



**August 4, 2023**

**Job Posting for Organist/Accompanist at Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA) – Madison, AL**

Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA), Madison, AL is seeking an organist/accompanist to lead congregational song at Sunday morning services and to accompany choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Additional worship services will include seasonal midweek services, Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, and others throughout the year. The ideal candidate is welcoming, organized, and collaborative, proficient in organ and piano, well versed in a wide range of music styles, and skilled at leading congregational singing. Our pipe organ was customized to our space by Miller Pipe Organs, and our primary piano is a Steinway D Grand. For more information regarding our organ, please visit <https://mlutheran.org/instruments/>

**To apply**, please send your resume, cover letter, and a link to video or audio recordings of recent accompaniment (if available) to [personnel.committee@mlutheran.org](mailto:personnel.committee@mlutheran.org). For best consideration, materials must be received by September 30th. This position will remain open until filled. We anticipate a start date of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

This is a part-time position, with a salary of \$18,000-40,000 per year, dependent upon qualifications and experience. Additional fees are paid for weddings and funerals. The job includes paid time off (including 3 Sundays per calendar year).

**Responsibilities**

1. Play organ, piano and/or electric keyboard for all scheduled worship services of the Congregation (including Sunday services, festivals, Advent, Lent and other midweek services.)
2. Accompany the Sanctuary Choir at Wednesday evening rehearsals, on Sunday mornings, and at other rehearsals when needed.
3. Select and prepare prelude, postlude, offertory music and other special music as appropriate to the church season.
4. Collaborate with church members, outside musicians, and staff to support and prepare opportunities for musicians during worship, or for concerts and recitals.
5. Play keyboard with the Contemporary Ensemble on the third Sunday each month, and attend the associated rehearsals.
6. Right of first refusal for all weddings and funerals at Messiah, with standard additional fees set by Messiah's policies.
7. Coordinate with the Director of Worship and Music regarding regular maintenance and repair of the organ and pianos.

**Qualifications**

The ideal candidate brings:

1. Demonstrated proficiency in playing the organ and piano.

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2. Demonstrated proficiency in supporting and leading congregational singing.
3. Proficiency as an accompanist for soloists, choirs, and other ensembles.
4. A bachelor's degree in music with an emphasis in organ or piano or commensurate experience is preferred.
5. Sight-reading proficiency.
6. Familiarity with Lutheran liturgical worship or a willingness to learn.

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: \$18,000-40,000 per year

Benefits:

- Paid time off

Schedule:

- Holidays
- Weekend availability

Ability to commute/relocate:

- Madison, Alabama 35758: Reliably commute or planning to relocate before starting work (Required)

Education:

- Bachelor's or equivalent experience (preferred)

Experience:

- Accompanying a choir or congregation? (Required)

Work Location: In person

### **Messiah Lutheran Church**

**7740 Highway 72 West, Madison, AL 3575**

Pastor Kris Schroeder

Website: [www.mlutheran.org](http://www.mlutheran.org)

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MLC is a congregation organized in 1990 in the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). For more information about the ELCA please visit [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)