

Assistant Cantor (Part-time)

Grace Lutheran Church and School is seeking an Assistant Cantor on a part-time basis beginning July 1, 2017. The Assistant Cantor will serve as organist for services as needed, accompany choirs, and perform regularly with the Bach Cantata Vespers Orchestra as continuo organist. Ability to read figured bass is a plus. The Assistant Cantor will also be responsible for the preparation of worship folders in conjunction with the Cantor, Church Administrative Assistant, Pastors, and church members.

The Assistant Cantor must be available on Wednesday evenings, select Saturday mornings for rehearsals, Sunday mornings as needed, and select Sunday afternoons for Bach Cantata Vespers services. Although Grace's Cantor plays the majority of services, the Assistant Organist must also be available for other festival services that do not regularly fall on Sundays (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, and others as needed). Some daytime availability during the week is also a plus.

This position is salaried and not eligible for benefits. Candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and professional choral accompanying and service playing experience.

Duties and responsibilities include:

- Provide accompaniment on piano or organ for Wednesday evening rehearsals, generally 7:30—9:30 p.m. for 35 weeks (September through May).
- Lead sectional rehearsals from the piano on occasion as assigned by the Cantor.
- Provide accompaniment on piano or organ for other ensembles at Grace as needed, whether in rehearsal or for services.
- Performance as principal organist once a month and/or in the Cantor's absence, such as during vacation and continuing education time. Ability to direct from the keyboard is a plus, though other music staff persons are often available to conduct in the Cantor's absence.
- Perform as continuo organist with the Bach Cantata Vespers Orchestra.
- Preparation of worship folders for congregational use. Familiarity with Microsoft Word and online worship resources is essential.
- Assist Cantor in finding a suitable substitute for scheduling conflicts.
- Other duties as assigned.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé with references to Grace's Cantor, Michael D. Costello, at mcostello@graceriverforest.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.