

Lord of Life Pianist

Position Description – April 2021

POSITION: Pianist

REPORT TO: Pastor

RELATE TO: The Church Council; Support Staff;
The Worship & Music Ministry Team; AV Ministry Team

PURPOSE: To collaborate with the Pastor on selection of music for worship; to accompany and lead music for services; to serve with volunteer instrumentalists and vocalists; incorporating a range of sacred music, including, though not limited to, both contemporary and traditional music, and providing leadership to volunteers involved in this ministry.

HOURS: Average 5 hours/week

COMPENSATION: There are two different types of compensation. The primary compensation is for the part-time Pianist position; based on experience and qualifications. The secondary compensation is for services such as, weddings and funerals, as requested.

COMPONENTS, OR SCOPE, OF THE POSITION: The Pianist shall:

- Support the vision, mission, ministry, and core values of the church.
- Provide piano accompaniment for worship, incorporating other instruments as desired.
- Consult with the Pastor on the selection of music for services.
- Serve with and support volunteer instrumentalists and vocalists.
- Serve in collaboration with Support Staff and the Worship & Music Ministry Team.
- Communicate any need for any service or repair of instruments or audio equipment.
- Assist in maintaining the music library; music, arrangements, lead sheets, etc.
- Serve with Support Staff to manage copyright information and compliance, such as securing Live Streaming rights, CCLI, OneLicense, etc.

PREFERRED SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS: The Pianist shall:

- Positively interact and communicate effectively with others;
- Engage and inspire the congregation through music as part of worship;
- Be proficient in piano accompaniment; leading a congregation; playing for worship;
- Have knowledge of transposition, vocal techniques, and dynamics;
- Be familiar with other instruments and have experience involving them in worship;
- Be able to use and work with lead sheets when necessary.

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ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE, FAITH EXPRESSION, MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:

This being a position in a Christian church, the person serving this position should be able to be comfortable and open to expressing and sharing the role of faith in their own life.

The Pianist should be comfortable with Lutheran theology, liturgical practice and use of music.

The Pianist is aware of the vast repertoire of sacred music available today and can play from both contemporary sources as well as traditional music. The Pianist will be required to demonstrate and incorporate these musical skills.

ADDENDUM: Some added clarity provided regarding this position.

If helpful, a time study may be recommended to evaluate this position as it evolves.

Sunday Mornings:

- Arrive prepared, including music and details at 8 a.m., ready to greet and lead others;
- It is vital to the worship experience, the experience of those singing, in choirs, and as Worship Leaders, that we strive for consistency, that there be no changes from previous rehearsals, unless clearly communicated prior to Sunday morning;
- Rehearse with Worship Leaders and any special music before worship;
- Lead worship music;
- Share in added rehearsals or conversation following worship when helpful;

During the week:

- Collaborate with the Pastor and Support Staff;
- Communicate to Worship Leaders and staff, any music updates for the coming weeks;
- Be prepared for any rehearsals; arrive as scheduled; ready to begin on time;
- Review bulletin, prepare sheet music packets, keys, for the coming Sundays;

Monthly:

- Attend Worship & Music Ministry Team meetings as coordinated and scheduled;

Seasonal Programs, Opportunities, Details:

- The Pianist role and support of seasonal, festive and special services during the year, will be identified and coordinated, and negotiated if needed, with as much lead time as possible to provide clarity and success. For example, services and events such as these, include, though may not be limited to; Faith Quest Sunday School support, Vacation Bible School, Children's Christmas Program, Youth Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, weddings, memorial services, and more.