



**Christ Lutheran Church
Cottonwood, MN**

**Organist and/or Pianist
Position Description**

Summary

The *shared position* of Organist and/or Pianist has primary responsibility for leading/accompanying musical/liturgical elements of services of worship at Christ Lutheran Church in Cottonwood, Minnesota, from the organ and/or piano. The organist and/or pianist will play organ and/or piano for regular worship services, additional festival or other special worship services including funerals and weddings, and will be available for other worship services as scheduled.

Status Part-time, this is a shared musician position with flexibility with scheduling with services or events you would play.

Duties and responsibilities

1. Play organ and/or piano for 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship services.
2. Play for special worship services including:
 - a. Christmas Eve Worship Services.
 - b. Wednesday Lenten Services.
 - c. Maundy Thursday Worship Service.
 - d. Good Friday Worship Service.
 - e. Easter Worship Service.
 - f. Other church services/festivals as needed.
 - g. Funerals and weddings, as requested, (per service fee collected separately).
3. Be available to rehearse and accompany special music selections when part of worship services or other church celebrations.

Expectations

Present high caliber services in a professional manner.

Prepare adequately for worship services and all accompanying/collaborative ensemble playing.

Select and prepare appropriate solo organ and/or piano music for prelude, postlude and offering music as needed.

Work closely with the Pastor to select songs, hymns and some liturgical elements that will inspire the congregation to sing and worship through effective organ and /or piano support of hymns, songs and liturgy and other worship music elements.

Contact the Pastor or representative from the Church Council if any observed repair or tuning needed on the church's organ and/or pianos.

Play organ and/or piano for weddings and funerals, as requested, for an extra fee collected separately.

Assist in finding substitutes when not available, such as illness or other absence.

Perform miscellaneous duties necessary to the high quality performance of responsibilities of this position.

Qualifications

Skilled and experienced in playing the Organ and/or Piano.

Skilled in accompanying a choir and other vocal and instrumental soloist or groups in the service of the congregation's worship.

Respect and understanding for sacramental Christian theology and its rich potential for both contemporary and traditional expressions, including familiarity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, matching appropriate keyboard music and themes of the church year using resources such as Sundays and Seasons and the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book.

Salary

Paid on a per-service or per-event basis.

Contact Pastor Janel with questions or interest at christlutheran@christcotton.com.