

Morning Star Lutheran Church Position Description

Position Title: **Worship Accompanist/Organist**

Primary Function: The scope of this position is to assist in the musical leadership of worship, including piano and organist accompaniment. The position will collaborate closely with the Director of Music Ministries to assist in enhancing the worship experience at Morning Star Lutheran Church. This position responds to the comprehensive ministry of worship and music including the pastor, worship and music committee, and musicians during worship.

Responsibilities:

- Provide piano/organ accompaniment for the Morning Star Adult choir during worship services and other relevant events.
- Provide piano/organ accompaniment for soloists and other small groups during worship, as necessary.
- Accompany the Morning Star Adult Choir during scheduled rehearsals.
- Work directly with the Pastor and Director of Music to help plan and coordinate music for the Sunday morning worship service and other occasions upon request.
- Occasional piano accompaniment for Saturday evening worship services on a rotating basis.
- Demonstrate a willingness and ability to provide organ accompaniment music for the entire scope of a worship service, including preludes, offertories, postludes, sung liturgy, and hymns.
- Must be able to demonstrate flexibility in musical style of worship including both traditional and contemporary music and liturgy.
- May assist at special worship events including weddings and funerals. Remuneration for these services will be outlined by the Morning Star Congregation Council.
- Must be committed to ongoing practice at an appropriate level to provide required musical support.

Qualifications and Skills:

- Relevant experience as an accompanist for worship. Competence on the organ is required.
- Must work well in a team setting, building appropriate relationships with both staff, volunteers, and the congregation.
- Knowledge of appropriate church music, including an understanding of music within the guidelines of Lutheran liturgical settings.
- Knowledge of the piano as well as keyboard with ability sufficient to sight read hymns, liturgies, and anthems.
- Must possess administrative skills relative to working within the music budget, the selection and purchase of music, filing, and solid communication skills.

- Agree to work within the parameters and boundaries of the Morning Star Personnel Manual and Safe Church Policy, including a criminal background check.

Status: Part-time
Overtime Status: Exempt
Supervised by: Lead Pastor
Reports to: Lead Pastor
Responsible Ministry: Executive Committee

Approved by Morning Star Congregation Council _____

Applicants should send their resumes to Pastor Christopher Hawkins
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