

The Rev. C. Handlee Vige serves St. Jude's as Interim Priest-in-Charge during our time of transition. Pastor V, as he is known, is an ordained Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which shares Full-Communion Fellowship with the Episcopal Church. Pastor V enjoys the rich liturgical traditions of both the Lutheran and Episcopal churches, as well as their depth of theology. Because of his appreciation of both traditions, Pastor V jokingly refers to himself as a "Lutherpalian."

Pastor V graduated from Newberry College, Newberry, SC in 1969 and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC in 1973. He was ordained June 1, 1973 and has served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ft. Walton Beach, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Melbourne and Apostles Lutheran Church, Brandon, all in Florida. He also has served as Priest-in-Charge of Epiphany Episcopal Church, Crestview, FL for two years.

Pastor V and his wife, Lynne, were married in 1977. They met when they were introduced by a mutual friend who was a member of the church he was serving at the time. Their family includes their daughter Beth (husband Philippe Chambas and sons Wylie, Miles & Elliott) and their son Tim (wife Christina). Both Beth and Tim and their families live in South Carolina.