

Board of Worship

Organist Ministry Organist

Mission Statement: The organists of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church serve members and guests attending worship services by providing music which leads the singing of hymns and liturgies, and which supports and enhances the service theme and liturgical season, to glorify God.

Description: The Organist is responsible for preparing and performing hymns, liturgies, and attendant music for worship services as scheduled.

Qualifications:

- A Christian in faith and practice, with membership at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church or a church in our fellowship
- Training and experience on a keyboard instrument, with basic knowledge of the organ
- Able to play at least one order of worship from the hymnal currently in use at Trinity
- Able to play hymns from the hymnal currently in use at Trinity
- Formal training and experience on the organ preferred

Responsibilities:

1. Communicate with the Head Organist with regard to availability and scheduling.
2. Communicate with the Worship Pastor and/or the church office with regard to the hymns selected for the worship service.
3. Select attendant music appropriate to the Scripture lessons, the worship theme, the liturgical season, or any other factors appropriate to the service.
4. Prepare the hymns and attendant music.
5. Provide music for the service.
 - a. Arrive early to play pre-service music that prepares those in attendance for worship.
 - b. Play to lead the singing of the hymns and liturgical responses.
 - c. Provide music during the Offering and during the distribution of Holy Communion, as applicable.
 - d. Remain after the service to offer a postlude.
6. Demonstrate excellence at one's level of ability.
7. Care for the instrument and materials, and report any maintenance issues to the Head Organist.

Time Commitment:

- 2 hours for each worship service, with preparation time being additional
- At-will commitment, with the expectation that any dates already scheduled will be fulfilled, or a substitute arranged

Relationships: The Organist works independently under the guidance of the officiating pastor. He or she reports to the Board of Worship through the Head Organist.

Training: Because of the nature of the Organist Ministry, musical/organ training is a prerequisite for the Organist position, and is the responsibility of the individual. The Head Organist is available as a resource for additional training opportunities. Procedural training will be provided by the Head Organist.

Compensation: The Organist is identified as a compensated position in the 2009–2010 budget.