



## St Luke's New Pastor

St Luke's new Pastor is **Rev. Noah Oliver Herren**. The congregation voted to extend our call on February 9, 2020 which he accepted. He started at St Luke on Monday February 24 and led his first service on Ash Wednesday, February 26. He was ordained and installed at St Luke on Friday February 28, 2020 with Bishop Kevin Strickland presiding.

Pastor Noah grew up in a small town outside of Birmingham, Alabama. He earned a degree in Financial Planning from the University of Alabama. After working for banks and financial institutions for a decade, Noah felt the call to ministry while

participating in a new church start-up in Birmingham.

Noah attributes his passion for ministry and spirituality to his own journey of reconciling multiple theologies and his experience as a transgender man raised in the deep South. He graduated from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in August 2017, and he has taken courses at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Columbia, SC) and Lutheran School of Theology (Chicago, IL). Following seminary, Noah completed a one-year chaplain residency at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. Since beginning the candidacy process, he has worked in a variety of capacities, including serving as a teacher in a theology certificate program, guitar player at a bar church, and chaplain at a women's prison and community service center. Most recently, he had the opportunity to experience life in the Midwest as a Vicar at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Pastor Noah has two teenage sons, Sam (18) and Will (15), who currently reside in Alabama with family. He enjoys reading, cooking, nature, watching movies, making playlists, and playing guitar.

We are delighted to welcome him to St Luke as our new pastor.