



Components of a Wedding Service

Bulletin Suggestions

Some people you may wish to include the following lists in their wedding bulletin. It is helpful for both the pastor and wedding coordinator to have a copy of this list.

Officiating Pastor _____
Parents of the Bride _____
Parents of the Groom _____
Grandparents of the Bride _____
Grandparents of the Groom _____
Maid/Matron of Honor _____
Best Man _____
Bridesmaids _____
Groomsmen _____
Ushers _____
Flower Girl _____
Ring Bearer _____
Personal Attendant _____
Scripture Readers _____
Vocalist _____
Musicians _____
Bride and Groom's "Thank You" to Friends and Family _____

Wedding Service Example

The Marriage Celebration Uniting
&
(month, day, year)
(time)

Peace Lutheran Church
New London, Minnesota

Prelude

Processional _____

Greeting and Prayer

Scripture Readings _____

Music _____

Exchange of Vows

Exchange of Rings

Lighting of the Unity Candle

(or other Unity Ceremony)

Music _____

The Wedding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Presentation _____

Recessional _____

Postlude (if desired an invitation to the reception or instructions on the receiving line)

Congregational Hymns

You may choose to have the congregation sing a hymn together; this can be very meaningful and moving. We suggest two or three congregational hymns or songs. Please print the words to the hymn in your wedding bulletin. Below are some ideas from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal:

All Are Welcome - 641
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song - 808
Beautiful Savior - 838
Our Father, by Whose Name - 640
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - 807
Sent Forth by God's Blessing - 547
Hear Us Now, Our God and Father - 585
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant - 659
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus - 802
Be Thou My Vision - 793
O God beyond All Praise - 880
Borning Cry - 732

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us - 789
Go, My Children with My Blessing - 543
Will You Come and Follow Me - 798
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - 836
Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue - 644
Now Thank We All Our God - 840
Blest Be the Tie That Binds - 656
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - 858
For the Beauty of the Earth - 879
This is a Day, Lord, Gladly Awaited - 586
How Firm a Foundation - 796

Understanding the Components of the Service

The Recessional

The Recessional will be played as the bridal party exits the Sanctuary and these pieces are joyous and festive.

The Postlude

This music is played as your guests leave. It is not necessary to list the titles of the Postlude pieces, although that remains an option. Please discuss your preferences with the musician.

Prelude Music

This music is performed as your guests are being seated. Normally starting about ten minutes prior to your ceremony, the music selections are generally chosen by the musician and wedding couple. It is not necessary to list the titles of the prelude music, although you may have that option if you choose. Depending upon your individual tastes, it is possible to include several instrumental solos (violin, trumpet, flute, oboe, etc.) at this time.

The Processional

The Processional will be performed as your bridal party enters the Sanctuary. Couples frequently choose two pieces—one for the bridal group and one for the entrance of the bride. When selecting processional music keep in mind the style, flavor, and mood you want to create with your selections. One of the best ways to share your suggestions is to find your intended number on YouTube.

Solo Vocal Music

Solos are usually performed in a variety of places within the wedding ceremony. Solos need to reflect the presence of God and normally directly relate to and support the worship service. The following is a list of suggested places for solos:

1. At the conclusion of the Prelude (just before the Processional)
2. Immediately following the Processional
3. Immediately following the Greeting/Opening Prayer
4. Following the Reading of Scripture
5. Following the Message
6. During the Lighting of the Unity Candle
7. During the “Prayer” section of the service

The Wedding Coordinator

All weddings at Peace Lutheran will work with our wedding coordinator. Our Wedding Committee Chair will assign you your wedding coordinator and have them call you. If you have not heard from a wedding coordinator, please contact the church office (320) 354-2774.

The Rehearsal

The rehearsal is important and everyone in the wedding party should attend. The presiding pastor will conduct this event with the help of the wedding coordinator. Rehearsals, usually held the day before the wedding, take approximately one hour and must begin and end on time. A rehearsal time will be arranged with the church office staff at the same time the wedding is scheduled.

Musicians

The wedding is a worship service. Music should reflect the praise of God, the steadfast love of Christ, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit. It should be of high quality setting a tone for a Christian marriage. It may be instrumental or vocal. It may be sung as a solo, duet, small ensemble, full choir, or congregational hymn. Our Minister of Music, looks forward to helping you select music for your special day. Some secular music may be suitable, but there is much wonderful sacred music available. If you are not sure if something would work, please do talk to the pastor officiating your wedding. Please remember while Peace wants your wedding to be

tailored to your tastes and styles, your musician and the pastors have the final say on all musical selections. The church will need a list of music no later than a month before your wedding.