

Introduction

On behalf of Our Savior Lutheran Church, and in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, greetings!

As you look forward to your wedding day, we rejoice with you and join in praying that the Lord will bless you with a long and happy married life.

*We want your wedding to be just as you desire it—
BEAUTIFUL and MEMORABLE.*

Whether it is to be a simple or formal ceremony, we will do our best to be of service to you. To this end, we kindly ask you to read the following procedures for weddings at our church.

Christian Weddings

The church is the House of God, reverence is expected of all who enter it. We believe that a wedding is a sacred service and all that pertains to the wedding, such as the rehearsal, the decorations, the music, the solos, and the ceremony itself should reflect a reverence toward God.

Preliminary Plans

Because our staff and facilities are in demand, it is the policy of Our Savior Lutheran Church that the bride and/or the groom or their parents are members of our church. It is our policy not to do weddings for non-members. However, there are exceptions such as assisting our sister congregations (other LCMS churches) or due to relational ties to OSLC members. These exceptions are evaluated individually and a decision is made by the OSLC Pastoral Staff.

Reserving The Date

We ask that persons desiring to have their marriage solemnized at Our Savior Lutheran Church clear the wedding date and time with the church office and with the pastor by calling the church (phone number 852-6404).

At that time the wedding fees need to be paid to reserve your date.

Arrangements should be made for meeting with the Pastor for the purpose of arranging pre-marriage counseling.

There will be a small fee to cover the cost of the materials used.

The Wedding Party

In addition to the bridal couple and the pastor, participants in the wedding include the best man and the maid or matron of honor. It may also include bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers, flower girl, ring bearer, musicians, soloist, and acolyte.

Pastor will discuss these plans with you.

Guests

It is proper etiquette to send invitations to ALL whom you desire at your wedding ceremony and reception. Never take for granted that certain relatives will attend without an invitation.

Guests find it helpful to have a printed worship bulletin for the service. There are several printing shops in town that can help you with this.

Some brides prefer to make their own.

*Pastor **MUST** preview your final draft before the bulletin is printed!!*

Musicians

Our Savior Lutheran Church has been blessed with a host of musicians and soloists, any of whom may be asked to provide music for your wedding. The Pastor or the church Music Director can help you make arrangements. It is also acceptable to choose close friends or family members to provide music for your wedding.

As you select music titles, we ask you to observe a simple rule. We believe that the wedding, when held in God's House, is a sacred rite. Therefore, we ask you to choose music that is sacred (honors God and His gift of marriage), rather than secular. This is especially true with regard to solo selections, which means very few top 40 or country songs will meet the criteria!

Once again, our Music Director can provide help should you desire.

Photographer and Videographer Guidelines

Please ask your photographer and/or videographer to speak to the pastor before the ceremony regarding what is acceptable and reverent for your wedding ceremony. Since the wedding is a genuine worship service, we observe strict guidelines for photography during the service. We ask that guests be reminded that no flash photography is allowed during the ceremony.

Reception

Our Fellowship Hall is not designed for receptions. However, a small gathering can be accommodated. The maximum seating capacity is approximately 45 guests. Our Great Room can handle approximately 100 guests, but may not always be available. You will need to let Pastor or the church office know when you reserve the date for your wedding if you would like to hold the reception at Our Savior. If you are reserving reception space at another location, please publicize this location in your wedding bulletin in order to inform your guests!

Marriage License

*Please bring your marriage license to the church office **at least one week prior to your wedding so we can complete the necessary paperwork.** All fees must be paid at this time as well if you have not paid them in advance.*



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Fees For Members

**Please make check payable to:
Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Wedding - \$125.00

Wedding With Small Reception in the Fellowship Hall \$150.00

Wedding With Larger Reception in the Great Room \$175.00

“Personal” Wedding (less than 15 people): \$25.00

Fees For Non-Members

**Please make check payable to:
Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Wedding - \$175.00

Wedding With Small Reception in the Fellowship Hall \$225.00

Wedding With Larger Reception in the Great Room - \$275.00

“Personal” Wedding (less than 15 people): \$50.00

All fees are subject to change.

*All fees must be paid at the time
your wedding date is reserved or
we may not be able to guarantee your date!!*

Are there any other fees to be aware of?

1. It is appropriate to provide a monetary gift to the Pastor.

*This amount includes the time involved for the pre-marriage counseling, the rehearsal, and the ceremony. Though it is not mandatory, a gift of \$150.00 is appropriate. **If writing a check, please make it payable to the pastor.** This is usually given to the pastor following the ceremony.*

2. Musicians and Singers

*Most musicians charge a set fee. Family members may choose to donate their time as a gift to you. You will want to discuss this when you make your arrangements. Our Music Director, Bonnie Rennich, may be available to play and/or sing for your wedding. The cost is \$100.00. Pastor or Bonnie would be able to help you in this area. **You will need to make payment directly to your musicians.***

3. Sound Technician

*A sound technician will be required and will be arranged by OSLC staff. **A payment of \$50.00 will need to be paid directly to the sound technician the day of the wedding.** We will provide the name to you in advance.*

Our Privilege

It is an honor and a privilege for us to be a part of your wedding day. As you look forward in preparation, we rejoice with you and join in praying that the Lord will bless you with a long and happy married life.

A Sample Marriage Service

Prelude

Special Music (optional)

The Processional

Invocation

Scripture Readings

The Wedding Message

The Order of Marriage

The Statement of Intent

The Vows

Giving of Rings

Pronouncement of Marriage

The Lighting of the Marriage Candle

Special Music (optional)

The Blessing

The Prayers

Special Music (optional)

The Benediction

Presentation of Couple

Recessional Music

** Wedding programs printed by other couples for their wedding are available to compare.*

The Wedding Participants

Bride's Name:	Groom's Name:
Parents:	Parents:
Grandparents:	Grandparents:
Maid or Matron of Honor:	Best Man:
Bridesmaids:	Groomsmen:
Acolytes:	Ushers:
Flower Girl:	Ring Bearer:
Personal Attendant:	Guest Book:
Flower Attendant:	Gift Attendant:
Pianist:	Soloist:
Photographer:	Video:
Host Couples:	

Pastor's Worksheet

The Pastor will ask these questions in order to prepare for your wedding:

Bride's Full Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Text: Y or N**

E-Mail _____ **Best Way To Contact** _____

Previously Married? _____

Parents _____

Church Membership _____

Groom's Full Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Text: Y or N**

E-Mail _____ **Best Way To Contact** _____

Previously Married? _____

Parents _____

Church Membership _____

The wedding will be held on _____, 20_____,
at _____ o'clock.

Pictures will be taken at _____ o'clock.

The reception will be held at _____
at _____ o'clock.

The rehearsal will take place on _____
at _____ o'clock.

Will there be a dinner following the rehearsal? _____

If so, where? _____

Is the marriage service public or private? _____

Is the reception public or private? _____

Are you having a dance? _____

1. How many attendants?

Groomsmen (counting the best man): _____

Bridesmaids (counting the maid of honor): _____

Best Man's Name: _____

Maid/Matron of Honor's Name: _____

2. Are you having a Flower Girl _____ Ring Bearer _____ Acolytes _____

3. How shall the attendants enter?

_____ As couples coming in together

_____ Men start up in front with the Pastor, women process in and are met by the men

_____ Informally—come to the front when the ceremony begins

4. Will you be having ushers? _____ If yes, do you want the ushers to formally escort guests into the sanctuary? _____

How do you prefer people are seated?

_____ Bride side / Groom side seating

_____ Guests may sit on either side

Because of the aisle configuration, we generally do not usher people out of the sanctuary after the ceremony.

5. Will you be having an aisle runner? _____
6. Do you have special “family” (Mom, Dad, Step-Parents, Grandparents, etc.) seating needs? _____
7. Do you wish to include the “parental permission statement”? _____
 (“Who gives this woman to be married to this man?”)
8. Wedding Music – Our music will be provided by:
_____ A musician from Our Savior Lutheran Church
_____ A musician from our family or friends
_____ Other

Soloist(s): _____ Number of songs: _____

Title(s) of pieces chosen: _____

Remember: Not all music is appropriate for use in God’s House!!

9. Scripture readings selected by:
_____ Pastor may select something appropriate
_____ We will select the scripture readings for our ceremony.
We have chosen _____

Who will read your scripture readings?

- _____ Pastor may read them
_____ We have selected reader(s).
Names _____

10. Will you be having a Unity Candle? _____ Unity Sand? _____
Other? _____

11. The reception line will be:

_____ Inside the church fellowship hall as people are leaving

_____ Outside the church as people are leaving

_____ Other

12. Have you arranged for a photographer? _____
Videographer? _____

Flash photography is NOT permitted during the ceremony. Please remind your guests of this practice. Pastor will provide instructions for the photographer and videographer.

13. Have you purchased wedding bulletins? _____ Before printing, please bring a copy to the church so your pastor can review it with you!

14. Do you have your marriage license? _____ Please bring your license to the church office at least one week prior to the wedding so the necessary paperwork can be completed.

15. Are there any other special items that you'd like to include in your wedding ceremony that we have not covered?

Our new address will be: _____

_____ Phone _____



Sample Wedding Scriptures...

Genesis 2:18	It Is Not Good For The Man To Be Alone
Numbers 6:24-26	The Aaronic Blessing
Deuteronomy 33:25b	Your Strength Will Equal Your Days
Deuteronomy 33:27a	The Eternal God Is Your Refuge, And Underneath Are The Everlasting Arms
Joshua 1:8	Meditate On It Day and Night
Joshua 24:15b	As For Me And My Household, We Will Serve The Lord
Ruth 1:16-17	Where You Go, I Will Go
I Chronicles 17:27	Bless The House Of Your Servant
Psalms 23:1-6	I Will Dwell In The House Of The Lord Forever
Psalms 23:1	The Lord Is My Shepherd
Psalms 23:1-3	My Shepherd Guides Me In Paths Of Righteousness
Psalms 23:3b	He Guides Me For His Name's Sake
Psalms 23:6	All The Days Of My Life And Forever
Psalms 27:4	One Thing I Ask Of The Lord
Psalms 31:3b	For The Sake Of Your Name Lead And Guide Me
Psalms 37:5	Commit Your Way To The Lord
Psalms 51:17-19	The Sacrifices Of God
Psalms 103:1, 2	Praise And Forget Not
Psalms 118:14	The Lord Is My Strength

Psalm 119:97	Oh, How I Love Your Law
Psalm 121:8	The Lord Will Watch Over Your Coming And Going
Psalm 127:1	Unless The Lord Builds The House
Proverbs 3:5-6	Trust In The Lord
Proverbs 3:33	The Lord Blesses The Home Of The Righteous
Proverbs 18:22	He Who Finds A Wife Finds What Is Good
Proverbs 19:14	A Prudent Wife Is From The Lord
Isaiah 41:10	Do Not Fear; I Will Uphold You
Isaiah 54:10	My Unfailing Love For You Will Not Be Shaken
Isaiah 62:5b	As A Bridegroom Will Your God Rejoice Over You
Jeremiah 17:7	Blessed Is The Man Who Trusts In The Lord
Jeremiah 31:3	I Have Loved You With An Everlasting Love
Ezekiel 16:60	I Will Establish An Everlasting Covenant With You
Matthew 6:33	Seek First His Kingdom And His Righteousness
Matthew 7:24, 25	A House Founded On A Rock
Matthew 19:6b	What God Has Joined Together, Let Man Not Separate
Matthew 28:20	Surely I Will Be With You Always
Luke 10:41, 42	One Thing Is Needed
Luke 12:15b	A Man's Life Does Not Consist In The Abundance Of His Possessions
Luke 14:20	I Just Got Married, So I Can't Come
Luke 24:20	Stay With Us
John 2:2	Jesus And His Disciples Invited To The Wedding
John 3:29	The Bride Belongs To The Bridegroom
John 10:11	I Am The Good Shepherd
John 10:27, 28	My Sheep Listen To My Voice

Romans 8:16	The Spirit Himself Testifies That We Are God's Children
Romans 8:28	In All Things God Works For The Good Of Those Who Love Him
Romans 8:31, 32	If God Is For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?
Romans 12:12	Be Joyful In Hope, Patient In Affliction, Faithful In Prayer
I Corinthians 11:11	Interdependency In Marriage
I Corinthians 13:1-13	The Greatest Of These Is Love
2 Corinthians 11:2	I Promised You To One Husband, To Christ
Ephesians 4:32	Be Kind And Compassionate, Forgiving Each Other
Ephesians 5:20	Always Giving Thanks
Ephesians 5:22-33	Wives, Submit—Husbands, Love
Ephesians 5:29	Just As Christ Feeds And Cares For The Church
Philippians 4:7	The Peace Of God Will Guard Your Hearts And Your Minds In Christ Jesus
Philippians 4:19	My God Will Meet All Your Needs
Hebrews 13:5	Never Will I Leave You; Never Will I Forsake You
I Peter 5:7	Cast All Your Anxiety On Him Because He Cares For You
I John 4:7-12	God's Love And Ours
Revelation 19:7, 8	The Wedding Of The Lamb Has Come
Revelation 19:9	Blessed Are Those Who Are Invited To The Wedding Supper