

## Rev. David S. Tannahill



The only way I can describe my time in ministry in God's Church is as a succession of blessings that I clearly have not deserved. I give thanks to God for my remarkable wife, Roberta, to whom I've been married since 1982. As she is an accomplished musician and organist, who studied at Concordia, Ann Arbor, God equipped us to be a "mission in a box."

As well as serving in beautifully appointed churches, I was blessed to serve mission congregations meeting in a rustic cabin that served as a funeral home, a brightly lit school gymnasium, and a century-old storefront listed in the National Register of Historic Places. I've been humbled to administer Holy Baptism and watch as God washed sins away, bestowed His Holy Spirit, and made new members of His body, the Church. I have rejoiced to celebrate the Lord's Supper at everything from ornate altars to a large, fallen tree which served as a table following a severe storm. I've been honored to be at the bedside of more people than I can count as God called home His precious saints.

During my years in Canada, I was blessed to serve as a circuit counselor, director of the Department of Communications and member of the Board of Directors, member of the East District Task Force on Structure (LCC), and chairman of the District Registrations and Credentials Committee. I served as editor for the Alumni News of my alma mater, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Catharines for a number of years and, for a brief time, as Interim LWML Pastoral Advisor for the Lake Erie Zone.

Through an amazing set of circumstances, I was able to proclaim God's love in regular radio devotions, and in 1992 was invited to be the guest preacher for the Canadian Thanksgiving Lutheran Hour special.

I was given the opportunity to teach occasional Reformation classes at a local university. I rejoice that you, and God, have allowed me to work on our Evangelism Team. And for the past five years, after figuring out what a podcast was, I have enjoyed sharing devotions around the world with people I look forward to meeting in heaven.