

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Principal Organist

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
790 S Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL 34285

Job Title: Principal Organist

FLSA Status: Part-Time, Non-Exempt

Reports to: Lead Pastor

Hours: 15–19 hours per week

Position Summary

The Principal Organist provides musical leadership for worship services through our pipe organ and piano accompaniment that supports the congregation, choir, and other musicians. This role enhances the spiritual life of the church by preparing and offering music that reflects the liturgical season and worship themes in collaboration with the Lead Pastor(s) and other staff.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide organ and/or piano music for all regular worship services, including preludes, postludes, hymns, liturgical responses, and service music.
- Accompany and rehearse with the choir during weekly rehearsals and services.
- Collaborate with the Choir Director and Pastor(s) to select appropriate hymns and service music.
- Provide music for additional services throughout the church year, including:
 - Midweek Advent and Lent services
 - Christmas Eve
 - Ash Wednesday
 - Maundy Thursday
 - Good Friday
 - Easter Vigil (if observed)
- Maintain the organ and pianos by reporting maintenance needs to the appropriate committee or staff.
- Maintain a personal library of music and coordinate with the church's music library as needed.

- Coordinate and rehearse with guest musicians or soloists as required.
 - Participate in occasional worship planning meetings with the Worship & Music Committee and staff.
 - Secures substitute for absences including communication and clarifying all details of services as well as notifying the Pastor, Choir Director and Director of Operations and Finance
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Qualifications

- Demonstrated proficiency in organ performance, with strong accompanying skills for congregational singing and choral works.
 - Knowledge of Lutheran liturgical traditions and sacred music.
 - Familiarity with a broad repertoire of hymnody and classical church music.
 - Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, music staff, and volunteers.
 - Reliability, musical sensitivity, and a spirit of reverence and professionalism.
 - Bachelor's degree in organ performance, sacred music, or a related field preferred; equivalent experience considered.
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Work Schedule

- **Choir Rehearsal:** Typically, once per week
 - **Saturday and Sunday Worship:** (In-Season) Schedule – Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30am and 10:15 am
 - **Additional Services:** As noted above for major liturgical events and festivals
 - **Occasional Meetings:** For worship planning and coordination
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Compensation

- Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Send resume and cover letter to jangelone@emmanuel-elca.org