

**Job Description Position Title:** Accompanist**Congregation Name:** St. John's Lutheran Church of Mound, 2451 Fairview Lane, Mound, MN

St. John's Lutheran Church of Mound (ELCA) is a vibrant church community located in the city of Mound which is nestled into the northern shore of Lake Minnetonka. We worship approximately 250 people weekly and enjoy a high quality of music and worship. In addition to the Chancel Choir, there is an Adult Handbell Choir, JuBELLation (Youth Handbell Choir), St. John's Youth Choir and St. John's Cherub Choir. We own a set of Schulmerich Handbells (5 octaves) and Choirchimes (4+ octaves). Our rehearsal pianos are Kawai and Howard grand pianos and our sanctuary instrument is a 7-foot Baldwin SF10 Concert Grand Piano. Worship is also led from a 3-manual Rodgers electronic organ. We have a strong volunteer base of wonderful musicians who support and uphold excellent worship and music.

**Hours per week:** Approximately 5 hours per week

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Accompany the Chancel Choir for weekly rehearsals (Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM) and worship services (Sundays 9:00 AM). Sunday morning rehearsal is at 8:30 AM.
- Choir season runs September through May.
- At times, the position requires accompanying the youth and children's choirs for a brief Sunday AM rehearsal and during worship service as determined by the Director of Music.
- Attend extra rehearsals as needed around festival services and concerts.
- Work under the direction of the Director of Music for rehearsals and worship services.
- Availability for special services and concerts during Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter Sunday is expected.
- 5 hours per week includes rehearsal, performance and preparation time.

**Qualifications**

- Advanced music background – music degree preferred.
- Advanced skills playing in musicals ensemble where musical interpretation and phrasing are emphasized. This person must be a competent and sensitive musician.
- Demonstrate excellence at the keyboard, including sight-reading and playing prepared selections in a range of musical styles and difficulty.
- Ability to play four-part choral music for rehearsals.
- Ability to receive feedback, integrate new ideas, and to respond with respect and clarity is necessary.

**Pay and Benefits**

- Hours may vary week to week (Sept-May); hourly pay follows Association of Lutheran Church Musicians hourly rate chart.
- 3 Sunday and weekday vacation days

The duties of the position require working in a creative and supportive environment with the Director of Worship and Organist. This individual should consider the job as a ministry as well as a profession and have a love and passion for glorifying God through music and worship.

**Contact Information**

Inquiries and application (cover letter and resume) may be sent to Sarah Garner, Director of Music & Organist. Please specify if you are interested in the position of accompanist, bell choir director, or both.

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St. John's Lutheran Church of Mound

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