

Organist/Choir Accompanist Job Description
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
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Position Purpose

The Organist provides musical leadership to the worship services by using keyboards to lift the congregation in music for the glory and praise of God.

Duties and Responsibilities

Subject to review and adjustment in conjunction with the Board of Elders, Pastor and Director of Music, the major responsibilities of the Organist are:

1. Select and provide organ and/or piano music for all worship services which involves choosing appropriate music reflecting the liturgical season and designated Scripture.
2. Work cooperatively with the Pastor to choose hymns if needed.
3. Accompany the Adult Choir at one mid-week rehearsal and scheduled worship services working cooperatively with the director of the choir. Also includes accompaniment of choirs for annual Christmas Concert.
4. Accompany and rehearse with soloists, ensembles or bell choir on occasion.
5. Provide organ and or piano music for all weddings and funerals held at the church, consulting with wedding couples or families if requested. For these services the organist will receive an additional fee paid directly to organist from bride and groom, family or funeral home. The services of another organist may be used with the permission of the regular organist.
6. The organist shall adequately rehearse in order to deliver the expected quality of the musical performance.
7. Attend periodic worship planning meetings as requested.
8. Maintain organ and piano and notify Director of Music of any maintenance needed.

Skills and Qualifications

1. Knowledge of the instrument and keyboard ability sufficient to play hymns, liturgy and easy anthem accompaniments at sight.
2. Ability to sing and play with accurate pitch and rhythm.
3. Knowledge of the Lutheran worship tradition and liturgies and a theological understanding of the church sufficient to select appropriate music for worship.
4. Ability to work well with staff, other musicians and volunteers.

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