**Organist/Accompanist Position Description**

**Ascension Lutheran Church, 2505 N. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO**

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The goal of the Organist/Accompanist is to enhance Ascension’s worship through high quality accompanying and leading of music. This is a part time position with weekly hours varying throughout the church year. Salary dependent on experience. The Organist/Accompanist is under the supervision of the Pastors and works in collaboration with the Board of Worship and the Music Director.

**General Qualities:**

* Has an understanding and appreciation for Lutheran tradition and worship
* Functions and communicates well in a team oriented staff
* Encouraging and supportive of volunteers of all skill levels
* Reliable, prompt, and prepared
* Receptive to feedback
* Arranges for a qualified substitute when unable to play.

**Musical Qualities**

* Highly proficient in playing the piano and organ.
* Proficient at sight-reading hymns, choral scores, and piano scores.
* Able to play from chords or lead sheets.
* Sensitive and flexible in adapting to the style of the musical piece and the interpretation of the performer(s).

**Organist Responsibilities:**

* Play the organ for the liturgy, hymns, prelude, postlude, and offering for Sunday Worship, Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Wednesday Lenten Worship and Thanksgiving Worship services. The organist will be given first opportunity to play for other occasional services such as weddings and funerals.
* Competence in playing the organ including skills at using keyboards, pedals, stops, electronics and all aspects of the instrument.
* Sensitivity to playing the instrument to enhance worship in relationship to timing, speed, and dynamics.
* Collaborating with Pastors and Director of Music and Worship in planning music and liturgy.
* Schedule maintenance of the organ and piano and alert the board of worship with any concerns for the instruments.

**Accompanist Responsibilities:**

* Accompany choir rehearsals. Rehearsals are 90 minutes and normally occur weekly during the school year. The date/time has shifted during the pandemic.
* Accompany choir performances for Sunday Worship Services and special services including Cantatas, Christmas Eve Services, and Holy Week Services.
* Run through pieces with choir at the warm-up before each service.
* Rehearse and perform at worship for other special music requiring keyboard support. Offer at least one rehearsal time for each special music piece.
* Practice and prepare music ahead of each rehearsal and performance to reach a high level of musicianship.
* Run sectionals as needed.
* Collaborate with music director in planning music.