

The altar guild representative will familiarize you with our wedding policy and the church building, answer your questions about use of the building and unlock the building for your rehearsal and two hours prior to the ceremony, if needed.

Wedding Fees:

Members of Amazing Grace

- **Church use:** No charge for ceremony or receptions
- **Pastor;** \$200 suggested, not required, and includes four marriage preparation sessions.
- **Organist:** depends on number of rehearsals

Non-members of Amazing Grace

- **Church use:** \$300
- **Receptions:** \$40/hour + \$100 refundable damage deposit
- **Pastor:** \$300 includes four marriage preparation sessions
- **Organist:** depends on number of rehearsals

All fees should be paid at the rehearsal.

What should I do first?

1. Contact the church office (344-4317) to get the ball rolling. Our staff will confirm the availability of your selected date, the pastor, and the sanctuary for the ceremony and rehearsal.
2. From there we will schedule four marriage preparation sessions with the pastor.
3. We will also get you in contact with the church organist to pick your service music.

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You will need to apply for a marriage license from the State of Alaska's Bureau of Vital Statistics:
3601 C Street, Suite 128
Anchorage, AK 99503
269-0991
www.hss.state.ak.us
Open from 8am—4pm M-F

Marriage License Requirements

Blood Test: None
Fee: \$40 (Cash or check)
ID: Birth Certificate and valid photo ID
Waiting Period: Three days
Valid for: 90 days

**Your Wedding
at Amazing
Grace Lutheran
Church**

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Congratulations!

You have made a decision to be married and to have that marriage be performed in the church and blessed by God.

We celebrate with you as you prepare for your wedding and anticipate the promises of faithfulness you will make to one another. It is one of the most important decisions you will make in your life. We want to honor that decision by committing time with you in planning and prayer prior to the service.

Our pastor is responsible for all worship services at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. A wedding service should reflect your Christian faith and generally be led by our pastor and organist. The basic outline of the service is fairly simple. Within that framework, you may, with the help of the pastor, select several scripture readings, choose from a number of vows, and choose hymns or spiritual songs. Unity candles and other secular or family customs may also be requested at your initial visit with the pastor. Pastors, lay ministers, or friends or relatives from other congregations may take part in the leadership of the service also by request.

Helpful Information:

Photos: We recommend that professional photos be taken well before the wedding service begins and that they be finished at least 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.

Church Furnishings: Our altar guild representative will advise you as to what can be moved in the church, such as the altar, its paraments, banners, etc.

Decorations: Our altar guild representative is available to open the building two hours prior to the ceremony for decorating and deliveries. Please advise her of your decorating plans, as she may be able to help with non-marking ways to adhere bows, etc.

Rice and Birdseed: Bubbles are a great alternative as rice and birdseed are not permitted. Flower petals may be used outside the building. Please do not use glitter or confetti.

Receptions: The church facility is available for your wedding reception. Amazing Grace does not permit any alcohol consumption, including wine or champagne, in the church or on the church property.

Wedding Rehearsal: Please allow 45 minutes for the rehearsal. All members of the wedding party, including parents, ring bearer, flower girl, attendants, candle lighters, ushers, musicians, etc. should attend the rehearsal, so please keep that in mind when scheduling it. Our staff will appreciate your wedding party being on time for the rehearsal.