



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
MAKING CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

Your Wedding

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

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Congratulations on your engagement! We look forward to supporting your marriage over the upcoming years and encourage you to keep the love of Christ central in your marriage.

The first step before you meet with the Pastor is to arrange to take an online premarital inventory (currently \$35). The pastor's first meeting with you will be to discuss the inventory, and begin the discussion on wedding details. Please contact the wedding coordinator or the pastor if you have questions.

WEDDING FEES

These fees are for all weddings at Christ Lutheran Church.

Custodial Fee:	\$75
For Church Reception, add:	\$50
Wedding Coordinator Fee:	\$150
For Church Reception, add:	\$25
Organist:	Consult
Vocalist:	Consult
Pastor wedding and counseling gratuity	\$150
Offsite Wedding:	\$200 + mileage
Sound & Video Tech	\$75
Reception Fees (Reception & Fellowship Hall):	\$100

Wedding fees should be placed in separate envelopes and given to the proper person or the Wedding Coordinator. **All fees are to be paid on the evening of the rehearsal or prior.**

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE

A State of Minnesota marriage license must be obtained at least five days and no more than six months before the date of the wedding. In Minnesota, state law allows a couple to obtain a license with a reduction in the fee *if* the couple receives 12 hours of premarital counseling and the pastor signs a statement certifying these hours. This license should be given to the pastor **at least one week** before the wedding. Under no circumstances will the pastor perform a wedding without a valid marriage license.

THE PASTOR

A pastor of Christ Lutheran Church will normally officiate at all weddings held at the church. If you wish to ask another minister to assist with the wedding please make arrangements through the CLC pastor.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

For all weddings held at CLC, our Wedding Coordinator will be present. She will assist the pastor, the ushers, and wedding party to understand their duties. The Wedding Coordinator will attend rehearsals and help before, during, and after the service. If there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall the Wedding Coordinator will assist with the reception. Please meet with the wedding coordinator once a date has been set.

MUSIC

One or two solos is an appropriate number. The texts and the music should contribute to the worship atmosphere of the service. Many popular, theatrical or “top hit” songs often have lyrics which extol romanticized or secular ideas about love and marriage which detract from the worship of God and aren’t appropriate for a worship service. ***All music must be approved by the pastor.***

SUGGESTED PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Canon in D	Pachelbel
St. Anthony Chorale	Brahms
Trumpet Tune in D	David Johnson
Trumpet March	J. S. Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring	J. S. Bach
Trumpet Voluntary	Clarke, Purcell, or Heron

SUGGESTED RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Trumpet Tune in D	Clarke, Purcell
Fanfare	Lemmens
Water Music	Handel
Toccata	Dubois
Bell Symphony	Purcell
Rondeau	Mouret

ORGANIST

You should meet with the organist at least six weeks before the wedding to discuss Prelude, Processional, Recessional, Postlude, and solos. The organist will explain the fees for their services.

SOLOIST

You may secure your own soloist, or Pastor may suggest one. Please have the soloist contact the organist for practice times.

VISITING MUSICIANS

Visiting musicians are welcome for the wedding service. Consult with the Wedding Coordinator/sound technician for any equipment they may need.

CAPACITY OF CHURCH and FELLOWSHIP HALL

The seating capacity of the church is 350 (Max capacity). The seating capacity of the Fellowship Hall for a reception is 120.

DRESSING ROOM

The bride and her attendants may dress in the nursery. This room has an attached toilet, sink, and a full-length mirror. The men usually dress in the room to the south of the kitchen. The Wedding Coordinator will show you these rooms.

CHURCH ALTAR COLORS

The season of the church year determines the color of the altar paraments. The paraments may not be changed.

DECORATIONS and BANNERS

All decorative effects are arranged with the wedding coordinator. Nothing will be used that mars, scratches, or disfigures any furnishings in the church. This means that no wire or scotch tape may be used.

Christ Lutheran Church has two specific wedding banners.

All decorations must be promptly removed after the service.

CANDELABRA AND FLOWER STANDS

Christ Lutheran Church has 2 candelabras with 5 candles each and various flower stands for use at weddings, free of charge. Notify the Wedding Coordinator if you plan to use these items.

 AISLE RUNNER

If the couple wishes to use a white aisle runner, this must be obtained from the florist at the wedding couple's expense. The center aisle is 40 feet long.

BULLETINS

Christ Lutheran does not print wedding bulletins. It is your responsibility to arrange for bulletin printing. **Pastor must approve the order of the service before printing.** Page 5 has a sample bulletin.

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A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

for
NAME &
NAME

Saturday, the First Day of June, 2024
Two O'Clock

Christ Lutheran Church, Byron, MN

Prelude

Entrance *"Trumpet Tune" Purcell

Invocation

Readings

Sermon

Vows

Giving of Rings

Acclamation

Unity Candle/Solo

Marriage Blessing

Prayers - Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *"Jesu, joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

*One Possible Option

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH GUIDELINES

- 1) No alcoholic beverages are to be served in the church or in the parking lot.
- 2) Rice is not allowed to be thrown in the church or anywhere on the church property.
- 3) If petals are strewn by the Flower Girl, artificial petals must be used. Natural petals may stain the carpet.
- 4) All food and beverages are easier to clean up if used in the Fellowship Hall, All-Purpose room, and kitchen area.

REHEARSAL

Most weddings require a rehearsal. All attendants, parents, ushers, should attend the rehearsal.

USHERS

Any wedding with more than 60 guests will need ushers. Two or four ushers are usually necessary depending upon the number of guests. The ushers will need to be on duty at least one half hour before the wedding and one half hour after. Ushers light the candles one half hour before the service. Ushers escort your guests to their seats and distribute bulletins.

At the conclusion of the service the ushers may escort the parents and the grandparents out of the church, and then usher the guests out. After the service, ushers extinguish the candles, pick up bulletins and other items left behind, and replace anything that was moved during the service.

During the service the ushers must seat any latecomers. If a guest should become ill, the ushers are the ones who must attend to their needs even to the point of calling medical attention. There is an AED in the entry.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We request that no flash pictures be taken after members of the bridal party have entered the church and have proceeded to the altar.

We suggest that photos are taken before the ceremony and completed one-half hour before guests arrive. If the service is recorded, the recorder should consult with the pastor before the service.

VOWS

Because the marriage vows are the personal promises made by the bride and groom to one another, you are permitted to write your own vows, but they have to be approved by the Pastor prior to the ceremony. Below is the traditional option.

Vow Sample:

_____, take you, _____, to be my wedded _____, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, til death do us part.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Please consult with the pastor concerning the Scripture readings you wish to use. The following are suggested readings. It is appropriate to pick two or three lessons, with one being from the Gospel.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1: 26-31

Joshua 24: 15b

Psalms 100

Psalms 127

Psalms 145: 8-10

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

Genesis 2: 18-24

Ruth 1: 16-17

Psalms 117

Psalms 128

Psalms 150

Isaiah 63: 7-9

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 12: 1-2

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Colossians 3: 12-15

Romans 15: 4-8, 13

Ephesians 5: 21-33

1 John 4: 7-12

GOSPEL READINGS

Matthew 19: 4-6

John 2: 1-10

John 15: [1-8] 9-12

Mark 10: 6-9

John 14: 21-24

John 17: 20-23

CLOSING OF BUILDING DETAILS

The church building should be left in the condition it was found, prior to the families leaving the church. The Wedding Coordinator will assist in this process.

God's blessing to you!