



## 2021 Weddings

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## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! This is such an exciting experience for couples. Thank you for considering marriage at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. We wish to provide you with our understanding of Christian marriage as you begin your preparation for marriage.

Historical studies show that happily married couples are likely to remain partners for life if they share a faith in God and a spiritual commitment. That is our focus in marriage preparation at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. A spiritual life together of worship and prayer can help make your marriage fulfilling and vital. We hope you will make growing in faith and love for God and each other an important part of your marriage commitment, whether you make your church home at Lake of the Isles or another church.

## General Information

We receive many inquiries from members and non-members about the possibility of celebrating their wedding at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. We consider marriage to be a part of our congregation's ministry to help couples begin their life together with both the blessing of God and the genuine care of this community of faith. All are welcome.

The first step in planning a wedding at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is to contact our Wedding Manager. She will confirm church availability and direct you through the next steps.

Self-tours of the sanctuary are available when the church office is open **Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.** We are open for **Sunday Worship from 8:30 AM To 12:00 PM.** We welcome you to join us! Contact Linda Nelson or Sandy Swan, for alternate tour times.

## Membership

The use of our sanctuary for weddings is available to members and non-members. We invite you to consider making Lake of the Isles your church home if you are not presently a member elsewhere. As stated above, we believe that faith and regular participation in the life of the church are important assets to a healthy and lasting marriage. We invite you to worship with us on Sunday mornings and join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service. If you are interested in church membership at Lake of the Isles, please contact the church office for information about new member classes.

## SCHEDULING YOUR WEDDING

We recommend scheduling your wedding at least six months, preferably one year in advance, due of the number of weddings performed at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church.

The church is unavailable for wedding ceremonies at certain times. These include **Holy Week**, the week before **Easter**; **Christmas, December 23-25**; **Confirmation Weekend**; and **Christmas Program** dates. Please see [loti.org Wedding Calendar](http://loti.org/Wedding_Calendar) or contact [Sandy Swan](#).

## WEDDING SERVICE CONTRACT & FEE

The **Wedding Service Fee** at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is **\$1,750**.

Additional rehearsals are **\$50 per hour**, or any portion thereof, [payable online](#) or to the Wedding Coordinator at the rehearsal.

A **50% non-refundable deposit of \$875** is required to hold your date and time on the church calendar.

Please submit your contract to using the form provided by the **Wedding Manager** or **Office Manager**.

Receipt of your deposit reserves your date and time. You may [pay online](#) or with check. You are free to choose any available date, if you need to reschedule.

The **balance of the fee, \$875**, is due two weeks prior to your wedding.

Our service contract reserves your date and provides:

- [PREPARE-ENRICH](#), (direct PE **\$35 fee**) **Premarital Preparation** facilitated by Pastor Arden Haug
- **One-hour** Music Consultation or Rehearsal with Independent Musician
- **Five Hours** Church Use for Rehearsal & Ceremony
- Pastor Arden Haug Officiating
- Wedding Manager Planning
- Wedding Coordinator Assisting for Rehearsal & Service
- Music Director Dr. Kris Rizzotto as Organist/Pianist for Service
- Janitorial Services, (cleaning) Before & After the Service
- Sanctuary Use for Rehearsal & Service
- Dressing Room
- Candelabras with Stands
- Unity Candle Base

# WEDDING PLANNING

The officiating minister and the Wedding Manager consult in wedding planning. Please contact the minister at least 6 months in advance to set appointments and to arrange details.

## Pastor

Our Pastor conducts the wedding. We believe in the ecumenical support of other faith traditions and our Pastor will invite guest Pastors, clergy friends and others who are close to you to participate, at your request.

Your wedding preparation at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church includes premarital counseling. Our Pastor will guide you through a [PREPARE-ENRICH](#) assessment, which requires a **separate \$35 fee**. We encourage couples to begin this process at least three months prior to the wedding, as the assessment requires approximately three meetings. We believe that as you approach your wedding date and your focus is increasingly on wedding details, you will discover that the premarital counseling process is a meaningful way of preparing you for life after your wedding day. Completion of the PE assessment reduces the [MN marriage license](#) fee from \$115 to **\$40**.

The Pastor will also help you plan your ceremony, as well as give guidance on your service. If you have any questions about what to include in your ceremony or when to start the process, feel free to contact Sandy Swan or Pastor Haug.

## Organist

Our Organist is the preferred organ and piano accompanist for weddings at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. They will meet personally with each couple to discuss the musical and stylistic details of the wedding service, as well as provide musical recommendations.

Couples meet with the Organist within 4-6 weeks of the wedding date to:

- Preview of the order of service
- Discuss your preferred music
- Sample live performance of the chosen music, depending on sanctuary availability.

## Wedding Manager

Our Wedding Manager is responsible for helping with your arrangements as they relate to the use of space and communication with the Pastor and Organist. She also assigns your Wedding Coordinator.

The Wedding Coordinator will help oversee the rehearsal. She will also help oversee the ceremony/order of service, queue musicians, assist the wedding party, and queue the wedding party.

Couples arrange the details such as bulletins, flowers, candles, with the Wedding Manager, including your schedule for **four hours** of church use on the wedding day. Your Wedding Coordinator assists you during that time.

- The wedding party arrives **three** hours prior to the service for photos taken **before** the ceremony,
- The wedding party arrives **two** hours prior to the service for photos scheduled for **after** the ceremony.
- Additional time is \$50.00 per hour, or portion thereof, payable with your final payment or to the Wedding Coordinator at the rehearsal.



# ELEMENTS OF THE WEDDING CEREMONY

## Music

We believe that your wedding music should be both worshipful and meaningful to you, and we can accommodate a variety of musical styles. If you wish for another accompanist to play, we welcome them, and will work with you to incorporate them meaningfully in the service. We can also help arrange for additional musicians for additional fees.

## Scripture

Scripture readings provide a foundation for worship. They serve to reflect God's unbreakable covenant with us as a model for marriage. The Pastor will happily discuss them with you. We provide the following list of suggested readings for your convenience. Members of the wedding party, relatives or friends may read. Alternatively, you may ask the Pastor to read them. We recommend that you choose up to three different readings for your marriage service, drawing from both the Old and New Testaments.

### ***Old Testament Psalms***

[\*Psalms 33\*](#)

[\*Psalms 34\*](#)

[\*Psalms 37\*](#)

[\*Psalms 100\*](#)

[\*Psalms 103\*](#)

[\*Psalms 117\*](#)

[\*Psalms 127\*](#)

[\*Psalms 128\*](#)

[\*Psalms 136\*](#)

[\*Psalms 145\*](#)

[\*Psalms 150\*](#)

### ***Other Old Testament Readings***

[\*Genesis 1:26-31\*](#)

[\*Genesis 2:18-24\*](#)

[\*Song of Solomon 2:10-13\*](#)

[\*Song of Solomon 8:6-7\*](#)

[\*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8\*](#)

[\*Isaiah 63:7-9\*](#)

[\*Isaiah 54:5-8\*](#)

[\*Jeremiah 31:31-34\*](#)

[\*Hosea 2:16-20\*](#)

### ***New Testament Gospels***

[\*Matthew 5:13-16\*](#)

[\*Matthew 19:4-6\*](#)

[\*Mark 10:6-9\*](#)

[\*Mark 12:28-31\*](#)

[\*John 2:1-11\*](#)

[\*John 15:9-17\*](#)

### ***Other New Testament Readings***

[\*Romans 8:31-39\*](#)

[\*Romans 12:1-2\*](#)

[\*I Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13\*](#)

[\*Philippians 4:4-7\*](#)

[\*Ephesians 5:21-33\*](#)

[\*I John 4:7-12\*](#)

[\*Revelation 19:1, 5-9a\*](#)

[\*Colossians 3:12-17\*](#)

## **Vows**

Some couples choose to write their own vows. It can be especially meaningful if the promises you make to each other emerge from your experiences with each other and out of your commitments to each other. If you would like to write your own vows, contact the Pastor for guidance. The Pastor will review prewritten vows with you if you choose them, instead.

## **Holy Communion**

The most traditional symbol of the wedding day is Holy Communion. We practice open communion at Lake of the Isles. All wedding guests are welcome to receive the elements of bread and wine.

## **Unity Candle**

Many couples include a unity candle in their ceremony. This element involves three candles. Two are lit before the service. During the service each partner takes one of the burning candles, and together they light the third candle as a symbol of their new unity.

Couples provide the candles which fit a marble base provided by the church. The unity candle is a 3” wide and 10” tall pillar. The others are 8” tapers. All three are either white or ivory in color. Purchase the candles at a church supply store, bridal shop, or other candle retailer.





# WEDDING CEREMONY ORDER OF SERVICE

The wedding ceremony is a service to worship God, who has called the couple together. It is a celebration of union in which we seek Christ's blessing. This special **Worship Service** may have contemporary, traditional or blended elements. Suggestions for the order of worship are:

Candles are lit approx. 30 minutes before guests arrive

Guests are seated

Prelude

Grandparents and/or special guests are seated

Groom's parents are seated

Bride's mother is seated

Processional

Bridal Party

Aisle cloth/runner is extended if one is used

Bride and Father/Escort(s)

Welcome

Invocation and Prayer

Scripture Readings

Homily

Solo/Duet/Instrumental

Introduction to Vows

Vows

Blessing and Exchange of Rings

Pronouncement of Marriage and Blessings

Lighting of the Unity Candle

Solo/Duet/Instrumental

Prayers

Holy Communion, if desired

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Presentation of the Couple

Recessional

Postlude

Receiving Line in Narthex or at Reception Site

# WEDDING REHEARSAL

Weddings typically require a rehearsal to acquaint those involved with the order of service and to facilitate full participation.

Couples schedule the wedding rehearsal with the church for the evening prior to the wedding for about **30 minutes**.

Consider that heavy traffic and on-street parking can be factors in timely arrival.

## **Those who attend the rehearsal:**

- Bridal party
- Ushers
- Parents
- Individuals who will participate
- Pastor Arden Haug
- Guest Pastors are welcome, but are not required.
- Wedding Coordinator

## **Bring to the rehearsal:**

- **Marriage license**
  - **Required for you to be legally married.**
  - A license must be obtained at least **five days** but not more than **six months** prior to the date of the wedding in Minnesota.
  - To eliminate the risk of misplacement on your wedding day, please bring the entire license package to the rehearsal, including the return envelope.
  - The Pastor and wedding party complete the license before the marriage ceremony begins.
- Three copies of your bulletin.
- Your chosen vows
- Unity candle and tapers.

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Air Conditioning

Our sanctuary has central air conditioning. The Christy Room (room in which the bridal party dresses) has a window unit. Please set it to medium or lower, to avoid power outage.

### Aisle Runner

An aisle runner is an optional item, obtained from florist or bridal shop. 100-foot is the required size.

### Bulletins

Wedding service bulletins help your guests follow the service. They are often kept as mementos and sent to friends and relatives who are not in attendance. The Wedding Manager and the church office have examples from past weddings. Couples provide a basket for bulletins, if desired.

### Candles

The church uses four candles, one on each side of the altar, and two on the altar. For weddings two seven-candle brass candelabras, are also available.

### Capacity

Our church maximum capacity is 200, but are currently **limited to 50**, as designated by [LOTI Covid-19 In-person Worship Protocol](#). We have thirteen pews on each side of the aisle. The first pews are reserved for family of the bride and groom.



## Decorations

The seasons of the church year determine the color of the altar, pulpit, and lectern paraments. Please inquire as to the color the paraments on your wedding day.

We provide the following decorating elements:

- Unity candle marble base
- Two seven-candle brass candelabras
- Two brass stands for floral arrangements
- Protective clothes and drip trays are available for flowers or plants placed on the altar. (Required to protect the altar clothes.) Consult your Wedding Coordinator.

Please follow these decorating specifications:

- Use plastic clips, ribbons or rubber bands to attach decorations to the pews.
- Aisle candelabras inhibit movement, especially if more than two individuals from the wedding party will walk in together.
- The Pastor must authorize any rearrangement of chancel furniture.
- We do not allow the use of adhesives on any surfaces, including heavy tape or duct tape.
- We do not allow any material that could mar, scratch or otherwise damage church furnishings, including wire that lacks protective covering.
- We do not allow dropping flower petals inside the church.
- It is the responsibility of the couple and/or their florist to remove all decoration from the church immediately after the ceremony. If items are left behind and removed by staff, the couple will be charged **\$50.00 per hour** or any portion thereof and billed accordingly. (see Photography and Videography p13)

## **Limousines & Cars**

If you will have a limousine and/or special car for the wedding party and need to reserve parking in front of the church, please provide small signs.

## **Livestream Video**

We have the capacity to livestream your ceremony, if desired. Please discuss the option with Pastor or Wedding Manager.

## **Maps**

We recommend providing a map or a map [link](#) with your wedding invitation, as well as a reminder to your guests that the church has only on-street parking.

## **Music**

We play and perform live music for wedding ceremonies. For specific requests or questions regarding music selections, please contact the Music Director or Wedding Manager.

## **Refreshments**

You may bring light snacks and refreshments on the day of the ceremony. You may keep them in the Fellowship Hall, the Christy Room, or the Library.

- We prefer that alcoholic beverages only be served after the wedding.
- We do not allow food or beverages in the Sanctuary.
- We do not allow smoking in the church.

## **Ushers**

We recommend that you appoint two ushers for every 50 guests you expect at your wedding service. Your ushers should be available to seat guests 30 minutes prior to the service. Ushers may serve as acolytes and perform other tasks such as placing the aisle runner and dismissing your guests.

## **Wedding Party**

We advise a maximum of seven attendants per side. We recommend a personal attendant to assist with last minute needs before, during & after the ceremony.

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY POLICIES

**Please provide a copy of the following policies to your photographer or videographer prior to the day of the ceremony.**

Videos are acceptable if the cameras and operators are unobtrusive.

We permit flash photography during the processional and recessional, but not during the ceremony.

Photographers may use the center aisle during the processional and/or recessional, but not during the ceremony.

Photographers may stand in an empty pew behind all guests, if one is available.

Photographers must avoid the organ and altar areas.

We allow a tripod in the balcony.

Fire Codes do not allow tripods in the center aisle or side aisles.

Please keep movement to a minimum to avoid inadvertent noise.

The church opens **three** hours prior to the ceremony for photos scheduled prior to the service.

Photographers must clear equipment from the sanctuary at least **30 minutes** before the ceremony begins.

The church opens **two** hours prior for services with photos scheduled afterward.

Please finalize your photo timing with the Wedding Manager.

**Additional time is \$50 per hour, or portion thereof, for any interior photography that extends past 4-hour period on the wedding day. This includes packing equipment and vacating the building.**

We close the church building after you exit, but you may continue to use exterior church grounds.



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