

Cantor Position
Christ Church Lutheran, ELCA
Minneapolis, MN

Who we are:

Christ Church Lutheran is a vibrant, progressive, growing church in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, and we are known for our welcome and hospitality; our worship and community outreach; and our building, a National Historic Landmark.

Worship and music are integrally connected at Christ Church Lutheran. We are a liturgical Lutheran community, rooted in tradition and expansive in creativity and welcome. We make use of the Revised Common Lectionary, and our principal worship resources are the ELCA's *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and *All Creation Sings*. We remain grounded in these resources even as our worship life is inspired by other traditions and sources.

When we refer to our church musician at Christ Church, we use the term cantor—simply put, the leader of the church's song.

What we seek:

A part-time (15–18 hours per week) cantor/organist to lead our congregation in song, especially by playing our 2018 Dobson pipe organ (29 ranks, 2 manual; see more at christchurchluth.org/music_worship.html) and occasionally our Yamaha grand piano, directing a small adult choir during the program year, and collaborating on worship planning with the pastors. We seek someone who has a passion for leading liturgical music and has experience with and appreciation for the Lutheran theological and liturgical tradition.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as church organist, including preparing and leading prelude, postlude, sung liturgy, hymns, and anthem(s), primarily for Christ Church's one service on Sunday and other services throughout the year.
- Direct a church choir during the program year; recruit and communicate with choir members; oversee music library. Rehearse with choir each week.
- Work with pastors to plan worship each week and across the seasons of the year. Collaborate with staff and church lay leadership. Tend to administrative details of the position—communication with collaborators, writing annual report, etc.
- Recruit hired and volunteer musicians for festivals and other Sundays; lift up the musical gifts of those in the congregation.

- Right of first refusal for weddings and funerals at Christ Church (typically fewer than 12 per year).
- Work with and oversee maintenance of instruments: organ, two grand pianos, three upright pianos, handbells if desired.
- Collaborate with lay leaders, pastors, and office administrator on concerts and other music-related space rentals that are of interest to the church and wider community.

Preferred qualifications:

- Proficiency in organ and church music leadership
- Experience with choral conducting
- Knowledge of and appreciation for the Lutheran theological and liturgical tradition
- Bachelors degree or higher in music
- Ability to work creatively and collaboratively with staff and congregation members
- Strong written and verbal communication skills

This is a salaried, 15–18 hours/week position. Benefits include four weeks of vacation including Sundays, continuing education support, and use of the Christ Church Lutheran facility (e.g., for private lesson instruction). The salary range is \$27,00–\$32,000 depending on experience and qualifications.