



Scripture Readings

While there are many possible scripture passages for use in a wedding service, these are the ones that are suggested for use in Lutheran wedding services. They are given for your guidance. If you would like to choose scripture not on the list, please be sure to consult with your pastor.

When choosing scripture, follow the typical pattern found in Christian worship for the proclamation of Scripture: a lesson from the Old Testament, followed by a Psalm that reflects on that lesson. Then a lesson from the New Testament is read. Finally a lesson from one of the Gospels is read.

Scripture in a wedding functions to announce the good news of God's activity in the lives of the ones being married, the families being joined together, and the community. Appropriate Scripture selections point to God as the source and giver of love and relationships. It should announce God's care for the whole human family. The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used for the public reading of Scripture.

Old Testament

Genesis 1:26-28

Woman/Man created in God's image

Genesis 2:18-24

Companionship rather than loneliness

Proverbs 3:3-6

Loyalty/faithfulness written on the heart

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

The voice of the beloved

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

The waters can not quench love

Isaiah 63:7-9

God's steadfast love lifts up the people

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The new covenant of God's people

Psalm

33 *Rejoice and praise the Lord for all God does*

67 *May God be merciful to us and bless us.*

100 *We are God's people—the sheep of God's pasture*

117 *The steadfast love of the Lord*

121 *The Lord keeps watch over you*

127 *Unless the Lord builds the house*

128 *Blessed are those who walk in the Lord's ways*

136 *Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever*

150 *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord*

New Testament

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

God is for us, who is against us

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

A living sacrifice and genuine love

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

The greatest gift is love

Ephesians 3:14-19

The breadth, length, height, and depth of God's love

Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33

Walk in love, as Christ loved us

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always

Colossians 3:12-17

Clothed in compassion, kindness, meekness, and patience

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

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-10

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light; let your light shine

Matthew 7:21, 24-29

A wise person builds upon the rock

Matthew 19:3-6

What God has united must not be divided

Matthew 22:35-40

Love, the greatest commandment

Mark 10:6-9

They are no longer two but one

John 2:1-11

The wedding at Cana

John 15:9-17

Love one another as I have loved you