

Part-Time Organist/Accompanist

Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton, MN

Position Description

The primary role of the Organist/Accompanist at Christ the King is to support and encourage congregational song in worship on Sunday mornings. This position also includes providing organ and piano accompaniment for the Sanctuary Choir, for additional vocal and instrumental ensembles, and for soloists. Rehearsals with ensembles and soloists regularly happen on Wednesday evenings from September thru May (0.375 FTE ~ 15 hrs/wk), and additional playing opportunities for funerals and weddings are contracted throughout the year. During the summer months of June thru August, the hours of this position are 0.25 FTE ~ 10 hrs/wk.

Working Relationships

- The Organist/Accompanist reports directly to the Director of Worship and Music and works closely with the Choral Director and alongside the pastors, other staff members, and volunteers.
- Though the Organist/Accompanist's role can be very specific, the work is accomplished as part of a larger team in collaboration with volunteer musicians and other members of Christ the King staff.

Key Responsibilities

- Confidently lead congregational song from both the organ and piano and provide accompaniment that is sensitive to and supports the variety of gifts and musicianship skill found within the congregation.
- In collaboration with Pastors and Music Staff, seek creative ways to consider and encourage congregational participation in every piece of music.
- Be the primary curator and performer of keyboard music for prelude, postlude, and other musical offerings for Sunday worship as well as for additional seasonal events (e.g. Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Midweek Advent Vespers).
- Provide music and accompaniment for funerals, weddings, and other services as scheduled.
- Be present for and contribute to all-staff meetings and worship planning meetings as scheduled.
- Maintain the tuning and good working condition of organ and pianos.

Desired Skills

- Ability to accompany choirs, soloists and ensembles on both organ and piano with musical sensitivity and confidence.
- Professional work ethic and a positive attitude.
- Willingness to reach outside of previous experience and comfort level for the sake of deepening congregational participation.
- Ability to communicate honestly and effectively in working with pastors, church staff, and church members.

Preferred Qualifications and Experience

- Bachelor's Degree in piano or organ performance, or equivalent experience.
- 5 years previous experience working or volunteering in a faith-based setting.

Compensation

- Commensurate with experience, salaried.
- Additional compensation available for weddings and funerals as scheduled.

Mission Statement

- Guided by the Gospel, it is the mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church to make disciples for Jesus Christ by inviting and welcoming all to serve God and God's people by joining in: gathering for worship and fellowship; growing in faith and understanding; giving of ourselves and our resources.

To apply, email Nate Crary, Director of Worship and Music: nate@lifeatctk.org