



An
Introduction
to
Wedding Planning

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Thank you for inquiring about getting married at Salem Lutheran Church, and congratulations! The commitment you make to each other is indeed a blessed one and is a commitment that the church is glad to nurture and support not only leading up to and on your wedding day, but also throughout your life together. In this document you will find general information about marriage, and many details about scheduling and planning the wedding service

The Church Wedding Service

The church wedding service is a Christian worship service celebrating God's love for and commitment to the couple, the love and commitment God has given them for each other, and the love God has for the whole world.

While many options are available to the couple to make the service rich with meaningful symbols and experiences, a few essential elements mark a wedding as a Christian wedding:

- † *Gathering in the name of God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son + and Holy Spirit;*
- † *One or more readings from the Bible;*
- † *A sermon proclaiming God's love and grace;*
- † *Vows the couple makes to each other;*
- † *Blessing of the couple;*
- † *Prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need (something the church does whenever it gathers for worship);*
- † *Benediction (ie, words of blessing at the end of the service).*

Many elements may be part of the wedding service in a variety of ways, and are not strictly defined by the church. Such details, including any of the following, should be discussed with Pastor in advance, so that we can be sure to be clear about expectations for what the service will look like. Such details include:

- † how the bridal party, family members, and couple enters and leaves the church;
- † on which side of the church the families sit;
- † other symbols or rituals of marriage that might be used (use of a unity candle, sand ceremony, etc.);
- † the use of solo, instrumental, or congregational song (music used in church services is intended to give praise to God; give expression to Christian Salem; and/or act as a sung prayer. Songs that are romantic in nature and which cannot be reasonably interpreted as sacred are not generally appropriate for church. Such music might best be shared at a wedding reception.);
- † the reading of non-Biblical texts (such as poetry);
- † the type of clothing or flowers that are used;
- † the “first kiss;”
- † Introduction of the couple; and so forth.

It is also very traditional for the wedding service to resemble a Sunday morning worship service, using the full liturgy complete with hymns and Holy Communion, Kyrie and Hymn of Praise, and so forth. The pastor(s) will work with the couple to develop a meaningful service that gives praise to God and gives expression to their love for and commitment to one another.

Many good and wonderful gestures or traditions help a couple celebrate their wedding commitments. However, not all such gestures or traditions are appropriate for the church service. As the couple decides how to celebrate their commitment to each other, they should be prepared to discern with the pastor(s) what rituals, symbols, and celebrations happen at the church wedding service, and what rituals, symbols, and celebrations take place at a wedding reception, a rehearsal dinner, and so forth. ***At all times the Pastor(s) has discretion in determining what elements are appropriate or not for a church wedding worship service.***

Officiating Pastor:

The pastor(s) of Salem Lutheran Church will officiate at all weddings at the church. If you wish to include another clergy person in the ceremony, that is certainly possible, but we ask that we discuss the details of your plans with one of our pastors, then a decision will be made to extend the invitation to the guest pastor.

If you desire the pastor to be present and have the table prayer at your reception dinner, please issue the invitation at least a month in advance.

WEDDING PREPARATION PROCESS

Accomplishing the goals of preparing for your wedding will require the following meetings. You will typically meet with the pastor 3 – 4 times prior to your wedding.

Session One – This is a time to get acquainted with the pastor who will be doing your wedding, get important information about our marriage process, go through this booklet and review the expectations for the preparation period. You'll have ample time to ask your beginning questions. We will decide together what approach you will take to prepare for your marriage and set the general schedule for future meetings.

Sessions Two & Three – These sessions will include going over the Prepare-Enrich Pre-Marital Inventory and discussing any concerns you may have as you prepare to begin your married life together. We will also work on putting together the wedding service.

Final Session– At this meeting we will finalize the plans for your wedding service. This is usually scheduled around one to three months before your wedding. Some of the details for the wedding worship service we'll be sure to cover will include, so come prepared to share:

- ❖ The scriptures you've chosen
- ❖ The vows you'd like to use
- ❖ The method you'll employ in getting the bridal party into the sanctuary
- ❖ Your musical plans
- ❖ Finalizing the time of your wedding rehearsal

Of course, we are available anytime you have questions or concerns about planning the details of your wedding. As questions arise regarding your plans – 3and they will! – please feel free to call or email us. We want to work with you to make your wedding all that you want it to be.

PREPARING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE – AS WELL AS YOUR WEDDING

PREPARE-ENRICH Pre-Martial Inventory

PREPARE is a customized couple assessment completed online that identifies a couple's strength and growth areas. The primary benefit of the PREPARE-ENRICH assessment is to help you explore the relationship strengths and growth areas you have as a couple.

Based on your assessment results, your pastor will provide 1 – 3 feedback sessions to help you understand the outcomes of the inventory and discuss what that might mean as you prepare for your marriage. The inventory will give you information about the following areas of your relationship:

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| † Communication | † Family And Friends |
| † Conflict Resolution | † Relationship Roles |
| † Partner Style & Habits | † Spiritual Beliefs |
| † Financial Management | † Marriage Expectations |
| † Leisure Activities | † Parenting Expectations |
| † Sexual Expectations | |

Cost: \$35. You pay this fee with your credit card when you complete the online inventory.

PRELIMINARIES TO THE SERVICE

You can be as involved as you'd like to be in planning your wedding service. There are a lot of decisions that need to be made! Take your time and consider them carefully. Talk together about each of the items in this manual. We pray God will bless your wedding day and hope that all who are present will find in your wedding service an opportunity to thank God for the gift of marriage.

Two Ground Rules:

1. We want your wedding to truly be a celebration of the love you feel for each other as you begin your marriage together. We want to work with you to develop a service that expresses who you are and what you want your guests to leave thinking and feeling about your marriage. One purpose of this manual is to provide you some ideas with which to start.
2. By deciding to have your wedding held in church, performed by a pastor, you have already established a foundation upon which you will need to build all the rest of wedding service plans. Remember that the service you're planning will be a worship service, which will affect and inform all the decisions you make.

PROCESSIONAL

Getting the Bridal Party into the Sanctuary

There are several ways to have the bridal party enter the sanctuary for the wedding service. You will also want to consider how you want to place your bridal party in the chancel once you get there.

1. The *TRADITIONAL* way is for the bridesmaids to process down the center aisle to meet the groomsmen, who stand just ahead of the front pew. As each couple is united, they go to take their places at the altar. Oftentimes, the groomsmen will meet his partner about midway down the aisle.
2. The other way is to enter as *COUPLES*. The women often feel more comfortable with this approach, since they don't have to walk down our long aisle by themselves. This can leave the groom standing in the front all by himself, which might prove to be uncomfortable for him.
3. You can also *MIX* these two styles: have the bridesmaids and groomsmen come in as couples and the maid of honor and bride come down alone.

What about the Bride and Groom?

Traditionally, the bride's father (or another male relative) walks her down the aisle to the waiting groom.

Before the "giving away the bride" the pastor used to ask the father/parents: "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?" This question is a throwback to a much earlier day, when women were considered to be men's property, and is no longer appropriate for a wedding service.

The primary way we will accomplish replacing this traditional method is by means of employing the "Declaration of Intention." That comes after the bride and groom have taken their places at the altar.

More and more couples are deciding to use different means to enter the sanctuary.

Some have decided to have the groom's parents escort him in, followed by the bride and her parents.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

Processional

Greeting

Declaration of Intention

Prayer of the Day

Readings

(Music Option)

Sermon

(Music Option)

Vows

Giving of Rings

Acclamation

Lighting of Unity candle/Sand Ceremony (Music Option)

Signing of the Marriage License

Marriage Blessing

(Peace)

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

(Communion)

(Prayer after Communion)

Blessing

Presentation of the Couple

Recessional

Postlude

*Items in parenthesis are optional

WEDDING LITURGY

What follows is the basic liturgy we use.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

____, will you have _____ to be your wife, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others, be Salemful to her as long as you both shall live?

Response:

I will.

____, will you have ____ to be your husband, to live together in the covenant of marriage? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, be Salemful to him as long as you both shall live?

Response:

I will.

Families, friends, and all those gathered here with ____ and ____, will you support and care for them, sustain and pray for them in times of trouble, give thanks with them in times of joy, honor the bonds of their covenant, and affirm the love of God reflected in their life together?

We will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich ____ and ____ with every good gift, that their life together may show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

We encourage you as a couple to select scriptures that help to set the tone for your wedding and your marriage. Following is a list of suggestions. You are welcome to choose from this list, or to consult with the pastor(s) about a passage you prefer.

OLD TESTAMENT:

Genesis 1:26-28	<i>Woman and Man created in the image of God</i>
Genesis 2:18-24	<i>Companionship rather than loneliness</i>
Proverbs 3:3-6	<i>Loyalty and Sincerity written on the heart</i>
Song of Solomon 2:10-13	<i>The voice of the beloved</i>
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	<i>Many waters cannot quench love</i>
Isaiah 63:7-9	<i>God's steadfast love lifts up the people</i>
Jeremiah 31:31-34	<i>The new covenant of the people of God</i>

NEW TESTAMENT:

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39	<i>If God is for us, who is against us</i>
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18	<i>A living sacrifice and genuine love</i>
I Corinthians 13:4-8a	<i>The greatest gift is love</i>
Ephesians 3:14-19	<i>The breadth, height and depth of Christ's love</i>
Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33	<i>Walk in love, as Christ loved us</i>
Philippians 4:4-9	<i>Rejoice in the Lord always</i>
Colossians 3:12-17	<i>Clothed in compassion, kindness, & patience</i>
1 John 3:18-24	<i>Let us love in truth and action</i>
1 John 4:7-16	<i>Let us love one another for love is of God</i>

GOSPEL:

Matthew 5:1-10	<i>The Beatitudes</i>
Matthew 5:14-16	<i>You are the light, let your light shine</i>
Matthew 7:21, 24-29	<i>A wise person builds upon the rock</i>
Matthew 19:3-6	<i>What God has united must not be divided</i>
Matthew 22:35-40	<i>Love, the greatest commandment</i>
Mark 10:6-9	<i>They are no longer two but one</i>
John 2:1-11	<i>The wedding at Cana</i>
John 15:9-17	<i>Love one another as I have loved you</i>

SERMON

VOWS

The vows you will make to each other express your commitment to each other. It is with these promises, made to each other before God and the assembled community, that you will pledge your love, fidelity, and lifelong commitment. Here are some suggestions. You may choose to use one of these as it is written. Or, you may write your own, using these as a starting point. The pastor(s) will help you in this process!

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 Salemful to you until death parts us.
2. I take you, _____, to be my wife/husband, and these things I promise you: I will be Salemful to you and honest with you; I will respect, trust, help, and care for you; I will share my life with you; I will forgive you as we have been forgiven; and I will try with you to better understand ourselves, the world, and God; through the best and worst of what is to come until death parts us.
3. In the presence of God and this community, I, *name*, take you, *name*, 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.
4. _____, I take you to be my wife/husband, from this time onward, to join with you and to share all that is to come, to give and to receive, to speak and to listen, to inspire and to respond; and in all circumstances of our life together be loyal to you with my whole life and with all my being until death parts us.
5. I, _____ take you, _____, to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, in comfort or difficulty, joy or sorrow, abundance or want, health or sickness, until we are parted by death. I promise you my steadfast love and Salemfulness.
6. I take you, _____, to be my wife/husband from this day forward, to join with you and share all that is to come. I promise you as much happiness as I can give, and as your husband/wife, I promise you my friendship, Salemfulness and love until death parts us.

GIVING OF RINGS

As a sign of the vows they have made to each other, the couple may give and receive rings. Normally, two rings are used. The presiding minister offers a prayer over the rings.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God of grace, for your love and faithfulness to your people. May these rings be symbols of the promise name and name have made with each other; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Name, I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.

ACCLAMATION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly and declares that the couple have joined themselves to each other as husband and wife.

Name and name, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly, have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause. A sung acclamation, hymn, or other music may follow.

UNITY CANDLE/SAND CEREMONY/ETC

Unity Candle:

There is now a well-established tradition of lighting a candle to symbolize the miraculous union that takes place in the wedding (c.f., "the two shall become one flesh" Mt 19:5). Traditionally, two tapers are used to light a larger candle.

The old tradition is that the tapers are then blown out. However, you do not cease to be individuals in marriage, but rather are united by God in a mystical union with one another, that Paul describes as being similar to that of Christ with the Church.

Sand Ceremony

Similar to the Unity Candle, a sand ceremony involves a symbolic blending of different-colored sands into a single vessel. This works especially well when children are involved, as this provides a visual symbol of the blending of the families.

SIGNING OF MARRIAGE LICENSE

Your wedding serves a dual purpose. You are married in the eyes of God and under the laws of the State. The old tradition was to sign the marriage license in the pastor's study after the wedding. However, it is now often included as part of the wedding service. This is accomplished at the altar at the same time as the unity candle is lit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers of intercession celebrate this marriage as a response to and expression of God's love for the world.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

or

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Many couples choose to include the sacrament of Holy Communion as part of their wedding ceremony. At Salem Lutheran Church, all baptized Christians who commune in their own church are welcome to partake of the sacrament. Holy Communion is never offered just for the couple or just for the wedding party.

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.
Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE COUPLE

It's my joy and privilege to introduce you to:
Mr. & Mrs. _____
OR ___ & _____

Wedding Music

Organist - Instrumentalists:

The Salem Lutheran Church organist will play for your wedding.

Often your organist can be of great help to you in planning the music you choose for your special day. You may also choose a string quartet, someone who plays the guitar, or a worship combo, depending upon your musical tastes and the tone you want to set for your celebration.

Some music may be available through our organist to use. If a particular selection is not available however, it is your responsibility to purchase and provide your organist such music at least 1 month prior to your wedding date. Music can be returned to you after the service.

The organist fee ranges **\$150 - \$200**, depending on amount of music, to be paid the day of the rehearsal. This includes: the wedding service and a maximum of two (2) hours of rehearsal. Additional hours of practice with the vocalist or instrumentalist will be a rate of \$25.00 an hour.

Soloist/Vocalists:

Since the wedding is a congregational act of worship, you might want to choose a hymn to involve your guests in the service.

Vocal Music Considerations

Couples often desire to have other music included in their wedding service. Whether offered by a soloist or a group, there are countless songs from which to choose. You can talk to your organist or instrumentalist(s) for suggestions, or decide on your vocalist(s) and ask for their suggestions.

When choosing a vocalist(s), we suggest you chose someone familiar with reading music and who has sung for weddings in the past. When choosing music, it is important to keep in mind that a wedding is a worship service. Since music selections are expected to complement the Christian tone of the ceremony, numbers from the pop charts are generally not appropriate. All music is to be selected in consultation with the pastor. **All song lyrics must be reviewed and approved by the pastor.**

Soloists and other musicians may practice before or after the rehearsal, if desired. Live music is strongly recommended for the sound quality. Due to copyright laws, **the use of prerecorded music is not allowed.** The pastor and/or organist will be involved in discussing your musical choices.

Suggested number of songs for your service may include:

- † 2-3 selections before the service - may be sung or done on piano or organ
- † Processional (s) - may be sung or done on piano or organ. You may wish to have one for the wedding party and a different piece for the bride.
- † 1-3 songs or hymns during the service - may be sung or done on the piano or organ
- † 1 recessional - may be sung or done on piano or organ

Processional and Recessional Options

- † Canon in D by Pachelbel
- † Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach
- † Bridal Chorus from Lohrengrin by Wagner
- † Trumpet Voluntary by Clarke
- † Trumpet Tune by Purcell
- † Psalm 19 by Marcello
- † Air by Bach
- † Wedding March by Mendelssohn
- † Ode to Joy by Beethoven

Solo Musical Choices

- † And On This Day
- † Blest Be the Tie that Binds
- † Borning Cry
- † Bridal Prayer
- † By My Side
- † Gather Us In
- † The Gift of Love
- † He Has Chosen You For Me
- † In This Life
- † In This Quiet Moment
- † In This Very Room
- † Let There Be Peace On Earth
- † Like A Seal on Your Heart
- † The Lord's Prayer
- † Love Grows Here
- † May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You
- † My Prayer For You
- † On Eagles Wings
- † One Bread, One Body (good for communion)
- † One Hand, One Heart
- † Parents Prayer
- † Today We Pledge
- † Wedding Prayer
- † Wedding Song
- † When Two Become One
- † When You Created Love
- † Wherever You Go

OTHER WEDDING DETAILS

The Rehearsal:

The purpose of the wedding rehearsal is to try out your plans. It is the time to make sure you and your bridal party is aware of and comfortable with the way your wedding will be performed. You and all the members of the bridal party will need to be on time and prepared to walk through the details of the wedding service. Rehearsals do not last more than an hour. If you wish extra time for decorating, etc., please make arrangements with the wedding coordinator or pastor ahead of time.

Smoking/Alcohol/Wedding Party Vehicles

Salem Lutheran is a **smoke free facility**. Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the church or near the doorways.

Be sure that members of the wedding party are aware that anyone under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to take part in the rehearsal or the wedding. **No consumption of alcohol** is allowed on the church grounds. This includes the parking lots and lawns. **If the bride, groom, and/or either of the two witnesses are intoxicated, the ceremony will not be able to take place, according to Minnesota law.**

Decorating the vehicles of the wedding party, if done, should be done in an appropriate manner, keeping in mind that this is a religious ceremony.

Rice, birdseed, and confetti are hazardous on flooring and hard to clean up, inside or out. Therefore their use is prohibited for sanctuary weddings. Contemporary alternatives include small bells, bubbles., etc. If any physical damage to the church occurs by guests or the wedding party, the couple or their parents are responsible for the cost of repairs.

Candelabra and Candles:

The church owns a pair of seven branch candelabras. These are often used on either side of the altar. We also have five pairs of wooden candles that are spaced on the pews down the center aisle.

We also have a wedding candelabra (a unity candle) if you desire this as part of your ceremony. You must furnish the wedding candle (usually a three-inch pillar candle plus the two (2) tapers). **Please buy drip less candles.** The Unity Candles should be lit once prior to the wedding, so that it will be easier to light on the wedding day.

Flowers:

Please coordinate the delivery of flowers with the time the building has been reserved for the wedding, or make special arrangements with the wedding coordinator. If any flowers are to remain for the Sunday services, please inform the church office.

Aisle Runners, Flowers and Bows:

An aisle runner, pew bouquets or bows are not provided by the church. These can be secured from your florist. **Keep in mind that using an aisle runner on our tile center aisle can be dangerous as it can slide and cause people to trip.**

Wedding Bulletins:

Wedding bulletins are a nice addition to the service. It helps inform your guests who the attendants are and permits them to follow the service more easily. Some beautiful bulletins have been designed by the bridal party themselves. Others purchase them where they buy the invitations. We can also order them from just about any of the church publishing houses. The cost usually runs from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hundred. You may print your own bulletins, or they can be printed in the church office for \$25.

Can Other Readings Be Used?

Sure! There may be other sources you'd like to consider for the inclusion of poetry, meditations, or inspiration in your ceremony. Due to the public nature of the service, however, we ask that you consult with your pastor as you consider any non-biblical readings, so that these sources reflect the Christian understanding of love and marriage.

Children Present? Involve Them!

When children are present from previous relationships, you may decide to have them fully involved in their wedding service.

Marriage License:

A marriage license must be in the hands of the pastor before they can perform the ceremony. **Please bring this to the church office before the rehearsal night or hand it to the Pastor on the night of the rehearsal.** It is the pastor's responsibility to see that it is duly registered with the Clerk of Court of Freeborn County. A license must be obtained in the county where at least one of the applicants has resided for 30 days.

Wedding Pictures:

The taking of pictures by anyone during the service except the photographer you've hired is not advisable. It is helpful to have this printed in the bulletin. Please notify your family and friends that flash pictures are not to be taken during the service. If you are having a professional photographer, please have them talk to the pastor prior to the service. Flash pictures, are permitted as the wedding party enters and leaves the nave.

The picture taking should be completed at least one-half hour before the service is to begin. Taking pictures before the service also allows you to stay with your guests following the service. Please remember that when pictures are taken in the sanctuary, before or after, this is still God's house, and excessive informality is to be avoided.

Dressing Rooms and Restrooms

Rooms will be made available for dressing. **CAUTION! DO NOT HANG ANYTHING ON THE SPRINKLER HEAD BRACKETS!** Suggestions: Bring (or have handy in the car) ironing board, dependable steam iron, distilled water, safety pins, and a sewing kit. Restrooms are located on both the main and lower levels of the building.

Lost/Stolen Items

Salem Lutheran Church is not responsible for personal items that are lost or stolen while you are in the church or on church property. While we do our best to help by locking doors, we need your help to ensure the safety of your purses, cameras, etc. Likewise, gifts that are brought to the wedding are not the responsibility of the church. Someone should be in charge of the gifts, purses and cameras at all times. Any items left at the church will be placed in the church office and may be picked up during normal office hours.

Wedding Coordinator:

Salem Lutheran Church requires the use of a wedding coordinator. The fee is \$75.00. The responsibilities of the wedding coordinator include:

- † Collect fees the night of the rehearsal (if they haven't been paid previously)
- † act as "monitor" for weddings
- † share ideas and make suggestions for processional, altar arrangements, ushers, seating, etc.
- † assist pastor during rehearsal and help instruct bridal party
- † be at wedding two hours before ceremony begins to unlock the doors and do necessary preparations (for example:; unity candle placement, candelabras in place and candles straight, set up reserved pews, assist wedding party as needed, etc.)
- † instruct ushers, hosts, servers, etc. in their duties
- † make sure church and/or necessary rooms are unlocked and locked as needed
- † Orchestrate seating of honored guests, processional, etc.
- † begin ceremony; let all parties know of time left until ceremony and finally begin processional, especially keeping in contact with organist, bride, groom, and pastor
- † Remain after the wedding until the bridal party has left
- † any other task that seems to be appropriate

Custodian:

The custodian will put up the aisle candles if so desired. They will see to it that the building is in tip top shape for the service. **There is a \$30.00 fee for their services.**

Sound Operator:

It is necessary to have a member Salem Lutheran Church operate the sound system. The Sound Operator will attend the wedding to operate the sound board and will work with any musicians on their microphone needs. We will make the assignment of who will perform this function for you from those who've been trained to do so. **There is a fee of \$30.00 for their services.** If the sound operator is required to be at the rehearsal (to work with soloists, etc.) there will be an extra fee of **\$25.**

Paying Wedding Fees:

Please plan to bring the fees to the rehearsal, if they have not already been paid. You may write one check for the full amount, made out to ***Salem Lutheran Church***, and we will reimburse the individual persons. **All fees must be received prior to the rehearsal.**

WEDDING FEES

- ____ Pastor - \$250
- ____ Organist - \$150 - \$200
- ____ Wedding Coordinator - \$75
- ____ Custodian - \$30
- ____ Sound Technician - \$30
- ____ Non-Member Fee - \$250

- _____ Total Amount Due