

NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

How would you like to be introduced:

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

Location:
____ First Lutheran Sanctuary
____ First Lutheran Chapel
____ Other Location

Vows:
____ Writing Our Own
____ #1
____ #2

Holy Communion:
____ Yes ____ No

Giving of the Rings
____ #1
____ #2

of Bulletins _____
Printed at Church? ____ Yes ____ No

How would you like to process in?
____ By couples
____ Individually

Hymns or Special Music:

What time would you like the church open
on the day of the wedding? _____

Scripture Readings:

Contact Information:
Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone # _____

Readers:

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone # _____

Lord's Prayer:
____ Traditional
____ Contemporary

Number of Attendants on each side: _____



A Guide for Planning Wedding Ceremonies

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NOTES



MUSIC FOR THE CEREMONY



Music is an important part of worship at First Lutheran. Music can convey things that we may not be able to express in words. Our Director of Worship and Music will assist with the selection of music for the wedding ceremony.

For the prelude, procession and the recessional there are many options for music. Below are a few suggested pieces that may be used:

- *Trumpet Voluntary in D Major* by Purcell/Clarke
- *Trumpet Tune in D Major* by Purcell/Clarke
- *Psalm XIX* by B. Marcello
- *Hymn to Joy* by Beethoven
- *Canon in D* by J. Pachelbel
- *Trumpet Voluntary* by John Stanley
- *With Trumpets and Horns (Allegro Maesto)* by Handel
- *Te Deum* by Marc Antoine Charpentier
- *Air from Water Music* by G.F. Handel
- *Rondeau* by J. Mouret
- *My Faithful Heart Sing Praise* by J.S. Bach

Giving of the Rings

1. _____, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.
2. _____, 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.

Soloists and Musicians

Typically our organist plays for services. If our musician is unavailable, a substitute will be found. Having a soloist is an option during the service. Our Director of Worship and Music can help make those arrangements.

Vows

The promises that you make to one another before God and your friends and family are words that you intend to live by. With that in mind, you are welcome to write your own vows, making sure that the pastor has a copy before the rehearsal, or you can choose from two of the options below.

1. I take you _____ to be my *wife/husband/spouse/life partner* 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.
2. In the presence of God and this community, I, _____, take you, _____, to be my *wife/husband/spouse/life partner*; 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear First Lutheran Members,

On behalf of the congregation and staff of First Lutheran, congratulations on your engagement. This is a wonderful commitment that you will make to one another and we want to help you prepare for the day of your wedding, but more importantly, for a lifetime together. The information included in this booklet is to help you through the process of planning your wedding worship service.

Seeking God's blessing and help in your marriage from the first day is a very positive faith step. To begin your relationship on the foundation of God is the best way to start and it is our hope that you will continue to grow in your relationship with one another and with God throughout your life together. To help begin this process a pastor will meet with you as a couple at least three times for preparation. Thank you for making First Lutheran a part of your marriage.

For questions about planning a wedding service, please contact the church office at 402-488-0919 and we will be glad to help with any questions or arrangements.

Peace,

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

Lead Pastor



BEFORE THE WEDDING

Scheduling a wedding at First Lutheran

To schedule a wedding, please contact the church office and a pastor will contact you to confirm the date and time of the ceremony. Coordination of schedules has to happen due to the number of activities going on at the church. Saturday afternoon weddings are not scheduled after 4pm, due to Saturday evening worship. The Chapel and Sanctuary are available for weddings. The Chapel seats 100 people and the Sanctuary seats 250 people.

Flowers

With flowers, sometimes less is more. It is a worship service so the flowers should not become the focus. If pew bows or flowers are used, they should not be attached with anything that could cause damage.

Photographers/Videographer

Photographers/Videographers will be instructed not to take flash photos during the service and are to remain behind the first pew in the Sanctuary. The goal is for them not to be a distraction to the worship service.

Children in the Wedding Party

Children who are important to you are welcome to participate in the wedding. Just know that children can be unpredictable. If you will be upset if they don't do things correctly then you may want to reconsider their role. Otherwise, they are welcome to participate.

Fees

The basic fee for weddings at First Lutheran is \$800. This fee covers the cost of the space, cleaning and honoraria for the primary musician and pastor. There is an additional cost of \$75 for an online marriage preparation course which will be paid directly to the online course provider. Please make one check of \$800 payable to First Lutheran Church and we will distribute accordingly. The check should be brought to the church office no later than 14 days before your wedding. If the Activity Center is used for the reception, the fee is an additional \$100.

Marriage License

The marriage license should be brought to the church early the week of the wedding to ensure that everything gets filled out correctly.

Candles

The two altar candles are used for all weddings and are all that are really necessary for a simple, yet elegant wedding. If other candles are desired, candelabras may be rented from the florist or First Lutheran's candelabra may be used. There is a small fee for the special candles required for the First Lutheran candelabra. Nebraska State law requires hurricane shields or wax servers to be used in public buildings.

A Guide for Planning Wedding Services

PLANNING A WEDDING CEREMONY

The Order of Service

This is the general order for wedding services at First Lutheran. This outline is a good place to start, but can be altered and added to.

- Musical Prelude
- Seating of Family
- Procession
- Greeting and Prayer
- The Readings
- The Homily
- The Exchange of Vows
- The Giving of Rings
- Acclamation
- The Marriage Blessing
- The Prayers
- The Lord's Prayer
- Holy Communion (optional)
- The Final Blessing
- Introduction of the Couple
- Recessional

Scripture Readings

We are rooted and grounded in scripture. It is where we hear God's instructions on how we are to live. It is also where we hear God's promises of life and resurrection. In selecting scripture verses, be creative. Below are a few suggestions should you need them.

- Genesis 1:26-31
Created in God's image...
- Ruth 1:16-17
Where you go I will go...
- Song of Solomon 2:10-13
Arise my love...
- Song of Solomon 8:6-7
Many waters cannot quench love...
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
To everything there is a season...
- Romans 12:1-13
Do not be conformed to this world...
- I Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Love is patient, love is kind...
- Ephesians 3:14-21
Being rooted and grounded in love...
- Ephesians 5:21-33
Be subject to one another out of love...
- Colossians 3:12-17
Clothe yourselves with compassion...
- I John 4:7-12
God is love...
- Matthew 22:35-38
Love the Lord your God with all your heart...
- John 2:1-10
Jesus at the wedding in Cana...
- John 15:9-17
Love one another as I have loved you...
- Psalm 139
There your hand shall lead me...
- Psalm 67
Make his face shine on us...



Guest Book

We encourage you to have a wedding book that is loose leaf style so that pages can be set out in a several places for people to sign. This prevents a bottleneck as we try to begin the service.

Things Prohibited

- No smoking in the building.
- No drinking on the church property.
- No cloth runners and flower petals in the Sanctuary due to safety issues.
- No rice or bird seed outside the building due to safety issues.

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