

Church Musician Job Description

Employer: Northlake Lutheran Church

Position: Church Musician (Organist/Pianist)

The Church Musician provides music for worship services and supports the spiritual atmosphere through skilled organ and piano performance and music leadership.

Key Responsibilities

- Perform music during worship services: Play preludes, postludes, hymns, anthems, offertories, and service music to enhance worship and congregational participation.
- Collaborate with vocalists and instrumentalists, providing accompaniment for rehearsals and performances. (This could include choir)
- Instrument maintenance: Oversee the care and upkeep of the organ and pianos
- Special services and events: Play for holidays, weddings, funerals, and other church events, sometimes requiring additional rehearsals.
- Actively seek outside musicians to support music ministry goals. Extra rehearsals as necessary to utilize those talents.
- Administrative duties: Attend staff meetings, coordinate with Pastor and Director of Worship, and manage scheduling for substitutes during absences.

Qualifications and Skills

- Proficiency in organ and piano performance and strong knowledge of music theory, with the ability to play a variety of music styles.
- Familiarity with liturgical practices and the ability to select music appropriate for worship.

- Ability to interpret and convey the emotional content of music to support the spiritual atmosphere.
- Strong collaboration and leadership skills for working with singers, musicians, and church staff.

Additional Considerations

The Church Musician plays a central role in the spiritual life of the congregation, contributing to worship, outreach, and community events. Equal opportunity employment is standard, with churches valuing diversity and inclusion in hiring.

This role combines musical expertise, spiritual sensitivity, and leadership, making the church musician a vital contributor to the worship experience and overall music ministry.

Time Requirements

Worship: 2 hours each Sunday from 9:30am – 11:30am (10:00am service)

Special Services: Advent, Christmas, and Lent Typically 1 1/2 hours

Memorials and Weddings: Times may vary

Compensation

Compensation is negotiable.

(For reference it would be in the 150.00 per Worship Service range)