

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey S. F. Nelson was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and raised in Appleton, Wisconsin. He was educated in the Appleton Public Schools, graduating from Appleton High School East in 1978. Father Jeffrey received the Bachelor of Arts in Theology with a minor in Vocal Music from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana in 1982. In 1986, Father Jeffrey graduated with the Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and accepted his first call to serve as Associate Pastor of First Lutheran Church (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) in Kearney, Nebraska. In 1988, he was called to serve as Pastor of American Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Fairbury, Nebraska.

Father Nelson began his doctoral work at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1991 and graduated with the Doctor of Theology in American Religious History in 1997. Meanwhile, Father Nelson served as Pastor to the Campus and Assistant Professor of Religion and Youth and Family Ministry at Midland University (ELCA) in Fremont, Nebraska. In 1999, Father Jeffrey accepted the call to serve as Sr. Editor for Youth and Confirmation Resources at Augsburg Fortress, Publishers in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

From 2003, Father Nelson was a freelance writer and editor for various religious education materials, serving ultimately as Editor for the younger youth material for *Seasons of the Spirit*, an innovative, international, ecumenical, lectionary-based curriculum for all ages. He also served as a Management Consultant for Ceridian LifeWorks, an employee assistance program.

In May of 2007, Father Nelson was confirmed in The Episcopal Church, and in January of 2010, he was received as a priest in The Episcopal Church, after which he served as a Priest Associate at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Father Nelson was called to serve as Rector of Episcopal Church of Our Savior in North Platte, Nebraska in November of 2010.

Father Nelson's parents, Ken and Sharon, still live in his boyhood home in Appleton, Wisconsin, and his sister, Julie, lives with her family in River Falls, Wisconsin. Father Nelson has three children: Katherine, who is a student at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Anna, who attends Kearney High School in Kearney, Nebraska, and Kurt, who is in middle school in Kearney, Nebraska. Father Nelson lives with his two cats, Felix and Toula, in North Platte.