



Pastor Mark Beatty was called to Holy Trinity in September 2017. Prior to Holy Trinity, Pastor Mark served congregations in both Georgia and Oregon, the last of which was a team call with Pastor Tom Kenny at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Johns Creek. He has specialized in youth, young adult, and interim ministry, as well as serving overall as pastor. During seminary, Mark served the US Air Force as an officer and chaplain candidate for 3 years, and has volunteered since 2013 as chaplain for the Johns Creek Veterans Association. In addition to a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in '99, Pastor Mark also has a Master of Social Work from UGA ('94) and served as a hospital social worker before entering seminary to become a Lutheran pastor. He also began his career as director of a Boys and Girls Club.

In between calls to congregations, Pastor Mark also set aside intentional time to be a stay-at-home dad. He and his wife Dena have two children, Lauren and Brandon. In addition to a heartfelt and deep love of God, Pastor Mark also shares a deep love and devotion to family and feels thankful and blessed to have had this quality and foundational time with his children. During his time as stay-at-home dad, he also became a part-time entrepreneur with a business in both life coaching and personal swim coaching, teaching adults from triathletes to first-time swimmers. A Masters swimmer, he has also competed for fun through recent years in adult age group swimming; from local to international meets. With the heart of a coach and also extensive pastoral coaching continuing education, Pastor Mark brings this same passion into the congregation, and enjoys walking with people in discerning their sense of purpose, wellness, spiritual health, and sense of healthy connection and well-being with God and others.

Pastor Mark likes working out at the gym as well as the pool and enjoys hiking, kayaking, fishing, and good movies. Having history in both Oregon and Georgia, when it comes to football Pastor Mark is an avid Ducks fan but definitely pulls for the Dawgs too. He likes cars (especially Subaru these days), and is always open to conversation about all kinds of models and what's new.

From the first time he was invited to supply preach at Holy Trinity, Pastor Mark felt a Spirit-led connection to this congregation, which has only grown in affirmation and depth through the call process and now in ministry together. It's an exciting time together, to see what the Spirit has in store for Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. In it all, Pastor Mark is honored, grateful, and feels incredibly blessed to walk with all our members, guests, and community as we discern together where God is calling us next!