



YOUR
Wedding AT *First Lutheran*
CHURCH



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**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEDDING FACILITY USE FORM**



Rehearsal Date _____ Time _____ Wedding Date _____ Time _____

Please circle: Member (bride/groom) Connected Person Non-Member

Place of Marriage: _____

Bride's Full Name: _____ phone: _____

Bride's Date of Birth: _____ Married before? YES NO

Address: _____ email: _____

Bride's Parents: _____ phone: _____

Groom's Full Name: _____ phone: _____

Groom's Date of Birth: _____ Married Before? YES NO

Address: _____ email: _____

Groom's Parents: _____ phone: _____

Witnesses 1) _____

2) _____

Pastor requested: _____

Do you need the church's organist/pianist? YES NO

FLC Wedding coordinator (required over 50): YES NO Number of guests _____

Reception at church: YES NO Approximate number of guests: _____

Special set up needs (projector, microphone, etc.) _____

Bride's name after marriage: _____

Couple's address after marriage: _____

Fees to be paid two weeks in advance at the church office:

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations to both of you! A wedding is a wonderful time of celebration for you, your family and friends. We look forward to working with you so that this special occasion in your life fulfills all of your hopes and dreams for this day. The information in this booklet is presented to you so that you may become familiar with many of the details and procedures for weddings held at First Lutheran Church. Please read this information over carefully. We suggest you keep a list of questions which you need answered. When we meet together personally, our time can be focused on specific details for this special day, which need to be clarified. We want everything to go smoothly for you on your wedding day as much as you do.

God has a plan for human beings to share life together in caring, loving relationships. We pray that your life together is filled with the reality of caring for another person as much as God cares about you. God bless you richly as you plan for your special day. May your wedding be filled with joy and your marriage a daily renewal in sharing life together as God intends it for us.

I. THE WEDDING WORSHIP SERVICE

As you begin to plan your wedding worship service in cooperation with your Church and with the help of the Pastor, the first thing to keep in mind is this is a Christian Wedding Worship service. A Christian wedding service is a worship of the God who calls you together in marriage. The Church, as the setting for your wedding, has real meaning because the Church is the place where God's people come together and corporately ask God's blessing upon your marriage. Remembering this will give you a clearer vision of what your wedding service should be like.

Participation is the key ingredient as you plan your wedding service. It is important that everyone who shares this day with you can be involved in a meaningful way. The people that are invited are not spectators, but have a part in praising and thanking God for your new life together.

In order to encourage this type of joyful participation you may involve people in the following ways:

CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION can be accomplished by singing hymns, joining in responsive or unison readings or prayers and by following along with the wedding worship as it is printed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (p. 286 in the front portion of the book).

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION can happen by singing or playing instruments, making wedding banners, serving as scripture readers, ushers, offering prayers, or being in the wedding party that stands with you to support you in this important occasion.

To help you begin planning your wedding worship service you'll find a copy of the service as it's printed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship. In the margins are the formal names for each portion of the service as well as other helpful notes on the service. The words which are printed in *italics* are called "rubrics" or directions for the service.

Keep in mind that your wedding is a Christian worship service. All that is done during that worship service is done to the glory of God for the gift of love the two of you have found in each other. Therefore, the choices you make for your wedding service should be done with that in mind.

You can select up to three different scripture passages. You can pick any hymns you like. You may even want to write your very own wedding vows. The pastor

can help you with your selections.

II. PRE-WEDDING PLANNING

Your wedding day is one of the most important dates in your life. First Lutheran Church and its Pastors are pleased to share this happy occasion with you and wish to do everything possible to make it a most significant and memorable experience.

Your desire to have a church wedding indicates that you see marriage as a commitment made before God, with emphasis on the Christ-centered character of the ceremony. While there is much room for flexibility in a church wedding, the guidelines in this booklet are meant to make planning easier and more enjoyable. We know how stressful the wedding day can be for the wedding families and you want everything to turn out well. So do we!

Please remember that sometimes we have several weddings on the same day and your cooperation and willingness to be considerate of others will help us all.

1. Date:

Set and confirm wedding date with Pastor and pay the \$150.00 non-refundable deposit in the church office.

2. Pre-marriage Counseling:

To prepare for your marriage, four pre-marriage sessions are scheduled with the pastor prior to your wedding date. These sessions include items such as your family and faith history, conversation about what marriage is, a detailed look at the wedding worship service, a discussion about the scripture passages you selected, and reviewing the vows you've picked.

3. "Can we have another Pastor in our Wedding?":

Sometimes you have pastors in your family or a pastor may be a close personal friend and you would like to include them in the wedding service. If you would like other clergy to participate in your wedding, please discuss this with the pastor at First Lutheran Church before any arrangements are made.

4. Wedding Coordinator:

The Wedding Coordinator will help you with any questions you may have about wedding plans. After the date has been entered on the church calendar, the Wedding Coordinator will be assigned and she will contact you and will conduct an initial interview with you. She will help you determine services needed, set a schedule, assist you in filling out the necessary forms, confirm dates for the rehearsal, the wedding and discuss reception plans. The Wedding Coordinator's services must be used for weddings with over 50 guests. Weddings with guest pastors are also required to use a First Lutheran Wedding Coordinator no matter the size of the wedding.

5. Wedding Bulletins:

Please provide a type copy of the wedding program for the Pastor's approval before final printing is completed. Bulletins are not provided by First Lutheran but here are many area print shops that offer this service.

6. Photographer:

Photographs may be taken by amateur or professional photographers, but no flash pictures are allowed during the wedding worship service.

PLEASE include this in your wedding bulletin. The pastor is to be

informed of any pictures which involve him/her and these are to be taken last. Pictures can be taken by the photographer during the ceremony from the rear of the church only. Videotaping is permitted but it must not intrude in the ceremony. The photographer must supply any extension cords that may be needed. Please instruct the photographer to be as unobtrusive as possible, particularly in regards to the pastor and the organist, as this will help maintain the beauty and the dignity of your wedding.

The bridal party and family members will gather downstairs before the ceremony begins and after the pictures are taken. **Formal photographs in the sanctuary must be completed 45 minutes before the ceremony.**

7. Music:

Meet with the Director of Music Ministries and the organist to discuss music for the ceremony.

8. License:

Since weddings are regulated by the state, you must secure your license in Minnesota. The license is signed the day of the ceremony by two witnesses (best man and maid of honor) and the pastor. Please bring your wedding license to the church office **at least a week prior** to the wedding so it can be prepared for signatures on your wedding day.

III. THE WEDDING REHEARSAL AND CEREMONY

A. REHEARSAL:

A rehearsal appointment must be made for all formal weddings at the time of the interview with the Pastor or Wedding Coordinator. **Rehearsals should begin promptly at the appointed hour.** Rehearsals usually last 30-45 minutes. The rehearsal is an opportunity for the wedding party to become familiar with the processional and recessional formalities. Modest attire is required and reasonable conduct on church property is expected. No hats or caps are to be worn in the church.

B. WEDDING SERVICE DETAILS:

1. Wedding Music

Music can be a very special part of your wedding day. It is important to choose music that is appropriate to the occasion and to the church setting, as well as meaningful to you. The wedding ceremony is a service of worship in which the people of God gather with the bride and groom to ask for God's blessings upon the marriage relationship. Keeping this in mind, the music you choose for the wedding service should be appropriate for the worship setting. **All music (both vocal and instrumental) must be submitted for approval to the Music Director and Pastor at least two months prior to the wedding.** The Pastors and the Music Director will make the final decision regarding the appropriateness of the music. Vocal music **must not** detract from the worship setting and must meet the following standards:

- Must not contradict our Lutheran/Christian theology
- Must be compatible with Christian values (e.g., no suggestive lyrics)

It is preferable that music meet one or more of the following standards:

- Have a biblical text

- Be contemporary Christian music
- Be traditional Christian music

Other songs, not of a religious nature, may be used prior to or after the formal portion of the wedding service. There is no lack of good wedding music. Other music may be acceptable if it meets the required standards noted above. Secular music you enjoy, but that may not be appropriate within the worship setting, may be considered for use during your reception.

As you consider your choices of music, you may wish to include your guests in congregational singing. You may select hymns from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship. hymnal. Most music you will choose is under copyright. It is illegal to use duplicated copies. We do not wish to violate copyright laws, so we require that both vocalists and accompanists be supplied with purchased copies of music. The only exception is with original compositions or music in the public domain and not under copyright.

If you are in need of a trumpet player, vocalist, or any other instrumentalist, please talk to the Director of Music Ministries about a list of names and contact information.

A microphone is available for use by the soloist.

For assistance in selecting your wedding music and for organist information, contact Sarah Carlson, Music Director (444-5302). A First Lutheran organist is expected to play for weddings. If you would like to request someone else, please discuss this at the time of your meeting with the Music Director.

Organist duties include the following:

- a consultation with the couple prior to the wedding
- personal practice time
- rehearsal with vocalists or instrumentalists
- the wedding rehearsal
- the wedding worship service

Rehearsals with vocal and/or instrumental soloist(s) should be scheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by the soloist and organist.

Music is an important part of worship. Martin Luther said that next to the word of God, "music deserves the highest praise". It has the power to amplify our acts of praise. With thoughtful planning, it will be a special blessing to you and your wedding guests.

2. AISLE CLOTH

If you would like to use an aisle cloth it can be purchased locally at several places. The Custodian will assist in laying the cloth no later than one half hour before the ceremony begins. The length of our aisle is approx. 76 feet.

3. PARAMENTS (altar hangings)

Paraments will **NOT** be changed. The color of the church season will remain in place.

4. UNITY CANDLE

Though it is not part of the worship service, many couples choose to have a unity candle. A unity candle stand is available. The couple will need to purchase the unity candle and two dripless tapers.

5. RECOMMENDED ORDER OF SERVICE

See the copy of the service from the Lutheran Book of Worship in pages 14-18.

6. FLOWERS

The couple will coordinate their own flowers with the help of their florist. The flowers may be left for use at the church for Sunday worship if you wish. Check with the Church Administrative Assistant or Wedding Coordinator about this. Flowers should **NOT** be placed on the organ, the piano or the altar. There are brass flower stands available. The liners for the stands are removable and arrangements can be made to pick these up at the church office. The Wedding Coordinator will see that the liners for the urns remain in the church following the wedding. You may want to put someone in charge of distributing corsages and boutonnieres to the wedding party, parents, hostess, etc.

7. RECEIVING LINE

The receiving line may be formed in any of the following places:

- the gathering area
- outside, on the north side of the church building
- fellowship hall
- no receiving line—the bride and groom greet each guest as they leave their pew

Discuss this with the Wedding Coordinator.

IV. ATTENDANTS AND WEDDING PARTY

1. Ushers:

The Wedding Coordinator will instruct the ushers of their duties at the time of the rehearsal and also will be there during the wedding.

2. Attendants:

The Wedding Coordinator will instruct the attendants at the time of the rehearsal and also will be there during the wedding.

3. Parents and immediate family:

Instructions will come from the Wedding Coordinator and/or Pastor during the rehearsal. Ushers will be told about seating arrangements for the family members at this time.

If small children are in the wedding party, they can be in the processional

(entrance) and recessional (exit), but it is probably wise that they be seated with family members during the wedding service.

V. WEDDING DAY (Miscellaneous)

1. Dressing Rooms:

Dressing rooms are available for the bride and her attendants and the groom his groomsmen. The Wedding Coordinator will review this with you at the church.

2. Gifts:

A responsible person should be in charge of watching over and transporting gifts from church to final destination. The parents should be relieved of this responsibility.

3. Nursery:

A nursery space is available. Please consult with the Wedding Coordinator so arrangements can be made. The bride and groom will be responsible for providing a nursery attendant.

4. The church cannot take responsibility for stolen articles, so please be sure to store your valuables appropriately—perhaps have someone hold them for you or leave them locked in your vehicle.

V. RECEPTION

A number of options are available if you choose to have a reception. You may decide to have a reception at a place other than the church. If you choose to remain at the church, it is the responsibility of the bride and groom to contact a professional catering service if the families do not intend to prepare food.

The First Lutheran Church Women will possibly be available to help during the reception. Please let the Wedding Coordinator know and she will give you the necessary contact information. The FLCW would appreciate donations to their organization for their help.

**** PLEASE NOTE:** If it is your intent to have the pastor, wedding coordinator or any of the musicians attend your wedding reception whether it be at the church or elsewhere, you need to send them a formal invitation. Please note that it is not required to invite these individuals.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RECEPTIONS HELD AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The following is a list of personnel and equipment the couple shall provide:

PERSONNEL:

1. Dining room host and hostess:

Duties are to make guests feel welcome, to guide guests to serving tables, and if necessary, help them with seating.

2. Two (2) cake cutters

3. One (1) punch server

4. Two (2) coffee pourers
5. Two (2) gift table attendants
6. One (1) guest book attendant
7. Someone responsible for transporting left-over food home for refrigeration.
8. Provide kitchen/dining room workers (8 workers per 100 people)
9. Clean-up crew (wash and put away dishes, fold and put away tablecloths, remove decorations, general clean-up of kitchen—8 workers per 100 people)

All personnel need to report to the kitchen ½ hour before the ceremony for instructions. It is especially important that the host and hostess be there.

EQUIPMENT AND FOOD:

1. Ribbon for knife if desired
2. Punch cups
3. Ice ring for punch
4. Ingredients for punch
5. Napkins – both small and dinner size
6. Coffee, sugar and cream
7. Wedding cake
8. Other food the couple wishes to serve needs to be provided by the family and/or caterer.
9. Empty containers for transporting left-over food home
10. Any decorations for tables, etc.

If you have a catering service provide your food, discuss these items with them.

FIRST LUTHERAN PROVIDES:

The serving table, punch table and seating tables will be set up. All dishes, punchbowl, silver coffee services and any other dishes necessary are provided as well as a cake knife.

The Wedding Coordinator will inform the Custodian of the reception details and the fellowship hall will be arranged as early as possible on the day of the wedding or the evening before.

NO ALCOHOL WILL BE SERVED!

NO CONFETTI, RICE OR BIRD SEED MAY BE USED ON CHURCH PROPERTY!

PLEASE NOTE: Since the wedding party and families need to be at the church for such a long time before the wedding, it is helpful if the couple provides some refreshments for them before the ceremony.

CUSTODIAN:

The Custodian will do everything to help make your wedding go smoothly. The Custodian will help lay the aisle cloth before the ceremony; will be certain the doors are open for deliveries; will set up the reception room the day of the

wedding or the previous evening; will vacuum and rearrange the tables after the reception; and will be available to answer questions and give directions on the day of the wedding.

WEDDING POLICIES AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- All participants and guests are expected to conduct themselves at both the wedding and the rehearsal in a manner befitting the house of God. The Pastor or Wedding Coordinator has the right to halt any rehearsal or service if any member of the wedding party or guest is demonstrating behavior inappropriate to the meaning of the Christian wedding.
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed or served in the church or on the church property at any time. Please ask your attendants and ushers to refrain from drinking alcohol before the wedding. The Church reserves the right to exclude an individual(s) from the wedding if he/she is not in the proper condition to participate. If evidence of alcohol consumption is found anywhere on the church property, the \$100 damage deposit will NOT be refunded.
- No smoking is allowed in the church building.
- The throwing of rice, bird seed, or other confetti is not allowed inside or outside the church building or anywhere on the church property. It very difficult to clean up. Please tell your family and friends about this.
- Sanctuary furniture is not to be moved with out the permission of the pastor. Decorating plans for the sanctuary or the fellowship hall should be discussed with the Wedding Coordinator and the custodian prior to decorating.

OTHER GUIDELINES FOR YOUR WEDDING

- Keep in mind that since the church building is unlocked during the wedding, do not leave any valuables unattended—especially in the dressing rooms. Sad to say, but churches have been burglarized during weddings.
- Wedding gifts brought to the church should not be left unattended. The Church can in no way assume responsibility for gifts brought to the church during the service or left following the service. You are asked to have someone care for them during the service and remove them after the wedding.

POLICY STATEMENT FOR USE OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

GENERAL POLICIES

- No food or beverage shall be permitted anywhere except the fellowship hall and in designated areas of the dressing rooms
- No smoking on the premises
- Decorations will be limited to tables (no staples/nails in walls)
- No rice, bird seed or confetti may be thrown
- No alcohol will be permitted on the premises
- No parish equipment will be permitted to be taken from the premises
- First Lutheran Church is not responsible for personal property left in the facility
- Worship space is to be used for religious/ecumenical purposes only, unless negotiated with the Pastor

- No moving of liturgical furniture without permission of the Pastor
- First Lutheran Church retains the right to refuse or cancel the use of the facility by any group or organization.

KITCHEN POLICIES

When an individual or organization book the use of the First Lutheran Church kitchen with the Church Secretary, a "Reservation Form" will be filled out giving the organization, date of event, contact person, and phone number. At that time the contact person shall receive a copy of the Reservation Form, Policies, and Fees. The Church Secretary will then forward the "Reservation Form" to the Custodian.

The week prior to the planned event, the contact person will be responsible for setting up a meeting with the Custodian to receive training regarding the use and storage of kitchen equipment to be used and expectations for cleanliness of the kitchen. Listed below are some general expectations regarding the First Lutheran Church kitchen:

- At no time shall the equipment or utensils be taken from the premises
- No one shall operate the dishwasher, mixers, or ovens without training in their use
- Grease from meat, etc. should not be drained into any of the sinks—drain grease into one of the kettles which may be left on the counter
- All pans and cooking utensils should be washed and returned to the proper place (if you don't remember where things go, just leave them on the counter)
- Countertops and equipment should be wiped clean
- Garbage should be emptied and taken out to the dumpster
- Floors should be swept and mopped
- Before leaving, please be sure all equipment and lights are shut off
- All doors must be locked

In general, please leave the kitchen the way you found it

To arrange the pre-event meeting with the Custodian, please contact First Lutheran Church.

MARRIAGE SERVICE

Gathering

ENTRANCE

The assembly stands as the ministers and the wedding group enter. Music--hymn, song, psalm, instrumental music--may accompany the entrance.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

The minister addresses the couple in these or similar words, asking each person in turn:

Name, will you have name to be your wife/husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her/him, comfort her/him, honor and keep her/him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her/him as long as you both shall live?

Response: I will.

The minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Will all of you, by God's grace, uphold and care for name and name in their life together?

We will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the following or another prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich name and name with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Word

READINGS

The assembly is seated. Two or three scripture readings are proclaimed. When the service includes communion, the last is a reading from the gospels. Responses may include a psalm in response to a reading from the Old Testament, a sung acclamation preceding the reading of the gospel, or other appropriate hymns, songs, and psalms.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows.

HYMN OF THE DAY

A hymn of the day may be sung.

Marriage

VOWS

The couple may join hands. Each promises faithfulness to the other in these or similar words.

I take you, name, to be my *wife/husband* from this day forward,
to join with you and share all that is to come,
and I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us.

or

In the presence of God and this community,
I, name, take you, name, to be my *wife/husband*;
to have and to hold from this day forward,
in joy and in sorrow, in plenty and in want, in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish, as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow.

GIVING OF RINGS

The couple may exchange rings with these or similar words.

Name, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

or

Name, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow.
With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ACCLAMATION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Name and name, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly,
have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife. Those whom God has
joined together let no one separate.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause. A sung acclamation, hymn, or
other music may follow.*

Other symbols of marriage may be given or used at this time.

MARRIAGE BLESSING

The couple may kneel. The presiding minister may extend a hand over the couple while praying for God's blessing in the following or similar words.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to endure the cross for our sake, that we may have abundance of life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit pour out the abundance of your blessing on name and name. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let your love be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads.

Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Parents or others may speak additional words of blessing and encouragement at this time.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly stands. Prayers of intercession for the world and its needs may be prayed.

Each petition may end:

Gracious and faithful God,

hear our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds **Amen.***

A service with communion continues with the peace. After the presiding minister greets the assembly, the couple may greet each other with the kiss of peace, and the assembly may greet one another in peace.

OR

A service without communion continues as follows.

The Lord's Prayer is prayed by all.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OR

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

PEACE

If it has not been included earlier in the service, the greeting of peace may be shared. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The couple may greet one another with the kiss of peace. All present may greet one another with a gesture of peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing in these or similar words.

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

or

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

An assisting minister may send the assembly forth in these or similar words.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung or instrumental music played as the wedding group and the ministers depart.

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SCRIPTURE

The Word of God as written in the Scripture is a centerpiece to any Christian Worship. Some suggestions follow (If you find a passage which is fitting, expand it. Read what is before it and after it. These passages are only a starting point.):

Old Testament

Genesis 1:26-31	Genesis 2:18-24	Numbers 6:24-26
Joshua 24:14-15	Ruth 1:16-17	2 Samuel 7:29
Psalms 4:5	Psalms 23	Psalms 25:10
Psalms 33	Psalms 37:5	Psalms 37:39
Psalms 67:1	Psalms 84:11	Psalms 85:8
Psalms 91:1	Psalms 100	Psalms 103:17-18
Psalms 117	Psalms 121:8	Psalms 124:8
Psalms 127	Psalms 128	Psalms 129:8
Psalms 136	Psalms 144:15	Psalms 150
Proverbs 1:33	Proverbs 3:5-6	Proverbs 3:33
Proverbs 8:17	Proverbs 15:16	Proverbs 18:22
Proverbs 30:8-9	Proverbs 31:10-12	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Ecclesiastes 7:14	Song of Solomon 2:10-13	Song of Solomon 8:7
Isaiah 25:9	Isaiah 63:7-9	Jeremiah 32:38-39
Malachi 4:2		

New Testament

Matthew 6:33	Matthew 7:24-27	Matthew 18 :20
Matthew 19:4-6	Matthew 28:20	Luke 1:6
Luke 10:5	Luke 19:5-6	John 6:68
John 2:1-10	John 14:27	John 15:9-12
John 15:12-17	Acts 16:31	Romans 12:1-2
Romans 12:16	Romans 14:19	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Ephesians 5:21-33	Philippians 4:4-7	Colossians 3:12-16
Colossians 3:17-19	1 Thessalonians 5:15	2 Thessalonians 3:5
2 Thessalonians 3:16	Hebrews 13:5	James 1:17
1 Peter 3:7	1 Peter 5:7	1 John 4:7-21
1 John 15:9-12	Jude 20-21	Revelations 1:4

This is not an exhaustive list of lessons that are proper for a wedding. These are just a starting point.

The Wedding Vows

During the marriage ceremony, the bride and the groom make a vow to one another. This promise must indicate the complete sharing which marriage implies and make clear that the promises are a lifelong commitment. It is not a formula but the promise of fidelity that makes a marriage.

Following are a few other alternative vows. The bride and groom are welcome to write their own based on the criteria which were stated above and the examples which follow. Please be cautious that the vows do not become too personal, or trail off into sentimentality.

I, _____, take you, _____ to be my *wife/husband* to embrace from this day forward, for better or worse, in wealth or in poverty, through sickness and health, to love and cherish, till parted by death, according to God's holy arrangement, and thereto I pledge you my very self.

I take you, _____, to be my *wife/husband* and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will [obey,] respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you to better understand ourselves, the world and God; through the best and worst of what is to come until death parts us.

I take you, _____, to be my *wife/husband*, I promise before God and these witnesses to be your faithful husband/wife, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to forgive and strengthen you, and to join with you so that together we may serve God and others as long as we both shall live.

_____, I take you to be my *wife/husband* from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond, and in all circumstances of our life together to be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being until death parts us.

_____, wilt thou have this *Woman/Man* to be thy wedded *wife/husband*, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love *her/him*, comfort *her/him*, honor and keep *her/him* in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto *her/him*, so long as ye both shall live?

WEDDING FEES FOR FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wedding fees are determined based on church involvement as listed below:

- 1. Active members (AM)** are those who have been received as members at least one year prior to beginning their wedding planning.
- 2. Connected persons (CP)** are those whose immediate (parents, children and siblings) family are active members of First Lutheran Church.
- 3. Non-members (NM)** have no current relationship with First Lutheran Church. *Non-member weddings may not be scheduled until nine (9) months before the date of the wedding.*

Reservation and Damage Deposits: Payable to First Lutheran Church (FLC)

- \$150 wedding fee is required to reserve a wedding date for all weddings scheduled at First Lutheran Church. The \$150 will be applied to the "Use of the Sanctuary" fee. Fee is to be paid at the beginning of wedding planning.
- \$100 refundable damage deposit; the check is payable to First Lutheran Church. If everything is satisfactory, the damage deposit will be mailed to the appropriate person within 10 days after the wedding date.

Church Facilities Fees: Payment is due two weeks prior to the wedding date; payable to FLC.

	AM	CP	NM
Use of Sanctuary	\$150	\$250	\$500
Use of Fellowship Hall (includes Kitchen)	\$100	\$150	\$300
Chapel	\$0	\$25	\$50
Custodial Fee			
Worship Space	\$100	\$100	\$100
Fellowship Hall	\$100	\$100	\$100

Wedding Ceremony Honorariums

Payable by check to the individuals. Payment is due two weeks prior to the wedding date.

Pastor's Honorarium <i>(Pastor Corey Fuhrman, Pastor Linnea Papke-Larson)</i>	\$175
Organists Honorarium <i>includes rehearsal (Sarah Carlson)</i>	\$200
Wedding Coordinator Honorarium <i>(Heidi Doyle)</i>	\$150
Kitchen Facilitator Honorarium <i>(Jackie Chase)</i>	\$75

ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS PASTOR(S) MAY ADJUST FEES.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Staff Information

Senior Pastor: **Rev. Corey Fuhrman**

Associate Pastor: **Rev. Linnea Papke-Larson**

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: **Sarah Carlson**

Custodian: **Terry Nelson**

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Kitchen Facilitator: **Jackie Chase**



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