



Wedding Guidelines



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Wedding information

Congratulations on your decision to marry! Your wedding day is one of the most important dates in your lives. All of us at Resurrection are happy to share this occasion with you and desire to do everything possible to help make this a joy-filled memory.

To help you with your wedding plans, the following guidelines have been established by the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Church Council.

Setting the Date

Wedding and rehearsal dates should be planned at your earliest convenience with both the Pastor and the church secretary. The secretary will be able to help you with the availability of dates for the church for the wedding and rehearsal.

Meeting with the Pastor

Couples who wish to be married at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will need to meet with Pastor for six hours of premarital counseling. Pastor uses the "Marriage Awareness Inventory" program, for which there will be a charge to the couple for material. Premarital counseling should begin about three months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

The Marriage License

The marriage license must be obtained within the county in which the wedding is to be performed. Since we are located in Cook County, the closest office is located in Markham (165th and Kedzie Avenue).

The marriage license MUST be presented at the time of the rehearsal.

A wedding is Worship

The wedding service is performed in the context of the church and is first a worship of service. The marriage ceremony is part of the celebration of God's glory and grace. Decorations, dress and demeanor should be appropriate to this setting.

Holy Communion

You may choose, and are encouraged, to celebrate Holy Communion as part of your wedding service. Lutherans believe that all who have been baptized are welcome to receive the sacrament. Children who do not receive Holy Communion will be blessed by Pastor.

Scripture Readings

The couple can work with Pastor in selecting Bible passages for the wedding. A list of readings can be found in this brochure.

Music

Music, which is played or sung during the wedding ceremony, must be appropriate for the occasion: that is, music which will benefit the worship service and marriage celebration. Other music could be played before the service begins but we require that all music be approved by the Pastor prior to the wedding.

Musician/Soloists

It is assumed that Resurrection's musician will play for your wedding. You will be contacted by him/her as soon as dates have been scheduled. If you wish to use a musician other than Resurrection's, you need to obtain permission from Pastor.

Photography

Before you make plans to videotape or photograph the service, you need to talk to with Pastor, certain restrictions apply.

Flowers

Flower arrangements and deliveries must be discussed with the Pastor. We need to know when your flowers are coming so we can be sure the church will be open to receive them.

Bulletins, Candles and Aisle Runners

A *service bulletin* is used. There's a charge listed later in this folder for the ordering and printing of the bulletin.

The order of service will be the standard Lutheran wedding service. The Pastor will provide you with a copy of the marriage service as a worksheet for making your plans.

Altar candles will be provided for the wedding service. If you wish additional candles, you must provide your own.

A *unity candle* is optional and not a central part of a Christian wedding. If the couple chooses to use a unity candle, they are to provide the three candles and holder. These may be purchased through many florists.

A *lasso cord* may be used to symbolize the unity and "yoked" nature of marriage. This tradition is from the Mexican culture. If you desire this option, you must provide your own white, silk lasso.

A *wedding cup* may be used as a symbol of marriage as a communion of two in the joys and bitterness of life. If you desire this option, please contact the Pastor.

An *aisle runner* may be used. It will be your responsibility to provide one. Usually your florist will help you with that. Please let the Pastor know if you plan on using one.

Church Facilities

Our sanctuary seats 130 people comfortably, with a 150 maximum capacity.

There are ceremony rooms available for the wedding party to prepare before the ceremony.

We request that you do not use rice. Birdseed may be thrown outside on the church property. Clean up of anything used is your responsibility. Smoking, inside the church building and alcoholic beverages on the premises are not permitted. If there is a special situation, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact the Pastor.

Honorariums

The following fees and honorariums apply:

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| Church for ceremony | Members...honorariums only Non-members...\$300 |
| Musician | \$100-\$150 |
| Soloist | \$75-\$150 |
| Bulletins | \$50 per 100 standard bulletins |
| Pastor | Members...honorarium only Non-members...\$250* *(plus mileage if travelling) |
| Pre-Marriage Materials | \$35 |

A check for church use, and bulletins (if used) may be made out to "LCR". Separate checks should be issued to the Pastor, musician, and soloist by name. All fees and honorariums would be paid on the **day of rehearsal**.



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LOVE...THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

1Corinthians 13:13

Order of Worship

Prelude Music

Processional

Declaration of Consent

Ministry of the Word

Sermon

The Marriage
(Exchange of Vows and Rings)

Unity Candle, Lasso, Wedding Cup
(Optional)

Prayers

Marriage Blessing

Holy Communion
(Optional)

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn Suggestions

O Perfect Love

Hear Us Now, Our God and Father

Beautiful Savior

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

How Great Thou Art

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

In Thee is Gladness

For the Beauty of the Earth

Lift Every Voice and Sing

God is Here! As We His People

Gather Us In

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

When Love is Found

Thy Holy Wings

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Bind Us Together

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

As Man and Woman We Were Made

Here I am, Lord

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

O Christ the Same

On Eagle's Wings

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Scripture Lessons

Psalms 33, 100, 117, 127, 128, 136, or 150

Genesis 1:26-31

Genesis 2:18-24

Song of Solomon 2:10-16

Song of Solomon 5:10-16

Tobit 8:5-8

Sirach 6:5-6, 14-15

Isaiah 63:7-9

Romans 12:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:3--13:13

Ephesians 5:21-33

Phillipians 4:4-7

1 John 4:7-12

Matthew 6:25-34

Matthew 19: 4-5

John 2:1-10

John 15:9-12