



Your Wedding at First Lutheran Church

- A Saturday wedding can be scheduled no later than 3:00 pm.
- **All couples getting married are required to attend a LifeWorks Pre-marriage Retreat.** These retreats are offered at a variety of times. And locations throughout the year. Attending this retreat is an investment in your marriage and valuable for all couples.
- Once the premarital is completed, once completed, you will receive a certificate to get a reduced fee on your marriage license. For information regarding the retreat visit www.lovecommitsucceed.com or email zacharylee@lovecommitsucceed.com .
- After attending the retreat, let the church know so you can schedule a time to meet with the pastor performing the ceremony.
- Pastors determine which weddings they will officiate based on their schedules. Though you may request a specific pastor, such a request is not guaranteed.
- Guest pastor participation must be discussed with our pastor.
- At the meeting with the pastor you will go over the order of service, select scriptures, vow, discuss music and set up rehearsal time.
- Rehearsal time will be scheduled with the pastor.
- At the time of rehearsal the pastor and your wedding party will go through the service. Please be prompt.
- No candid photography can to be taken during the ceremony.
- Videos can be taken from the balcony or either side of the transept location.
- The Marriage License must be given to the church office no later than one week prior to the wedding, as the pastor officiating your wedding must have the license to perform the wedding.
- No smoking on church property.
- No alcohol beverages allowed in the church or on any part of the church property.
- No church property will be removed from the building grounds.
- No rice or confetti is allowed on the church premise, bird seed or bubbles can be used outdoors only.

- Sanctuary seats max 350 people.
- Church aisle is 100 feet long.
- There are 20 pews on each side.
- Alter paraments will remain the color of the season.
- Unity Candle stand.
- Two candelabras; with seven candles each.
- Unity candle stand; two taper candles and one center candle, with a three to four inch diameter candle.
- Two granite candelabras; with three inch diameter.
- Decorating the church needs to be scheduled with the church office. Suggested time to decorate is rehearsal day or after the rehearsal, but not during the rehearsal time.
- Flowers can be delivered the morning of the wedding, arrangements need to be made with the church office to make sure the church building is open.
- You are responsible to remove all decorations immediately following the ceremony.
- You will be responsible to return all rental equipment used.



Wedding Order of Service

Processional

Welcome and Greeting

Declaration of Intention

Prayer

Readings

Message

Song

Exchange of Vows

Giving of Rings

Unity Candle/Sand (song works well here)

Blessing of Marriage

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Recessional



Wedding Vow Options

Name and name I invite you to declare your vows to one another.

OPTION A:

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.

OPTION B:

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

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God of grace,
for your love and faithfulness to your people.
May these rings be symbols of the promise
name and name have made with each other;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

OPTION A:

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

OPTION B:

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.



Wedding Scripture Options

The following is a list of readings that are suitable and often used in weddings. This list is not exhaustive, but merely offers some suggestions if you haven't yet decided which readings you would like as part of your wedding ceremony.

Genesis 2:15-25

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
² Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Romans 12:9-18

⁹ Let love be genuine; abhor what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

1 Corinthians 13 (12:31 - 13:13)

And I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.



Wedding Scripture Options

Philippians 2:1-11

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 13:3-15

³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

John 15:1, 9-17

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.