

## **Keyboard Accompanist**

### **Job Description:**

Trinity Lutheran Church of Rolling Meadows is seeking a keyboardist 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 to 10:40), with rehearsal prior to the service. The accompanist will also be needed at Holiday Worship events: (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

Trinity utilizes both traditional hymns from the 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 more collaborative style of a working relationship.

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

### **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 improvisationally to the needs of the worship service is a plus
- Understanding of phrasing and appropriate organ style for traditional pieces (most will be done using an electronic keyboard--the ability to play an actual organ is a bonus). Excellent lyrical interpretation of liturgical melodies
- Stylistic flexibility to interpret different 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 criticism well.
- Must be prompt, professional, reliable, dressed appropriately, and respectful of the worship setting
- Can rehearse in an efficient manner. Able to adjust on the spot.

To apply, submit your resume and a cover letter to [ChurchOffice@tlcrm.com](mailto:ChurchOffice@tlcrm.com) or mail to 3201 Meadow Drive, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008-2728. Accompanist must be fully vaccinated.

Compensation will be between \$125 to \$150 based on qualifications and audition.