

Altar flowers, if desired, are to be live, floral arrangements. If you choose to leave the flowers at the church for use at the worship services, an announcement for the church bulletin is appropriate. We suggest the labeling of boutonnieres and corsages to whom they belong, as is the use of wrist corsages.

Throwing of rice and birdseed, flower petals, or confetti is prohibited. For liability purposes, "sparklers" and the use of a crash (aisle runner) are also prohibited.

The use of alcohol in, on, and around church property is strictly prohibited.

Dresses and tuxedos may not be brought to the church prior to the day of the wedding.

UNITY CANDLE

Unity candles are acceptable, but no other forms of unity symbolism (sand, joined crosses, etc.) are permitted in the sanctuary.

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT PERMITTED DURING THE CEREMONY.

Photos of the wedding party may be taken during the procession. Videotaping is permitted from the balcony or a stationary, unattended camera in the choir loft.

All photographers are expected to meet with the Wedding Ministry Assistant prior to the wedding ceremony and must adhere to all specifications and policies.

REHEARSALS

The time of your wedding rehearsal will be arranged in consultation with the Pastor. It is imperative for everyone to be on time for the rehearsal. Proper attire (no ball caps or sunglasses) and conduct are required.

DECORATING

Pew bows are acceptable decorations. Attaching them to the pews is the sole responsibility of the bridal couple. The use of tape, glue, tacks, nails, or any other permanent method is strictly prohibited.

FEE SCHEDULE

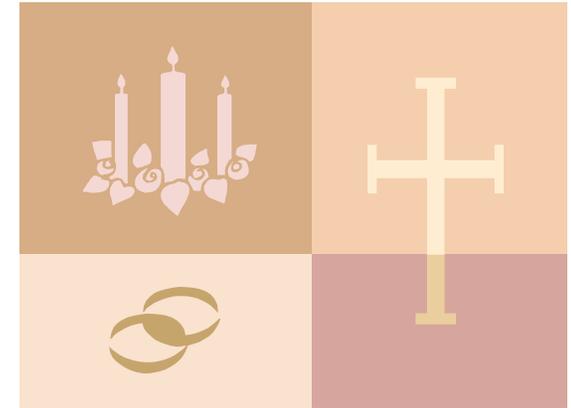
Clergy	\$ 100
Organist	\$ 125
Sexton	\$ 40
Wedding Ministry Assistants	No fee
Facility:	
Trinity Member	No fee
Non-Member	\$ 600*

With the exception of the non-member reservation deposit, fees are to be paid in full two weeks prior to the wedding day and separate checks are to be made payable directly to the Clergy, Organist, Sexton, and, if applicable, Trinity Lutheran Church.

WEDDINGS

at

TRINITY



Congratulations On Your Decision To Be Married

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This is an exciting time in your life. As you approach your marriage, you will have many things that will need to be done. With all of the details that are a part of your preparation, none is more important than your arrangements with the church where you will make your promises and ask for God's blessing on your life together.

The marriage of Christians is a covenant relationship based upon love and fidelity. With God as the source of our love, it is important that we see His role in your life together. The wedding promises that you make before God are your pledge to each other that you will be faithful to one another as long as you live. It is a challenging and serious promise that requires the greatest faith and maturity to keep. Be assured that the pastors and the church wish to help you as fully as possible in the making and the keeping of those vows.

Please read this guide carefully and use it as an aid in the planning of your wedding.

***We wish you a lifetime of
happiness blessed by the Lord!***

PREPARATION

Those who plan to be married must contact the church office as early as possible. You will meet with a Pastor, at least twice, to discuss the nature of marriage, your life together, and the marriage service. You will also meet with a Wedding Ministry Assistant to decide on the details of the ceremony. Keep in mind the latest time for a wedding is 3:00 pm and you must vacate the sanctuary by 4:30 pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DATE AND TIME OF THE WEDDING SHOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE FIRST CONSULTATION WITH A PASTOR AND NO ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL THAT TIME. SOME DATE EXCLUSIONS MAY APPLY.

*Non-members are required to make a non-refundable deposit of \$300 (of the \$600 fee) to reserve the date on the church calendar.

Together with the Pastor, you will select scripture readings and vows, as well as discuss your decision to include the Sacrament of Holy Communion in your ceremony. The marriage service of the church is an order of worship and in all ways ought to be an expression of faith and devotion to God.

MUSIC

All music shall be selected in consultation with the Director of Music who will meet with you to discuss possibilities for organ and vocal music. Wherever used in the service, and whatever instruments or voices are used, the chosen music should: (1) Be an expression of the Christian faith, directed to God as the source of love and joy; (2) Be within the ability of the musicians or vocalists to perform with assurance. Music of a purely romantic (secular) nature is inappropriate for use in the church. It is expected that Trinity's Director of Music will serve as organist for all weddings.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

A sexton is required to prepare the church and is responsible for general housekeeping following the ceremony.

To assist you further, the Wedding Ministry of Trinity will help in the arrangement of the details of your wedding and will be present at both the rehearsal and the marriage ceremony.

Flower petals for use by the flower girl must be silk (artificial).