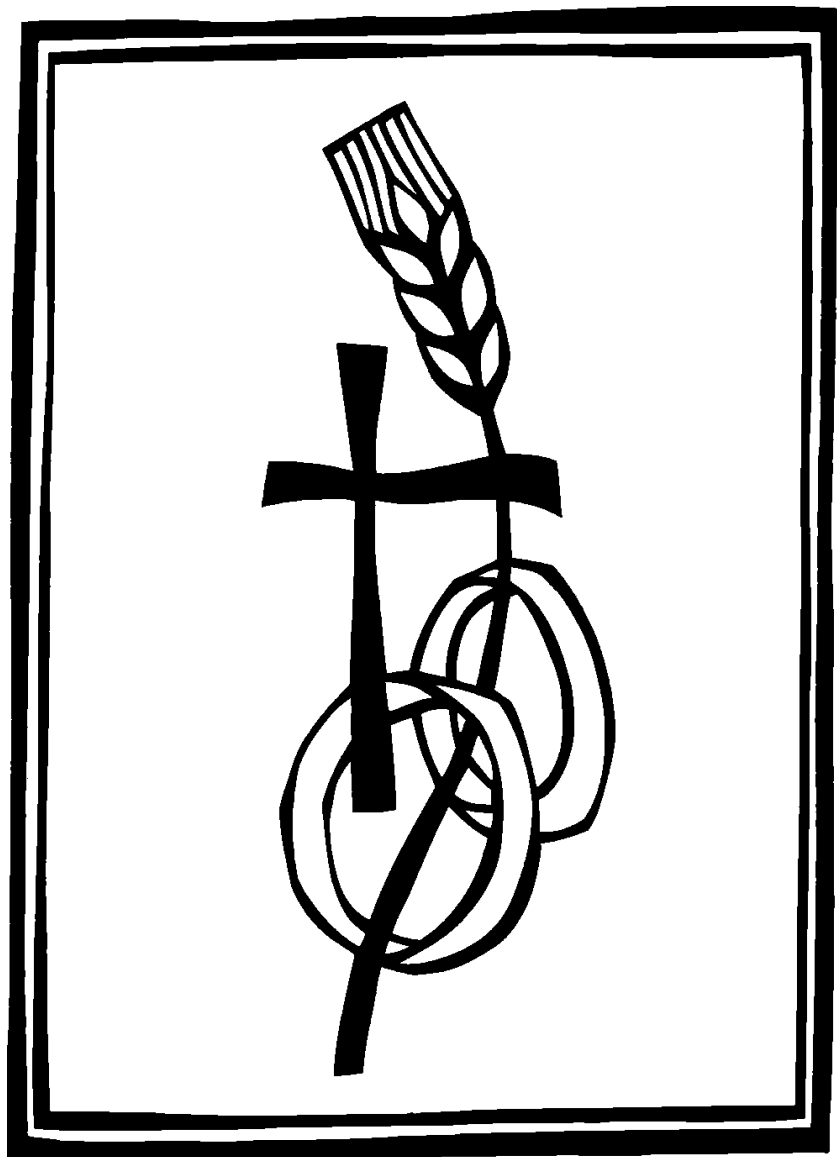


Your Wedding Day



Canton Lutheran Church

The First Few Steps - Reservations

The following arrangements should be completed before making further plans for the wedding.

The Pastor

The first step in having a wedding is to contact Pastor Tony and see; 1) if he is available on your desired date; and 2) whether he is willing to perform the ceremony. Because of a busy schedule, it is very seldom that Pastor Tony is available to do weddings for people who are not members of the congregation or who are very inactive members. You may contact Pastor Tony by calling the church offices at (605) 764-2429 or e-mailing him at tony@cantonlutheran.net. If Pastor Tony is available to do your wedding, the next step is then to reserve either the sanctuary or the chapel.

☐ Pastor Tony is available & has agreed to perform our wedding

Place

Our main Sanctuary accommodates up to 300 guests comfortably on the main floor. Additional seating (200+) is available in the balcony.

The Bethlehem Chapel is available for smaller groups and more informal ceremonies. The chapel can accommodate up to 60 guests.

Fee to have a wedding in the sanctuary is \$300 and in the chapel, the fee is \$75.

Ceremony Location: ☐ Sanctuary ☐ Chapel

The Date and Time

Our office secretary is familiar with the calendar of events. She can tell you if your preferred date is available. Get your reservation in as far in advance of the date as possible. Weddings held in the Sanctuary on Saturdays must begin no later than 4:00 pm if there is Saturday evening worship that day. The chapel is not available late Saturday afternoons when there is worship that evening. A wedding date and time will be reserved only when the required deposit is received in the church office and after you have confirmed the date and time with the officiating pastor.

The Rehearsal

If the wedding party has more than a few participants, a rehearsal is generally helpful. Rehearsals, which take about an hour and are usually held the day before the wedding. Rehearsals are led by CLC's Wedding Coordinator, Jeanie Jacobsen. All participants in the service—bride, groom, bridesmaids and groomsmen, ushers, flower girls, ring bearers, musicians, and parents—should be at the rehearsal, when details are discussed and the wedding party will walk through the ceremony from beginning to end.

Organist or Pianist

The Canton Lutheran pipe organ, Opus VIII, was built by John F. Nordlie and must be played by someone who has been trained to play a pipe organ. CLC's head organist is Paul Konietzko. We also have two additional organists on staff if he is unavailable. Once your wedding is reserved, Paul should be contacted so that he may schedule himself or another of our organists to play at your service. Paul can be contacted at paul@cantonlutheran.net. If one of our organists is not available or you would like to have a guest organist, Paul will provide permission and if necessary, any needed training.

Canton Lutheran organists charge \$150 to play for a wedding.

Pre-Marriage Preparation

Pre-marriage counseling is an important process for couples engaged to be married. Many couples are hesitant to engage in this important work thinking that they know everything there is to know about one another and that there is nothing to be learned or gained from the process. Yet, long-time married couples will tell us that the work of discovering your mate and growing in love is something that happens throughout life. There is no more important time to strengthen and work on a couple's relationship than during the time they are engaged. It is important that the secondary work of preparing for a wedding not take priority over the much more important work of preparing for a marriage.

Couples getting married at Canton Lutheran are asked to participate in one of the Pre-Marital Preparation Workshops held

monthly at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD and conducted by Dr. Mark Britzman and Sela Nagelhout,BSN, MS, NCC. The program cost is \$225 if pre-registered and \$250 if paid on-site. In addition to the 5 hour Saturday workshop, this program also includes an individual couple follow-up session with a summary disseminated to you and to Pastor Tony as he prepares for your wedding sermon. The schedule of the workshops and a map to Our Savior's can be found at Dr. Britzman's website: www.pursuingthegoodlife.com

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Planning the Service

Wedding Coordinator

You will meet with Jeanie Jacobsen, our wedding coordinator, to plan and discuss the details of your wedding service. Jeanie can be reached at jjjacobsen@iw.net or by calling her cell at (605) 254-5129.

You are encouraged to personalize your wedding service. However, you should recognize that because the wedding ceremony is set within the context of Christian worship, what is done at the service must be appropriate to a worship service and in keeping with the church's understanding of marriage.

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The Order of Service

The customary order for the wedding service is:

Prelude

Optional - Seating of Honored Guests*

Optional - Lighting of Candles*

Processional

Invocation and Opening Prayer

Declaration of Intent

Optional – special music or congregational hymn

Scripture Reading*

Wedding Message

Exchange of Marriage Vows and Rings

Optional - Lighting of Unity Candle*

Optional – special music with lighting of Unity Candle

Wedding Prayer and Blessing

Declaration of Marriage

Presentation of Couple

Recessional

Postlude

* places where musical selections could be included

Music

Because the wedding service is a service of worship, the music you select should contribute to the spirit of worship. It should express God's love and your response in praise and thanksgiving. We also invite you to consider congregational singing so that your family and friends can actively participate in this joyous occasion. Depending on the time of year, a hymn fitting the season of the church year can also be used. Our Canton Lutheran organist can assist you in the selection of music.

Suggestions for Preludes, Processionals, Recessionals, and Postludes

- *Air from Water Music*, Handel
- *Air from Suite in D*, Bach
- *Aria-Bist Du Bei Mir (If Thou Are With Me)*, Stolzel
- *Aria in F Major*, Handel (P)
- *Angel Eyes*, Brickman
- *Canon in D*, Pachelbel (P)
- *Fanfare and Trumpeting* (R)
- *Festal March*, Handel (P)
- *Hornpipe*, Handel
- *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, Bach (P)
- *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*, Beethoven (R)
- *Largo*, Vivaldi (P)
- *March Nuptiale*, Haydn
- *Prince of Denmark's March*, Clarke
- *Psalm XIX(The Heavens Declare)*, Marcello (R)
- *Rejoice This Day* (R)
- *Spring "Four Seasons"*, Vivaldi
- *The Bridal Chorus*
- *Toccata in C*, Bach (R)
- *Trumpet Tune*, Clarke

- *Trumpet Tune*, Purcell (P)
- *Trumpet Voluntary*, Purcell (R)
- *Wedding March*, Wagner
- *Wedding March*, Mendellsohn (P)
- *Wedding Processional*
- *With Trumpets and Horn*, Handel

Our Musical Selections

Processional: _____

Solos/Duets (if desired): _____

Congregational Hymn (if desired): _____

Recessional: _____

Other Instruments or groups: _____

Additional Notes: _____

Suggested Scripture Readings

We believe that a wedding service should reflect the love and faithfulness that God has revealed to us in his Word and in Jesus Christ, our Savior. You are encouraged to select Scripture readings to be read during the service which express the themes you want to emphasize and that reflect the importance of God in the couple's relationship. Two or three passages are typically used but the choice is up to the couple in consultation with the officiating pastor.

From the *Old Testament*:

Ruth 1:16-17 (NRSV)

¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NRSV)

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Tobit 8:5b-8 (NRSV)

"Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors, and blessed is your name in all generations forever. Let the heavens and the whole

creation bless you forever. ⁶ You made Adam, and for him you made his wife Eve as a helper and support. From the two of them the human race has sprung. You said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make a helper for him like himself.' ⁷ I now am taking this kinswoman of mine, not because of lust, but with sincerity. Grant that she and I may find mercy and that we may grow old together." ⁸ And they both said, "Amen, Amen."

Genesis 1:26-31	Male and female created by God
Genesis 2:18-24	God's purpose in creating man and woman
Proverbs 3:3-6	Let love and faithfulness never leave you
Song of Solomon 2: 10-14	Love in the spring
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	Unquenchable love
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	A time for every matter under heaven
Isaiah 43:1-4	God keeps and protects
Isaiah 62:5	God rejoices over bride and groom
Isaiah 63:7-9	The steadfast love of God
Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Jeremiah 32: 38-41	God's faithfulness

Psalms: 19, 23, 33, 67, 100, 117, 121, 127, 128, 136, 145, 148, 150

From the *New Testament*:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your

hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NRSV)

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	Nothing can separate us from God's love
Romans 12:1-2 (9-18)	A living offering
Ephesians 1:16-19	That God may give you a spirit of wisdom
Ephesians 3:16-19	That Christ may dwell in your hearts
Ephesians 5:1-2	Be imitators
Ephesians 5:21-33	Marriage and the church
Philippians 1:9-11	That your love may overflow
Philippians 2:1-5	Share a Christ-like love
Colossians 2:6-7	Build your lives on Christ
1 Peter 2:4-6	Jesus as the cornerstone
1 John 3:18-24	Love in action
1 John 4:7-12	God's love is perfected in us
1 John 4:16-21	We love because God first loved us
1 John 5:1-5	The victory that conquers the world

From the *Gospels*

Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Mark 10:6-9 (NRSV)

⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him,

"Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 15:9-10 (NRSV)

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Matthew 7:24-29	Build your house on the rock of God
Matthew 19:4-6	Faithfulness in marriage
Luke 16:1-8a	Parable of the dishonest manager
John 2:1-10	Jesus at the wedding in Cana
John 13:33-35	Disciples are known by their love
John 17:20-26	Request that love be made known

You may choose to have family or friends participate in the service by reading one or more of the scripture lessons or Pastor Tony is also willing to read the lessons during the ceremony

Wedding Vows

Below are the two options for wedding vows presented in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. You may choose which one you would prefer to use or you can write your own vows. Vows should be carefully chosen as these are the promises of marriage that you make to one another. One very meaningful option we would encourage is the memorization of vows.

1. 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.
2. 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.

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Additional Details

Decorations

While we want to encourage you to be as creative as you like in making the wedding space beautiful for your event, we would also remind couples that the sanctuary is a holy worship space already filled with much beauty and meaningful worship symbols. As you plan modifications we ask that you do so respectfully and in conjunction with the wedding coordinator and pastor. The following notes may be helpful:

- The color of the paraments (the hangings on the altar) are determined by the church-year calendar and are not changed for weddings.
- The communion rail is not able to be moved.
- The pulpit will be moved off to the side.
- We have available for your use the following:
 - Unity candle stand
 - Wedding candelabra (2) (nominal charge)
 - Flower stands of varying heights (6)
 - Gift table inside the southeast entrance door
 - Guest book table also at the southeast door
- Floral decorations are not necessary, but if desired, can be provided by the couple.
- For fire safety, only votive candles may be used in the windows and candelabra.
- Flower arrangements may be attached with ribbon to the pew ends. Do not use wire or tape.

- Setting up and removing rented equipment from the sanctuary is the responsibility of the couple.
- All decorations should be removed **immediately** after the service so that preparations can be made for upcoming worship services.

Bulletins

It is helpful, but not necessary to have a printed bulletin to inform guests of the order of service and the names of the participants in the wedding party. The wedding coordinator may have samples for you and an order of service is printed elsewhere in this booklet. You should discuss the bulletin with the pastor or wedding coordinator, but you are responsible for designing and printing the worship bulletin if you would like to have one at your wedding.

Dressing Rooms

Cost for dressing rooms is included in the building use fee.

- The bride and her attendants usually dress in the library.
- The groom and his attendants dress in the youth room.

Unity Candle

Many couples choose to include the lighting of a unity candle to symbolize the joining of two into one. We have a unity candle stand available for your use. The couple generally furnishes the candles. At the appointed time in the service, parents or other significant persons in your lives may light your individual candles from the Christ candle and hand them to you or you may light them yourselves. Then the two of you will light the large unity candle from your two smaller candles.

Pictures & Video Taping

Many couples contract with a professional photographer to photograph or videotape the ceremony. Although we would prefer to have no pictures during the ceremony under very limited circumstances, we may permit pictures to be taken during the service as long as the photographer does not disturb the sense of worship (**also, no flash!**). In addition, the photographer is not allowed to take pictures of the processional or recessional pieces of the worship service by standing in the aisles.

Video equipment may be placed in the back or side of the sanctuary or balcony.

We recommend that formal pictures be taken before or after the wedding ceremony. Please allow adequate time for your photographs to avoid any delay with your ceremony.

Ushers, Acolytes, and Guest Book

A minimum of two ushers (four works even better) is recommended to seat guests as they arrive, light the candles, and seat the honored guests at the beginning of the ceremony. Ushers should attend the rehearsal.

If you are having acolytes light the candles instead of ushers, we recommend they be at least 12 years old or 54" tall.

Sound

We will provide a trained person to run the sound board. If you wish to use recorded music or have unique amplification requirements for your wedding, speak with the wedding coordinator so that arrangements can be made. If you are using a CD, clear and concise instructions should be written out and given to the sound person along with the CD. It is recommended that soloists practice with our sound equipment before or after the rehearsal.

The License

South Dakota law requires couples to secure a license to marry. It can be secured at any Register of Deeds Office in the State. Both individuals must be present with valid Driver's Licenses and Social Security numbers. The license to marry is valid for 20 days. **The license must be brought to the church office at least two full working days before the ceremony.** The license will be signed by your witnesses and the pastor after the wedding.

Conduct of Guests & Participants

As the wedding is set within the context of worship, participants and guest should conduct themselves accordingly.

- **The use of alcoholic beverages on or near church property is prohibited.**
- Our building is smoke free.
- No food or beverage should be consumed in the sanctuary or chapel.
- Should you choose to provide guests a trinket to remember the day, bells are fun and can be rung as the couple leaves the church or at the reception to request that the couple kiss. If you choose something to shower on the newlyweds, it must be **bird seed or bubbles** and should only be given to guests when they leave the church. No bird seed should be thrown or bubbles blown inside the church buildings. Rice, confetti, etc. should not be used on church property. Balloon bouquets are not allowed in the church.

Reception

Receptions can be scheduled in the Fellowship Hall located in the church basement or in the Library. The Fellowship Hall can comfortably accommodate 200 guests plus a head table and the Library can seat 40. Don Pottratz, our church custodian will assist you with any arrangements for a reception at Canton Lutheran.

Canton Lutheran Church does not offer any catering services for weddings. Receptions held at the church must be provided or catered by the wedding party and their families.

Fees and deposit

Care has been taken to insure that costs are kept to a minimum for you. At the same time, fees cover the basic expenses incurred by the church, such as custodial fee, sound technician, set-up and take-down in both the sanctuary and dressing rooms. Members are given discounts of approximately 50% for building use.

A deposit of half of the total fee is required to secure the wedding date on the church calendar. Deposits will be refunded if a wedding is cancelled more than 120 days prior to the scheduled wedding. If cancelled within 120 days of the wedding, the deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the Senior Pastor.

The deposit must be paid in order to reserve the church and date. **The remaining balance and other fees must be paid, in cash or separate checks made out to the appropriate person a minimum of 30 days in advance of the wedding date.**

Building Use Fees:

Ceremony in Sanctuary-includes custodial fee and wedding coordinator fee	\$300
Wedding candelabras (includes oil)	\$ 10
Ceremony in Chapel-includes building use and custodial fee	\$ 75
Reception in Fellowship Hall	\$175
Reception in Library	\$ 50

Additional Fees:

Clergy Stipend (paid directly to pastor)	Suggested gift \$100-200
CLC Organist (paid directly to organist)	\$150

Other fees or gifts for musicians should be determined at the couple's discretion and given directly to these people by the couple.

Thank you!

We consider it an honor to assist you in preparing for this milestone in your life. We believe in the sanctity and importance of marriage, as well as the importance of supporting you, not only on your wedding day, but throughout your married life.

We pray that your wedding day, and the part we play in it, will be a joyful experience for you. We will appreciate any feedback you are willing to share with us, so that we can continue to make Canton Lutheran a wonderful place for couples to prepare for marriage, to be married, and to be supported in their life together.

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