Music and Worship Lead at St. Mark's Lutheran Job Description 2021

<u>Job Objective</u>: To imagine, develop, and lead St. Mark's congregation in meaningful worship experiences that help the congregation experience God and their lives with God and community in new ways through music.

Qualifications:

- Creative; willing to try things that might not work.
- Good communication and organizational skills.
- Excitement in leading others in expression through music.
- Sufficient skills for playing hymns on a piano or on an organ.
- Being willing to seek out or develop new liturgical music for our worship experiences and teach the congregation how to sing them.
- Encourages participatory worship experiences across age and cultural demographics.

Responsibilities:

- Direct and accompany Choir to lead music once or twice a month.
- Organize special music on Sundays (choir, individual, or group)
- Provide musical accompaniment and leadership during Sunday Worship.
- Work with the pastor and worship committee to choose music and liturgy for Sunday worship.
- Build relationships in the congregation and invite new people to share their musical gifts through special music, and ensemble/choir.
- Communicate through St. Mark's social media, and emails about music projects taking place in the liturgy and choir.

A note to the would-be Music Director:

We are a congregation with deep Lutheran Roots in our community, which is wonderful, but we know there are huge and diverse ways of understanding the divine and we want to experience that too. We have a legacy of choir and traditional Lutheran hymns here, and we want to keep that, but we are looking for someone to help us imagine new ways to sing those songs. We have a lot of young people here with active lives in the Church, and we are looking for someone to help both the older and younger members participate more fully in the worship experience together.

You don't need a lot of experience as a Church musician, you don't need to have your faith life all figured out (in fact its probably good that you don't), but we do ask that you ask questions about what it means to be a community of faith that worships together, and wants to serve the community in love.

If this sounds like something you could get on board with, and want to be a part of imagining and becoming a church like that, great; we want to meet you.

Send a resume, and contact info to Pr. Nic Leither at pastor@stmarksaurora.org