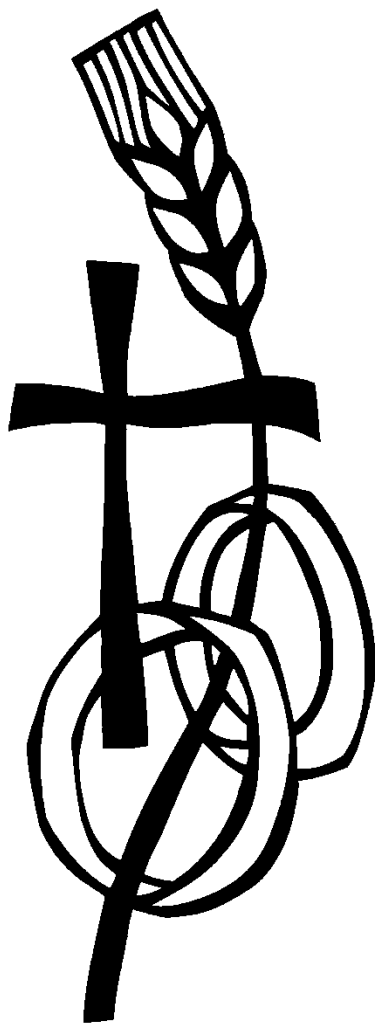


Your Wedding Day



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 Tim and see; (1) if he is available on your desired date; and (2) whether he is willing to perform the ceremony. You may contact Pastor Tim by calling the church offices at (605) 764-2429 or e-mailing him at pastortim@cantonlutheran.net. If Pastor Tim is available to do your wedding, the next step is then to reserve either the sanctuary or the chapel.

☐ Pastor Tim is available and 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 before 4:00 pm or after 6:30 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 (contact information on pg. 6). 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 meet with Pastor Tim Thies.

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.

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 organists will assist you in the selection of music.

Vocal solos or duets

Some examples of appropriate vocal solos or duets include:

- *If You Could See what I See*, Moore/Chapman
- *In This Very Room*, Harris
- *In Your Power*
- *I've Thought It Through*
- *I've Waited a Lifetime*
- *Make Us One*
- *Make Us One, Father*, Johnson
- *Morning Has Broken*
- *Nature of Love*
- *Perfect Love*, White
- *Ode to Joy*, Beethoven
- *On Eagle's Wings*, Joncas
- *Only God Could Love You More*, Borop/Lilies
- *Only the Beginning*
- *Our Sacred Pledge*
- *Parent's Prayer*, Davis
- *Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us*
- *Song of Community*
- *The Father Says "I Do"*
- *The Gift of Love*, White
- *The Lord's Prayer*, Malotte
- *The Rose*, McBroom
- *There is Love*
- *This Day*

- *This is Where the Candle Glows*, Koch/Wilcox
- *Time for Joy*
- *To Me*, David/Reid
- *Today We Pledge*
- *Together*
- *Two Candles*, Salsbury
- *You Decorated My Life*
- *You Needed Me*, Goodrum
- *We Are One*
- *Wedding Song (There is Love)*, Stukey
- *Wedding Prayer*, version by Rice or version by Ault
- *What a Difference You Have Made in My Life*
- *Wind Beneath My Wings*
- *When Love is Found*, Hopson

Preludes, Processionals (P), Recessionals (R), 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

Your Musical Choices

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. One, two, or three passages, with or without a psalm, are appropriate. If you would like, we have binders with these readings printed out, that you can borrow from the church offices.

From the Old Testament:

Genesis 1:26-31	Male and female created by God
Genesis 2:18-24	God's purpose in creating man and woman
Ruth 1: 16-17	Committed love described
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
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	A cord of three is stronger than two
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
Tobit 8:4-8	A prayer for God's blessings

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

From the New Testament:

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	Nothing can separate us from God's love
Romans 12:1-2 (9-18)	A living offering
1 Corinthians 13	Love is the greatest gift of God
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
Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice always
Colossians 2:6-7	Build your lives on Christ
Colossians 3:12-17	Live in love and thanksgiving
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	You are the light of the world
Matthew 7:24-29	Build your house on the rock of God
Matthew 19:4-6	Faithfulness in marriage
Mark 10:6-9	Male and female we are created
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 15:9-12 (13-17)	Love one another
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 Frank 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.

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, would 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 a classroom.

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

Many couples contract with a professional photographer to photograph or videotape the ceremony. Flash photography is permitted only during the processional and recessional. Pictures may be taken at any time during the service as long as the photographer does not disturb the wedding service (**no flash!**). Video equipment may be placed in the back or side of the sanctuary or balcony.

We recommend that formal pictures be taken before the wedding ceremony. Please allow adequate time for your photographs (3-4 hours before wedding) to avoid any delay with your ceremony.

Ushers, Acolytes, and Guest Book

A minimum of four ushers is recommended to seat guests as they arrive, light the candles, and seat the honored guests at the beginning of the ceremony. More may be needed if you will have in excess of 150 guests. They will receive instructions at 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.

If you are anticipating a large number of guests it is advisable to have individual guest book sheets so that there is less bottleneck at the guest book table.

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. Instructions need to be written out and given to the sound person along with the CD. It is recommended that soloists practice with our sound equipment ahead of time.

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.

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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Additional Notes

