

Welcome

MARK A. GEARIG



Pastor Mark A. Gearig grew up in Wauseon, Ohio and is a lifelong LCMS Lutheran. He has been married for four years to Jennifer (Sanford), also from Ohio. Mark and Jennifer have a son, Ezra, who is two years old and they recently welcomed son Noah in May 2016. Mark's parents reside in Wauseon, Ohio while Jennifer's parents live in Archbold, Ohio.

Pastor Mark received a BS in Life Science Education from Bowling Green State University (Bowling Green, OH) in 2009 prior to attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri where he graduated in May 2016. He completed his vicarage at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in North Canton, Ohio under the supervision of Pastor Kip Smith. He has also completed two mission trips to Haiti (one while on vicarage) and one to Guatemala. Jennifer received her Associate Degree in Physical Therapy from Owen's Community College (Toledo, OH) in 2004. Mark has worked as a high school science teacher and also worked on the grounds crew while at Seminary. Jennifer worked as a physical therapy assistant.

When outside of the office, Mark and Jennifer enjoy hiking and camping, and also spending time together as a family. Mark also enjoys golf, while Jennifer enjoys jewelry making and reading. The Gearigs now own a home here in Decatur on North Water Street. They have already begun exploring and aiming to make connections in their neighborhood.

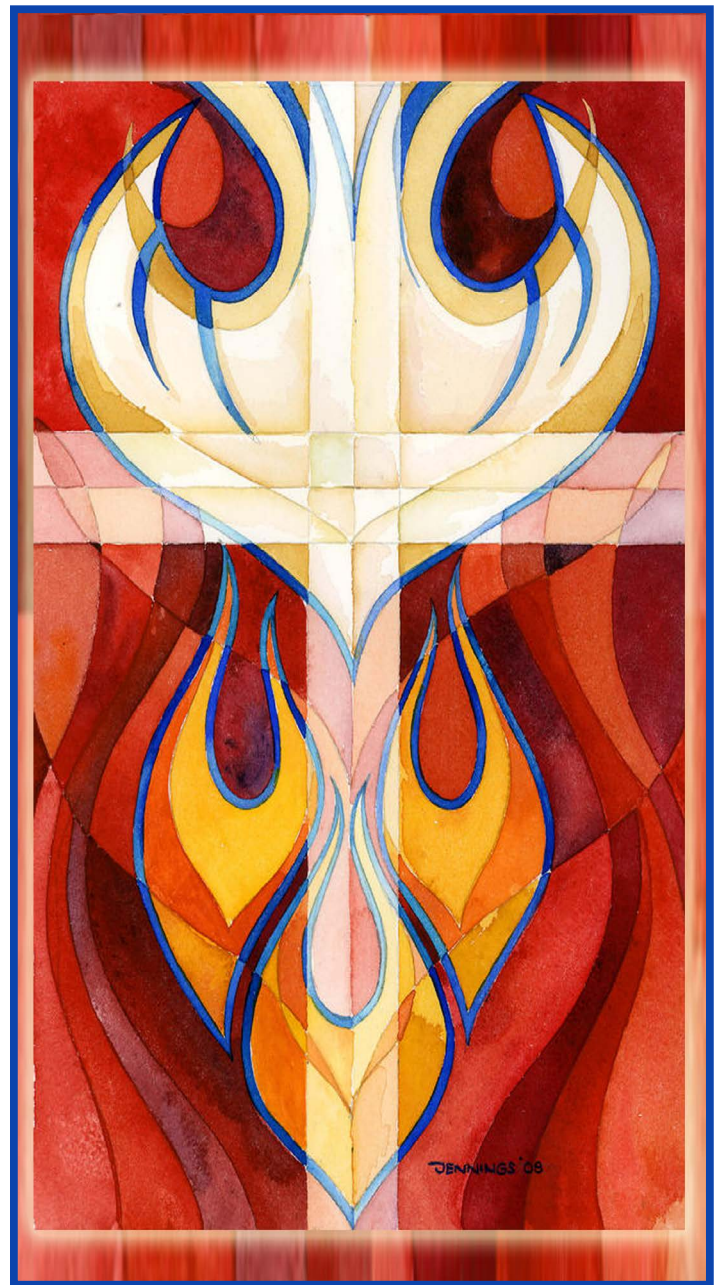
As Associate Pastor of Outreach & Mission here at St. Paul's, Pastor Mark will focus in the areas of Community Life, Care Ministry, Missions, and Outreach for our congregation and community. He now joins our preaching team, sharing his first message in worship on June 16th & 17th.

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Decatur, IL) is excited and blessed to welcome the Gearigs here. They have already begun meeting many of our St. Paul's families and making plans for what is ahead. We are excited to get to know the Gearig family and we know God will use them in mighty ways here among us.



To God

Be the Glory!



*For we are GOD'S WORKMANSHIP,
created in CHRIST JESUS to do good works,
which GOD prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10

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FOR

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2:00 PM SERVICE
JULY 10, 2016



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Prelude

Processional Hymn

Thy Strong Word
LSB #578 v. 1-6

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

People: Amen.

Words of Intention

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Mark Gearig has been called by the Lord of the Church in the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments. He has been prepared for this ministry by careful study and prayer. He has been examined and declared ready and prepared to undertake this sacred responsibility, and, by the guidance of God the Holy Spirit, he has in the Church's usual order been called to be Associate Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Decatur, IL. According to apostolic practice, he is now presented to be ordained and consecrated to this office established by God.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Pastor: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

People: And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Pastor: And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

People: And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Pastor: Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

People: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Epistle Lesson

Acts 17:26-28

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 10:5-20

Prayer of the Day

The Apostles' Creed

Message Hymn

Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling
LSB #826 v. 1-4

Message

"Jesus Leaves A Mark"
Galatians 6:17
Pastor Eric Trickey

Song of Response

Listen, God Is Calling
LSB #833

The Rite of Ordination

The Institution of the Office of Holy Ministry
The Responsibilities of the Office of Holy Ministry
The Strength and Promise in the Office of Holy Ministry
The Vows of Ordination

The Laying on of Hands

Blessing by the Congregational Chair

The Vesting

Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.
Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Mark Gearig, whom You have given to be pastor of this congregation. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

In Christ Alone
v. 1-4

You are invited to join us for a reception in the Fellowship Area following today's service.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Pastor	Pastor Eric Trickey <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL</i>
Liturgist	Pastor Doug Bender <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL</i>
Liturgist	Pastor Wray Offermann <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Decatur, IL</i>
Organist	Linda Ippel

Thank you also to all other area Pastors participating today and to Adam Mize, Chairman of the Board of Elders at St. Paul's.