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## Memorial Garden 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*



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## Trinity Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden, at Trinity Lutheran Church located at the southwest area of the church property, consists of underground, granite covered crypts designed to accommodate urns containing cremated human remains. All Individual and family crypts have been purchased. A common crypt provides for interment of loose ashes.

Three purchase alternatives are available to Trinity members as follows:

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## Upright Columbarium

The two upright columbaria flanking either side of the underground crypts, completed in 2009. Each columbarium houses 30 granite faced niches for use by Trinity Lutheran Members. Three alternatives are available to Trinity members.

### **Individual Niche:**

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

### **Family Niche:**

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

### **Common Crypt:**

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

Our 301 Faith Partner, St. Paul's Episcopal has built two additional columbariums that flank Trinity's for use by their members.

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## 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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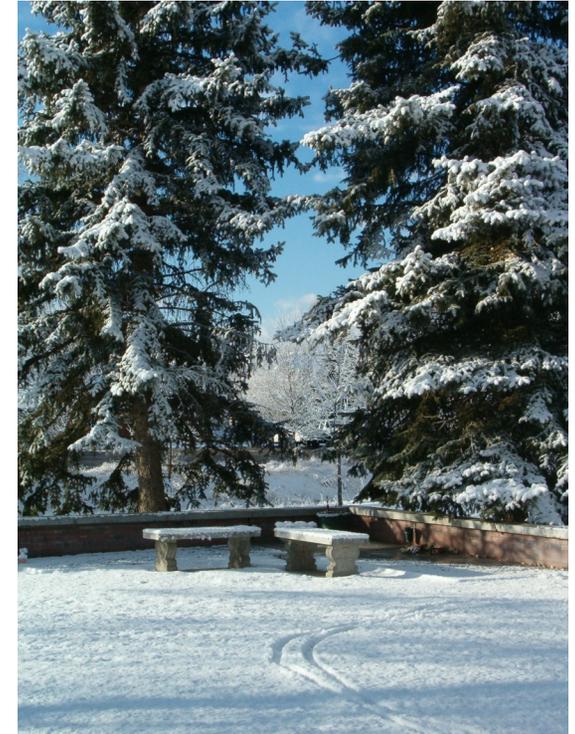
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*I am the door.*  
**John 10:7**