

Job Title:

Worship Musician – Acoustic Guitarist/Vocalist (Treble Voice)

Reports to:

Director of Music and Worship (Taylor Quinn)

Location:

Elk River Lutheran Church (ELCA), Elk River, MN

About Us:

Elk River Lutheran Church is a vibrant, progressive ELCA congregation and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community. We are committed to worship that is meaningful, musically rich, inclusive, and welcoming to all people. Music is central to our identity, and we strive to lead worship services that are both joyful, reflective, and creative.

Position Summary:

We are seeking a gifted acoustic guitarist and treble-voice singer (soprano or alto) to co-lead worship services alongside our Director of Music and Worship. This person will provide musical leadership during Sunday worship services, especially when the full band is not scheduled to play. The role includes leading congregational singing, accompanying on guitar, and collaborating on song choices and arrangements. The position begins **September 1, 2025**, and is **paid hourly (\$50/hour)** with an initial budget of **\$600** for the fall season (Sept–Dec).

This is an excellent opportunity for a confident, expressive musician who wants to contribute meaningfully to worship services and grow into a trusted partner in spiritual music leadership.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead or co-lead music during Sunday worship services, especially when the band is not scheduled
 - Play acoustic rhythm guitar and sing with confidence and musicality
 - Collaborate with the Director of Music and Worship on song selection and style
 - Attend a brief Sunday morning rehearsal prior to worship (9:30–10:30 AM)
 - Communicate clearly and reliably regarding scheduling and preparation
 - Represent the welcoming and affirming values of ERLC in worship leadership
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Schedule & Time Commitment:

- **Initially:** 1 Sunday/month (September–December), including rehearsal and service
 - **Worship Service is at 10:30 AM;** call time is around **9:30 AM**
 - Flexibility available: more frequent participation is welcome if mutually agreed
 - Approx. **2 hours per Sunday**, with potential for additional prep or rehearsal time
 - Future scheduling and expansion of the role will depend on mutual interest and budget growth
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Qualifications:

Required:

- Excellent rhythm guitar skills (acoustic preferred)
- Strong, expressive singing voice in the treble range (soprano or alto)
- Confidence in leading congregational music
- A spirit of collaboration, openness, and flexibility
- Comfort participating in a progressive Christian worship environment
- Punctuality and clear communication

Preferred:

- Experience leading music in a church or spiritual setting
 - Familiarity with a mix of modern worship songs, folk-influenced styles, and hymns
 - Ability to read chord charts and adapt arrangements with ease
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Compensation:

- \$50/hour
 - Initial budget of \$600 (12 hours total), with potential to expand in 2026
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To Apply:

Send a brief introduction and samples of your singing and guitar playing (audio, video, or links) to:

Taylor Quinn

Director of Music and Worship
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