

## **Scripture Lessons**

Usually two scripture lessons are read during the wedding service. You may choose to have fewer or more. The following is a list of scripture passages couples frequently ask to have read. It is not meant to be exhaustive, merely to stimulate your thinking.

### **Old Testament Readings**

### **General Theme**

Genesis 1:26-31	We are created in God's image
Genesis 2:18-24	Companionship rather than loneliness
Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67	Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah
Ruth 1:16-17	"Do not press me to leave you."
Proverbs 3:3-6	Loyalty & faithfulness written on the heart
Song of Solomon 2:10-13	The voice of the beloved
Song of Solomon 5:16	What my lover is like
Song of Solomon 8:6-7	Many waters cannot quench love
Isaiah 61:10-11	I will greatly rejoice in the Lord
Isaiah 63:7-9	God's steadfast love lifts up the people
Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant of God's people
Jeremiah 32:38-41	God's faithfulness
Jeremiah 33:11	The voice of gladness

### **Psalms**

29	The greatness of God cares for us
67	May God be merciful to us and bless us
100	We are God's people and God's sheep
117	The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever
121	The Lord watches over you and keeps you.
127	The Lord builds the house and watches over us
128	Happy are they who follow God's ways
136	Give God thanks for his love endures forever
145	The Lord is gracious and merciful
150	Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

### **New Testament Letters**

Romans 31-35, 37-39	If God is for us, who is against us?
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18	A living offering and genuine love
1 Corinthians 7:1-7	Marital duties of husband and wife
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	The greatest gift is love
Ephesians 3:14-19	The greatness of Christ's love
Ephesians 5:1-2	Live in love, as Christ loved us
Colossians 3:12-17	Clothed in gifts of God
Philippians 2:5-11	Attitudes to build a marriage
Philippians 4:4-9	Rejoice in the Lord always
1 John 3:18-24	Let us love in truth and action
1 John 4:7-16	Let us love one another, for love is of God

### **The Gospels**

Matthew 5:1-10

Matthew 5:14-16

Matthew 7:24-27

Matthew 19:3-6

Matthew 22:35-40

Mark 10:6-9

John 2:1-11

John 15:9-17

John 17: 22-23

The Beatitudes

You are the light, let your light shine

Build on the rock

Faithfulness in marriage

Love, the greatest commandment

There are no longer two but one

The Wedding at Cana

Love one another as I have loved you

Christ's prayer for love and unity

You may select a reading from each category if you choose. The order of worship indicates that at least one lesson should be read. In addition to readings from the Bible, a selection from a secular source may be used if it is in harmony with the spirit of a Christian worship service and with the biblical understanding of marriage. Be especially careful with poetry. Many love poems are personal and private expressions which are not appropriate for public reading at a wedding.

### **Possible Hymns from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

308	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
312	Jesus, Come! For We Invite You
436	Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
460	Now the Silence
488, 489	Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
585	Hear Us Now, Our God and Father
586	This Is a Day, Lord, Gladly Awaited
631	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
642	Ubi caritas et amor
644	Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue
648	Beloved, God's Chosen
816	Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
836	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
839, 840	Now Thank We All Our God
879	For the Beauty of the Earth
881	Let All Things Now Living