



# 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*