Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA, New Jersey Synod) 1200 River Road Teaneck, New Jersey.

Organist & Cantor - Grace Lutheran Church, Teaneck, NJ

Grace Lutheran Church in Teaneck seeks an **Organist/Cantor** to lead and enhance our music ministry, enriching worship and fostering community engagement. With a deep musical heritage, Grace values traditional Lutheran and Anglican liturgy and hymnody, while embracing opportunities for growth and creativity.

Preferred Qualifications

- A trained organist with AGO Certification or minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in church music.
- Access to a network of musicians (vocalists/instrumentalists) to enrich worship.
- Demonstrates leadership, collaboration, and strong organizational skills.
- Experience in church music program planning and administration.
- Appreciates Lutheran/Anglican liturgy and is open to incorporating other styles.
- Values our church's musical legacy and can build upon it.

Responsibilities

- Plan and prepare music in collaboration with the pastor and worship leaders.
- Provide music for Sunday 10:00 A.M. worship (including prelude, postlude, choral warm-up).
- Play for additional services: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday.
- Rehearse as needed with soloists, instrumentalists, and other groups.

What We Offer

- **Part-time position**, salary (based on training and experience) to be determined.
- Two or more weeks paid time off.
- Right of first refusal for special services (weddings, funerals, etc.).
- Opportunities to expand the musical program.
- Well-maintained instruments, including:
 - Tracker organ
 - Yamaha piano
 - Hand chimes
 - Orff instruments
- Extensive, well-indexed sheet-music library.
- Financial support for continuing education and additional musicians.

This position reports to the Pastor and the Church Council.

How to Apply

To apply for the role of **Organist/Cantor**, please send your résumé and an MP3 file or YouTube video link of your performance (during a special worship service) to: Search Committee, <u>GraceTeaneck@gmail.com</u>.

We will respond to all inquiries and will set up a phone, Zoom, or FaceTime interview with qualified candidates. If committee and applicant desire to continue the process we will arrange for a later in-person audition and interview. (Arrangements can be made for the candidate to play our Tracker organ and our piano prior to the audition/ interview.)

Applications will be accepted until this position is filled.