

Service of Marriage



Calvary Lutheran Church_{ELCA}

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APPROPRIATE WEDDING PROCESSIONALS

- ◆ *Canon in D* - Pachelbel
- ◆ *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* - Bach
- ◆ *Trumpet Tune* - Purcell
- ◆ *Ode to Joy* - Beethoven
- ◆ *Water Music* - Handel
- ◆ *Trumpet Voluntary* - Purcell

You may suggest other music to the Music Coordinator Kent Paulsen or ask for additional recommendations.

APPROPRIATE VOCAL MUSIC & HYMNS

Please discuss appropriate vocal music and hymns with Music Coordinator Kent Paulsen.

Rehearsal: Please be ready to begin the rehearsal on time. The entire wedding party should arrive at least 15 minutes early. If someone from the party can't be there on time, please ask someone to be ready to stand in and relay information back to the person absent from the rehearsal. The pastor allows 45 minutes for a rehearsal and expects to be finished in that time. If you think your rehearsal will take longer, please contact the pastor at least two weeks prior to the rehearsal date so he can schedule additional time.

Runners: Our insurance policy prohibits the use of a runner in the aisle.

Please inform your wedding party and guests your wedding is a time of reverence. No alcohol is permitted on the church premises. If anyone in the wedding party is intoxicated, the wedding will be postponed or cancelled. (Please observe the same for the rehearsal.)

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

- ◆ Psalms: 33, 100, 117, 127, 128, 136, 150
- ◆ Genesis 1:26-31, 2:18-24
- ◆ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- ◆ Song of Solomon 2:10-13
- ◆ Isaiah 63:7-9
- ◆ Matthew 19:4-6
- ◆ John 2:1-10, 15:9-12
- ◆ Romans 12:1-2
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13
- ◆ Ephesians 5:21-33
- ◆ Colossians 3:12-15

You may choose other favorite passages as well.

Marriage

Marriage is a gift of God intended for the joy and mutual strength of those who enter it, and for the well-being of the whole human family. God created us and blessed humankind with the gifts of companionship, the capacity to love, and the care and nurture of children. Jesus affirmed the covenant of marriage and revealed God's own self-giving love on the cross. The Holy Spirit helps those who are united in marriage to be living signs of God's grace, love and faithfulness.

Marriage is also a human estate with vows publicly witnessed. The church in worship surrounds these promises with the gathering of God's people, the witness of the Word of God, and prayers of blessings and intercession.

At Calvary, the *Service of Marriage*, a worship service, is a Christian celebration of God's goodness and of the commitment you are about to make to one another.

FEES

There is no facility-use fee for Calvary members. For non-members, the charge is \$250. A deposit of \$100, at the time of scheduling your wedding with the pastor, will guarantee your date and time. This is refundable up to 30 days prior to the scheduled date. Other fees include:

- Pastor - \$175
- Organist Kent Paulsen - \$175
(may be more if extra rehearsals or music is required)
- Custodian Kent Paulsen - \$40
- Candelabras - \$15 (if used)
- Vocalist (if provided by Calvary) - See Music Coordinator Kent Paulsen

Checks should be made out to the individuals providing the service, or to Calvary Lutheran if it's for items used. Please pay any and all fees one week prior to the time of your rehearsal. Thank you.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT

Pastor: **Calvary Lutheran Church Pastor**
(920) 494-2431

Please call the pastor and make an appointment to discuss the date and time of the wedding, and to talk about premarital counseling. We suggest you begin this process at least six months before the wedding date. We highly recommend taking a relationship assessment, *Prepare/Enrich*, which offers insight into strengths and growth areas of your relationship. The cost of this is \$35 which includes three premarital counseling sessions. At least one premarital counseling session is required.

Music Coordinator: **Kent Paulsen**
kent@calvarygb.com, or
text 920-412-0391

If you use our facility Kent will be your pianist/organist unless he is unavailable or approves another musician. Please clear all music selections with him. It is advised to contact Kent at least three months prior to the wedding, if possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bubbles: Bubbles are permitted for the receiving line but nothing may be thrown (including rice or bird seed).

Candles: If you use our four, seven-branch candelabras please purchase *dripless* candles (7/8" x 8" or 11"). Bring these to the rehearsal.

Changes or Cancellations: Occasionally people cancel their wedding without notifying us. Because we have set aside a particular time for you, we ask you let us know as soon as there are any changes to your schedule. Once a wedding has been scheduled, it is your responsibility to set up an appointment for premarital counseling.

Decorations: Calvary follows the color themes of the liturgical church year, and the color of the altar and pulpit paraments (cloths) will be determined by the season. During some seasons there may be other liturgical decorations in the Sanctuary. Please feel free to ask the pastor what colors are going to be in the church at the time of your wedding. You may want to double-check a couple of weeks before the wedding to see if there are any last-minute additions to our decor. Please be aware that on some days we have as many as three weddings scheduled. If there is another wedding scheduled before or after your wedding, you may have time limitations for setting up or taking down your personal decorations. Please check with the pastor if you have questions on this.

Marriage License: Please bring your marriage license to the Church at least **three working days** before the rehearsal.

Photographs: You may use the Lounge, Chapel, Multi-Purpose Room, or our outdoor Prayer Garden (if applicable) for photos either before or after the wedding if they are available. If we have other weddings scheduled that day, the time may be limited. Photographers should discuss their role with the pastor who will be performing the ceremony. Video and non-flash photography are permissible during the service, but please, no flash photography after the processional until after the blessing.

Printed Programs: Calvary does not provide printed wedding programs. The pastor will be happy to help you plan your own.