

Pianist & Choir/Bell Choir Director Position

Desert Cross Lutheran Church & Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church - Gilbert, AZ

We are Desert Cross Lutheran Church and Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, two congregations meeting in one location. Our mission is to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world, while empowering people to effectively love and serve others through community service and social justice in our community.

The ideal candidate will have strong leadership skills, a passion for the ministry of the church, be highly organized, have a friendly personality, be creative, worshipful, work well with others, and have excellent written and oral communication skills. This role will assist both congregations in their weekly worship gatherings. If you are passionate about music, enjoy helping others express their faith through music, and want to make a positive impact in our community/world, this might be a great opportunity for you!

Education & Qualifications:

- A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music preferred and/or a minimum two years of experience within a church setting
- Pass a Background Check
- Possess a high level of technical musical ability at the piano with that ability to read both lead sheets and written scores, be able to sight-read music, and successfully pass an audition.
- The ability to lead play both Contemporary and Traditional styles of music
- Ability to lead worship vocally from the piano is a plus.
- Recruit and utilize musical talent within the congregation
- Direct musical aspects of all worship services providing preludes, postludes, worship songs, hymns, and music for congregational singing at appropriate parts of the worship.
- Lead special worship services as needed. (Holy week services, Christmas eve, funerals, and weddings, as necessary)
- Experience with technical aspects of worship like the soundboard and microphones, etc. is a plus
- Ability to commute to Gilbert, AZ (Required)

Benefits:

- Job Type: Part-time
- Combined salary: 9 – 11,000K per year

- \$500 Sign on Bonus after a successful probationary period.
- Paid Vacation

Desert Cross Lutheran Church Job Responsibilities

- Lead 9:30 AM Desert Cross Sunday worship service instrumentally from the piano (leading worship vocally is a plus)
- Play prelude music 10-15 minutes before the start of worship services.
- Accompany at the piano adult and children's choir
- Make music packets for Gilbert band during the week prior to worship service
- Rehearse with musicians one hour before the worship service
- Communicate faithfully with Director of Worship & Music, Director of Media Production and Pastors
- Reports to Pastor of Desert Cross, Director of Worship & Music and Executive Council

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church Job Responsibilities

- Lead 8:00 AM Spirit of Joy Sunday worship vocally and instrumentally from the piano
- Accompany the volunteer Choir
- Direct the volunteer Bell Choir
- Coordinate special music on occasion (parishioners who wish to play or sing)
- Conduct weekly practice for the Choir and Bell Choir – this is flexible and there is a summer recess.
- Collaborate with the Pastor to plan music to support Sunday Worship, and special Worship services: Funeral/Memorial Services (as requested)
- Approximately 6 hours per week average
- Reports to Pastor of Spirit of Joy and Executive Council