



A Guide for Planning Wedding Ceremonies



Trindle Spring Lutheran Church

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FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Trindle Spring Lutheran Members,

On behalf of the congregation and staff of Trindle Spring Lutheran, congratulations on your engagement. This is a wonderful commitment that you will make to one another, and we want to do anything we can to help you prepare for the day of your wedding, but more importantly, for a lifetime together. The information included in this booklet is to help you through the process of planning your wedding service.

Seeking God's blessing and help in your marriage from the first day is a very faithful first step. To begin your relationship on the foundation of God is the best way to start, and it is our hope that you will continue to grow in your relationship with one another and with God throughout your life together. To help begin this process a pastor will meet with you as a couple at least 3 times for preparation. Thank you for making Trindle Spring Lutheran Church a part of your marriage.

For questions about planning a wedding service please contact the church office at 717-766-7091 and we will be glad to help with any questions or arrangements.

Peace,

Pastor Aaron

Pastor Aaron Erdley

Lead Pastor



BEFORE THE WEDDING

As a congregation we want to support the marriages that take place here at TSLC. So, in order to have a wedding here you need to be a member of our faith community.

Scheduling a wedding at TSLC

To schedule a wedding please contact the church office and a pastor will contact you to confirm the date and time of the ceremony. Coordination of schedules has to happen due to the number of activities going on at the church. The sanctuary seats 300 people.

Flowers

With flowers, sometimes less is more. It is a worship service, and so the flowers should not become the focus. Also, if pew bows or flowers are used, they should not be attached with anything that could damage the pews.

Photographers/Videographer

Photographers/Videographers will be instructed not to take flash photos during the service, and are to remain behind the first pew in the sanctuary. They should not be a distraction to the worship service. Any pictures before the service should be finished 30 minutes prior.

Children in the Wedding Party

Children who are important to you are welcome to participate in the wedding. Just know that children can be unpredictable. If you will be upset if they don't do things correctly then you may want to reconsider their role. Otherwise, they are welcome to participate.

Fees

The fee for weddings at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church is as follows; and should be paid no later than the wedding rehearsal.

Pastor

Organist

Cleaning fees

Marriage License

The marriage license should be brought to the church early the week of the wedding to ensure that everything gets filled out correctly.



Guest Book

We encourage you to have a wedding book that is loose leaf style, so that pages can be set out in a several places for people to sign. This prevents a bottleneck as we try to begin the service.

Additional expectations

- No smoking in the building
- No drinking on the church property
- No cloth runners and flower petals in the sanctuary.
- No rice or bird seed outside the building.
- Areas used for the wedding should be left neat and clean

PLANNING A WEDDING CEREMONY

The Order of Service

The specifics of a wedding service will be discussed with the officiating pastor, the general order of the service is listed below.

- Musical Prelude
- Seating of Family
- Procession
- Greeting and Prayer
- The Readings
- The Homily
- The Exchange of Vows
- The Giving of Rings
- Acclamation
- The Marriage Blessing
- The Prayers
- The Lord's Prayer
- Holy Communion (optional)
- The Final Blessing
- Introduction of the Couple
- Recessional

*This service is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Scripture Readings

We are rooted and grounded in scripture. It is where we hear God's instructions on how we are to live. It is also where we hear God's promises of life and resurrection. In selecting scripture verses, be creative. Below are a few suggestions should you need them.

- Genesis 1:26-31
Created in God's image...
- Ruth 1:16-17
Where you go I will go...
- Song of Solomon 2:10-13
Arise my love...
- Song of Solomon 8:6-7
Many waters cannot quench love...
- Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
To everything there is a season...
- Romans 12:1-13
Do not be conformed to this world...
- I Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Love is patient, love is kind...
- Ephesians 3:14-21
Being rooted and grounded in love...
- Ephesians 5:21-33
Be subject to one another out of love...
- Colossians 3:12-17
Clothe yourselves with compassion...
- I John 4:7-12
God is love...
- Matthew 22:35-38
Love the Lord your God with all your heart...
- John 2:1-10
Jesus at the wedding in Cana...
- John 15:9-17
Love one another as I have loved you...
- Psalm 139
There your hand shall lead me...
- Psalm 67
Make his face shine on us...



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Music is an important part of worship at Trindle Spring Lutheran. The music should reflect the tastes of the couple as well as the spirit of a sacred service. TSLC's organist will generally play for the service and coordinate any soloist or special music. If he is unavailable to play, he will find a substitute.

For the prelude, bridal procession, and the recessional there are many options for music. Below are a few suggested pieces that may be used:

- *Trumpet Voluntary in D Major* by Purcell/Clarke
- *Trumpet Tune in D Major* by Purcell/Clarke
- *Psalm XIX* by B. Marcello
- *Hymn to Joy* by Beethoven
- *Canon in D* by J. Pachelbel
- *Trumpet Voluntary* by John Stanley
- *With Trumpets and Horns (Allegro Maesto)* by Handel
- *Te Deum* by Marc Antoine Charpentier
- *Air from Water Music* by G.F. Handel
- *Rondeau* by J. Mouret
- *My Faithful Heart Sing Praise* by J.S. Bach



Vows

The promises that you make to one another before God, and your friends and family are words that you intend to live by. With that in mind you are welcome to write your own vows, making sure that the pastor has a copy before the rehearsal, or you can choose from two of the options below.

1. I take you _____ 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, _____, take you, _____, 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.

Giving of the Rings

1. _____, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.
2. _____, I give you this ring as a symbol of my vow. With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

NOTES

NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM _____

Wedding Date: _____ Time: _____

Number of Attendants on each side: _____

Rehearsal Date: _____ Time: _____

How would you like to be introduced:

Location:
____ TSLC Sanctuary
____ Other Location

Vows:
____ Writing our own
____ #1
____ #2

Holy Communion:
____ Yes ____ No

Giving of the rings
____ #1
____ #2

of Bulletins _____
Printed at Church? ____ Yes ____ No

How would you like to process in?
____ By couples
____ Bridesmaids individually

Hymns or Special Music:

What time would you like the church open
on the day of the wedding? _____

Scripture Readings:

Contact Information:
Groom _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone # _____

Readers:

Bride _____
Address _____
Email _____
Phone # _____

Lord's Prayer:
____ Traditional
____ Contemporary