



WEDDINGS AT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Congratulations! Now that you have made the decision to become married and are considering being married at Christ the King, we would like to share some ways to help you plan for a wonderful wedding, celebrating your life together for years to come.

PREPARATION

Please be sure to clear the date chosen for your wedding with the church office.

Couples have two sessions with the pastor and a planning session with the organist. The purpose of the sessions is to look at the marriage as a continuing relationship that requires close communication, careful planning, and deep commitment to each other and to look at the logistics of the service.

The pastor of Christ the King will officiate at all weddings. Please let the pastor know at the first session if you would like him to attend the rehearsal dinner or wedding reception. The pastor is not always able to attend these celebrations but if invited he will make every effort possible to be present. Where it is the wish of the bride or groom to invite other clergy to participate in the ceremony, they should make this known to the officiating pastor who will then extend the invitation to the guest clergy.

The bride and groom are responsible for the purchase and printing of bulletins if they are desired. The order of service is both traditional and flexible, so that it may be adapted for a variety of situations and will be discussed at the second session with the pastor. A sample outline is at the bottom of this page.

Christ the King's organist normally plays for all weddings. When other music or musicians are desired, arrangements shall be made in consultation with the organist.

Normally the rehearsal is held the night before the wedding. Actual time and arrangements for the rehearsal should be made with the pastor at the first counseling session. Please urge participants to be there on time.

PICTURE TAKING AND VIDEO

The official wedding photographer should speak with the pastor before the wedding service. Please notify the pastor if he is to be in any pictures. The discreet use of a video camera is permitted. This person should speak with the pastor before the wedding service.

FEES

The typical wedding preparation and ceremony at Christ the King includes the three sessions, a rehearsal, and a ceremony in the sanctuary with the pastor and organist from Christ the King. Additional time is also required of the custodian to clean the sanctuary and other areas of the church used by the wedding party. A deposit of \$100 will secure the church for the date you have chosen for the wedding ceremony. The remainder needs to be received at the church office one month before the wedding date.

If you wish to have your reception at the church, please contact the church office for the guidelines and additional fees.

IN CONCLUSION

Your decision about getting married is one of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime. It will be a privilege to assist you in making plans for a beautiful wedding and your life together. Christ the King is deeply committed to assisting all persons who marry in helping them to see marriage as a lifelong relationship.

Sample Service Outline

Prelude
Seating of the family
Processional
Invocation
Prayer for the couple
Readings
Message
The Vows and Exchanging of the Rings
Lighting of the Unity Candle
Blessing of the Couple
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Recessional