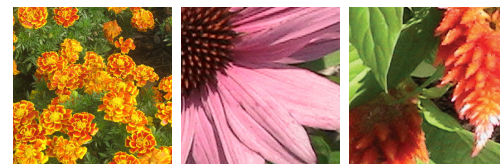
*"It is
in dying
that we are born
into eternal life."*

St. Francis of Assisi

Prayer for Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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