

MARRIAGE INFORMATION FOR BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please Print complete and return to the Pastor and keep a copy for your Marriage License application

ITEM	GROOM			BRIDE		
FULL NAME						
ADDRESS (at time of wedding)						
ADDRESS (current)						
PHONE						
CELL						
EMAIL						
DATE OF BIRTH						
PLACE OF BIRTH						
RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION						
(please circle	Never married	Divorced	Widower	Never married	Divorced	Widower
FULL NAME of FATHER						
FATHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH						
please circle	Deceased	Divorced	Remarried to	Deceased	Divorced	Remarried to
FULL MAIDEN NAME of MOTHER						
MOTHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH						
please circle	Deceased	Divorced	Remarried to	Deceased	Divorced	Remarried to
BEST MAN/MAID OF HONOR NAME						
ADDRESS						
number of groom's/bride's men/maids						

MARRIAGE CEREMONY INFORMATION	
TIME & DATE OF MARRIAGE:	
LOCATION OF MARRIAGE	
TIME & DATE OF REHEARSAL:	
HOLY COMMUNION	
HALL REQUIRED	IF YES, SEPARATE RENTAL FORM IS REQUIRED
NOS. of GUESTS	
1st SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	
READER	
2nd SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	
READER	
OTHER READINGS (Must be approved)	
READER	
PRAYER READERS	
ORGANIST	
MUSICIANS	
SINGERS	
HYMN SELECTION	
SPECIAL MUSIC (Must be approved)	
WILL YOU WRITE YOUR OWN VOWS? (Must be approved)	

RESPONSIBILITIES of BRIDE & GROOM

1. Purchase Marriage License (from any City Hall in Ontario) within three months of the wedding date and no later than three weeks before.
2. Submit the license to the church office as soon as available.
3. Prepare ceremony bulletin (worship guide).
4. Purchase, deliver & place flowers and removal afterwards.
5. Purchase & place candles for any candle ceremony/ritual during ceremony and removal of candles afterwards.
6. Decorations (pew bows, decorative pen, etc.) and removal afterwards.
7. Payment of honorarium/fee to pastor, organist, soloist, caretaker on or before rehearsal time.
8. Arrangements with organist, soloist(s) and other musicians.

SAMPLE WEDDING CEREMONY

Lighting of Family Candles

Entrance

Procession

Greeting

Declaration of Intent (Couple & Family & Assembly)

Parental Affirmation

Prayer for the Day

Hymn Readings

Sermon

Hymn

Vows

Blessing & Giving of Rings

Lighting of Unity Candle

Acclamation

Signing of the Register/Special Music

Marriage Blessing

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (Communion)

Blessing of the Assembly Announcing the Married Couple Recession – Exit

Wedding Hymn Suggestions

Lutheran Book of Worship

Bow Down Your Ear, Almighty Lord 286

Hear Us Now, Our God & Father 288

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 315

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 551

For the Beauty of the Earth 561

O Perfect Love 287

Heavenly Father, Hear Our Prayer 289

May God Bestow on Us His Grace 335

Let All Things Now Living 557

Wedding Hymn Suggestions (cont)

With One Voice

Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading 687

When Love is Found 749

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry 770

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 721

As Man and Woman We Were Made 751

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:26-28 Woman and man created in the image of God
Genesis 2:18-24 Companionship rather than loneliness
Proverbs 3:3-6 Loyalty and faithfulness written on the heart
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one
Song of Solomon 2:10-13 The voice of the beloved
Song of Solomon 8:6-7 Many waters cannot quench love
Isaiah 63:7-9 God's steadfast love lifts up the people
Jeremiah 31:31-34 The new covenant of the people of God

PSALMS

Psalms 67 May God be merciful to us and bless us
Psalm 100 We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture
Psalm 117 The steadfast love of the Lord
Psalm 121 The Lord keeps watch over you
Psalm 127 Unless the Lord builds the house
Psalm 128 Blessed are those who walk in the Lord's ways
Psalm 150 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 If God is for us, who is against us
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 A living sacrifice and genuine love
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 The greatest gift is love
Ephesians 3:14-19 The breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love
Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33 Walk in love, as Christ loved us/
Roman Household
Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always
Colossians 3:12-17 Clothed in compassion, kindness, meekness and patience
1 John 3:18-24 Let us love in truth and action
1 John 4:7-16 Let us love one another for love is of God

GOSPELS

Matthew 5:1-10 The beatitudes

Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light, let your light shine

Matthew 7:21, 24-29 A wise person builds upon the rock

Matthew 19:3-6 What God has united must not be divided

Matthew 22:35-40 Love, the greatest commandment

Mark 10:6-9 They are no longer two but one

John 2:1-11 The wedding at Cana

John 15:9-17 Love one another as I have loved you

SAMPLE VOWS

In the presence of God and this community, I, *name*, take you, *name*, to be my wife/husband; 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.

I take you, *name*, to be my wife/husband 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.

I, *name*, give myself to you, *name*. By the grace of God, I promise to support and care for you. In the love of Christ, I promise to love and cherish you. With the Spirit's help, I promise to be faithful to you, as long as we both shall live.

I take you, *name*, to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be faithful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will share my life with you, through the best and the worst of all that is to come, until death parts us.

In the presence of God, our family and friends, I offer you my solemn vow to be your faithful partner in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, and in joy as well as in sorrow. I promise to love you unconditionally, to support you in your goals, to honour and respect you, to laugh with you and cry with you, and to cherish you for as long as we both shall live.

I take you *name* to be my wife/husband 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 us do part.

I, *name*, take you *name*, to be my husband / wife, my constant friend, my faithful partner and my love from this day forward.

Exchange of Rings:

Name, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

Alternate Exchange of Rings:

Name, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honour you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.