

Keyboard Accompanist

Job Description:

Trinity Lutheran Church of Rolling Meadows is seeking an electronic keyboard musician to accompany Trinity's vocalist and congregation for worship services. This position will require participation for two to three hours at Trinity's worship services, typically on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m., with rehearsal prior to the service at 8:30 a.m. The accompanist will also be needed at Holiday Worship events: (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day).

Trinity utilizes both traditional hymns from Lutheran hymnals as well as music from more contemporary Christian music sources. The accompanist serves under the direction of our Music Director/Vocalist who values a collaborative style working relationship.

The accompanist must be reasonably responsive to logistical communications outside the worship setting, will be able to notify in advance if they are unable to play a specific date, and will be responsible for finding a suitable substitute for themselves.

Compensation is \$145 per call and may be adjusted based on qualifications and experience.

Qualifications:

- Proficient reading of traditional sheet music, including four-part harmony and liturgical settings.
- Ability to read and elaborate on chord charts and lead sheets for contemporary music: carrying the melody with a solid harmonic and rhythmic foundation.
- Excellent sight-reading skills for both of the above.
- The ability to adapt and improvise during the worship service is a plus.
- Understanding of phrasing and appropriate organ style for traditional pieces, which are typically played on an electronic keyboard. The ability to play a church organ is desirable, but not required.
- Excellent lyrical interpretation of liturgical melodies.
- Stylistic flexibility to interpret varying types of contemporary pieces.
- Collaborative attitude when rehearsing, offering ideas and suggestions to help realize the structure given by the music director.
- Strong communication and listening skills.
- Positive attitude and takes feedback and constructive criticism well.
- Must be prompt, professional, dependable, dressed appropriately, and respectful of the worship setting.
- Able to rehearse in an efficient manner and adjust on the spot.

To apply, submit your resume and a cover letter to ChurchOffice@tlcrm.com or mail to 3201 Meadow Drive, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008-2728.