

Position title: Jubilate Choir Director (part-time, exempt)

Primary role: To develop and direct the Jubilate Choir (treble voices in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade) with the goal of involving them as participants and leaders in the worship of the congregation.

Supervisor: Director of Worship, Music and Arts

Hours: 3-5 hours per week

Work Performed:

- Lead the choir in weekly rehearsals according to a schedule developed in cooperation with other church staff.
 - Rehearsal time: Wednesdays: 4:45-5:30 pm, September-May, except during scheduled school breaks
 - Select anthems appropriate for the season of the church year and lectionary emphasis for the days when the choir is scheduled to sing in worship
 - Rehearse the liturgy and hymns, so that the choir provides musical leadership for congregational singing
- Prepare and direct the choir on Sunday mornings, usually 1-2 times per month, on predetermined dates chosen in cooperation with other church staff.
 - Sunday mornings when singing: Rehearsal 10:20 am; Worship at 10:45 am
- The choir will sing for one service on Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday, on a schedule determined in consultation with the other music staff.
- Present a musical or other closing program in cooperation with the other children's choir directors for the congregation on the last Wednesday of the choir year.
- The choir will occasionally sing for additional worship services (one Wednesday service during Lent, Easter Vigil service, Sunday School Christmas Program, etc). All additional services are scheduled in consultation with the director.

Additional tasks:

- Recruit, encourage, and welcome all children to be a part of the choir.
- Help to retain children in choir from year to year especially between 5th and 6th grade, in coordination with other music staff.
- Communicate the schedule and any changes with parents.
- Mentor the Youth Choir Intern, a music student from St. Olaf College.
 - The student intern attends all rehearsals and Sundays and can assist based on their skill set and interests.
- Maintain the organization of the children's choir music library with the help of the Youth Choir Intern.
- Attend music staff meetings (twice a year for setting calendars), brief weekly check-ins, and full staff meetings or retreats as requested and schedule allows.

- Seek to grow as a musician and develop professional skills.

Desired qualifications:

St. John's has a long history of beautiful music for worship started by F. Melius Christiansen in 1903. Throughout the years, we have sought to develop singers of all ages. We care deeply about worship and sharing the very best music possible with God. We are looking for someone who can lead and encourage this fun age group. Our ideal candidate would have a degree in music and/or experience leading children in music. We focus on training worship leaders in our choir program and a general familiarity with Lutheran worship and theology is important. Basic keyboard skills are helpful especially on days when the accompanist is unable to be at rehearsal. Finally, we are looking for someone who is organized, an excellent communicator, and loves collaborating with colleagues.

Additional support:

- Accompanist
- Youth Choir Intern from St. Olaf

The position begins in September 2017.

To apply, please contact Director of Worship, Music and Arts: Nathan Proctor

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