

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**POSITION:** Organist/Accompanist

**REPORTS TO:** Director of Music Ministry

**DOCUMENT DATE:** 5/26/2019

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

To work collaboratively with the pastors, the Director of Music Ministry, the Worship and Music Committee and other music staff members to prepare, play, and accompany music for liturgical worship services during the year.

### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Serve as principal organist/accompanist for regular, special seasonal worship services, and congregational events
- Serve as principal organist/accompanist for funerals and weddings. For these services, the organist/accompanist will receive an additional fee as specified in the church policy. The services of a substitute organist/accompanist may be used with the permission of the pastor and/or regular organist/accompanist
- Recommend a variety of creative and inspirational music resources that enrich liturgy, hymnody and the church's outreach with the gospel
- Accompany at weekly choir rehearsals for 1½ hours, typically on Thursday evenings and Sunday rehearsals 15 minutes before worship
- Serve as accompanist for vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles for worship services when requested, rehearsing with them as needed

### **QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES**

- Bachelor's Degree in music and/or organ performance or equivalent organist/accompanist skills
- Demonstrated range of skills in playing pipe organ and piano
- Ability to accompany choirs and other musicians
- Familiarity with, or willingness to learn, basic Lutheran theology of worship and liturgy to appropriately select music
- Ability to work enthusiastically and cooperatively with members of the congregation, planning teams and other staff members and pastors

*The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this job. They are not intended to be considered an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills of the people so classified.*