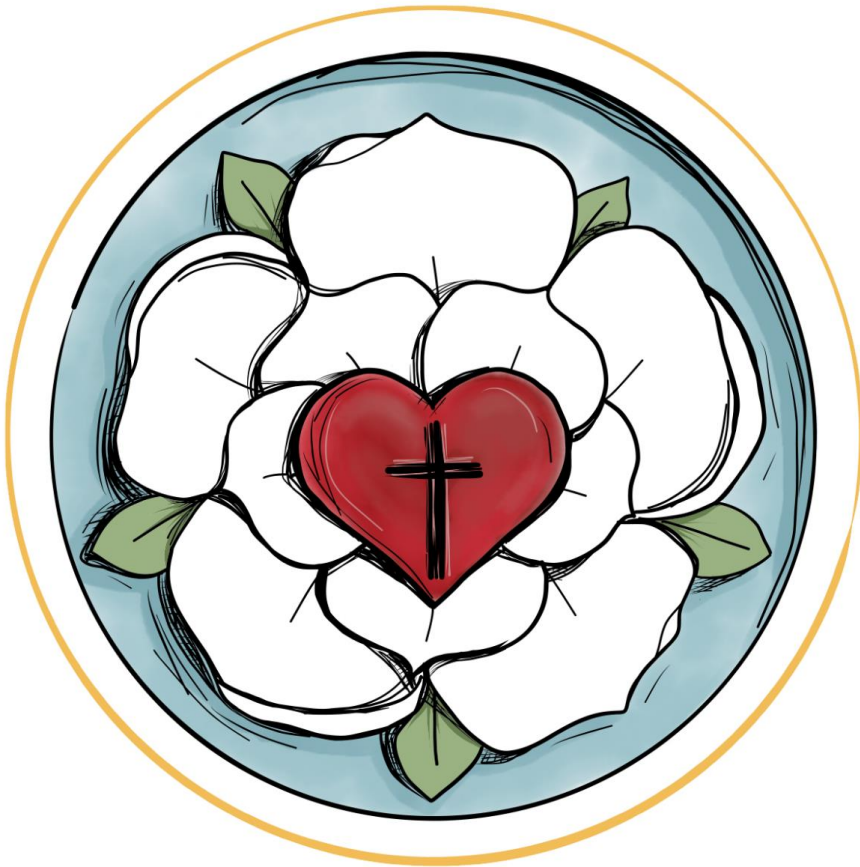


Confirmation & Reformation Day



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER, NC

Sunday, October 26, 2025—9:30 AM



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✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

PRELUDE

"Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild (God the Lord Is Sun and Shield)"
BWV 79, JS Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er-tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell er.
dom ours re - main eth.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



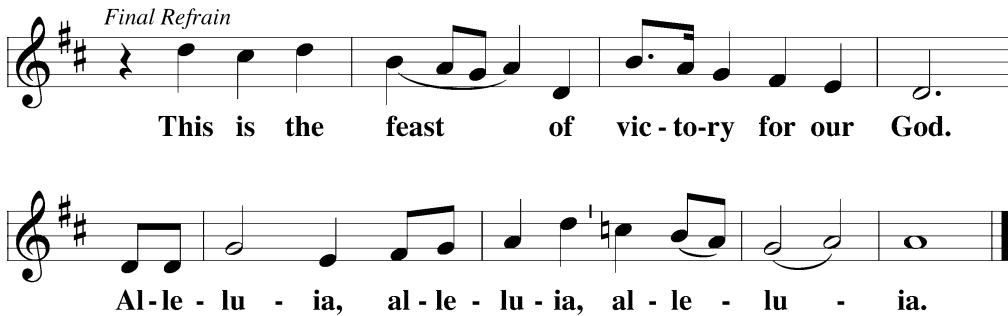
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1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Emma Spencer

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — the righteousness of God

through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31–36

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Lyla Killian

ANTHEM

"If God Be for Us" (Sung by Adult Choir)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Serenity Tupman

PRAISE SONG

"Made for More"

Verse I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen free and forgiven, I have a future and it's worth
the living

Chorus ('Cause) I wasn't made to be tending a grave, I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again, I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours, and I was made for more

Verse

Bridge Hallelujah You called out my name, so I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past, I'm not going back

Chorus

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SERMON TEXT

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SERMON

"She Shall Not Be Moved"

Psalm 46

(Outline on back of bulletin)

Please stand as you are able.

PRAISE SONG

"How Great Is Our God"

Verse 1 The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus How great is our God
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great is our God

Verse 2 And age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge (x2) Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God

Chorus (x2)

Ending Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art
Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art

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Please be seated.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION ADDRESS

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

THE PROMISES OF THE CONFIRMANDS

CONFIRMATION BLESSING

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Reason to Praise" (Sung by Praise Team)

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

C We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 644 *The Church's One Foundation*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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POSTLUDE

"Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice" Martin Luther

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EMMA LOUISE SPENCER

Baptized September 22, 2013

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Good morning, everyone, my name is Emma Spencer. Today, I will be sharing my statement of faith, which began at my baptism on September 22nd, 2013.



1 Peter 3:21 reads, "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

This verse encapsulates my faith journey so much. It emphasizes that baptism is more than a physical cleansing; it's about the transformative work of God and the Holy Spirit within us. They guide us toward a good conscience and a pure heart.

While some are baptized later in life after learning about the Gospel, I was baptized early on and grew up in environments where Jesus' Resurrection was discussed. At that young age, I didn't fully grasp its importance, but as I grew, I gained more knowledge about Him through church, Sunday school, and Camp Linn Haven. I was amazed to discover that those around me believed that God died for them and for me. This truly opened my eyes, and I began to see the depth of His sacrifice.

I want to take a moment to thank those who have supported me on this journey. First, my wonderful parents. You've shaped me into who I am today through your love and guidance. You've taught me to love others, be God-fearing, and have always been there for me, whether I had questions about the bible or my faith. I'm eternally grateful for everything you've given me.

I also want to remember my Grammy, who is no longer with us. She played a big role in my faith journey. As my babysitter, she taught me Bible songs and included me in her church's VBS. Her patience and desire for me to learn were priceless. She was my foundation during my early years, and I miss her.

Another person in my life is my Aunt Erin. She has always been there for me, looking out for me in ways that I appreciate. Our shared love for worship music creates such happy moments, and she introduced me to Camp Linn Haven, one of my favorite places. Aunie, you are such a strong, God-fearing woman, and I hope to grow into someone like you. Thank you for your constant support and for teaching me more about Jesus every day.

Now I want to share an event that changed my life. The NOLA Youth Gathering. Before this trip, I had been feeling lost. I had lost my Poppie, one of the most important people in my life, and was still grieving that loss over two years later. I thought I had to maintain a façade of strength and happiness, but inside I felt distant from God. My prayers were less frequent, and I struggled with feelings of being trapped in a dark headspace. At the Youth Gathering, I learned about endurance—how Jesus endured suffering for us. Each night focused on different themes, from losing loved ones to feeling a sense of belonging. I could feel God’s presence strongly throughout the week. It was almost as if he were holding me. The love and acceptance I experienced at that gathering was overwhelming. To this day, the song “Endure” remains one of my favorite songs.

Now will you join me in prayer?

Dear Heavenly Father, with a heart full of gratitude, I thank You for Your love and the gift of salvation. Life without You would feel empty. Yet because of Your love, my life is forever changed. Jesus, Your death on the cross is a miracle I could never deserve. You knew my mistakes and pain, and yet You chose to love me unconditionally. Amen.

CONFIRMATION VERSE

*“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”
Psalm 139:14*

LYLA GRACE ANNE KILLIAN

Baptized January 22, 2012

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Hello, my name is Lyla Killian, I am the daughter of Robbie and Jenni Killian, and I am a strong believer in Jesus Christ and what he has done for me.

Throughout my life, I have grown up in the church. I have been coming to St. Peter's since I was an infant.

My family tree holds so many memories in this church, dating back 5 or more generations. This church is so close to my heart, and so is the community that surrounds me.



The Lord has worked in so many ways throughout my life, with my friends, family, and church camp. One of the biggest parts of my life was the National Youth Gathering this year, surrounded by fellow Christians who are my brothers and sisters, and growing in my relationship with Christ.

As a teen, I struggled with validation. Whether this is with academics, sports, or just in the way I look at myself. In school, I question, "Is my grade good enough?" or "Could I have tried harder?". As an athlete, I also ask myself these questions: "Did I give enough effort?" or "Did I underperform?" I was searching for affirmation from peers when I should have been looking to God all along. God has already given validation through my baptism. Believing in him and trusting in him, I am validated. I am his child, I was created in his image, and I am amazing. I know I was made for a purpose and put on this earth to spread his word and love. When I struggle to see my worth, I remember that Christ saw enough value in me to die for me, and he never stops reminding me of that. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you". This shows God is always here for you whenever you need him. There is no need for validation from others, just from God, our creator.

Our self-image can have a huge impact on our lives—especially in our generation, surrounded by social media and constant pressure to meet others' expectations. It's easy to fall into the trap of seeking validation, saying things like, 'I need to impress my parents or my coaches.' But I have to remind myself that my worth isn't defined by what others think of me. I am made in the image of God, and that's where my true identity and value come from. Through prayer, I continue in faith to have a strong belief base. Prayer is such an amazing way to connect with God, although you may not see it, no prayer goes unanswered. God has the right timing and place. God has a plan. In 2 Corinthians 3:4-6 it says "Such Confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves, but

our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life." This shows that we shouldn't rely on self-importance or human validation. This verse also reminds us that we are capable of serving and spreading the Gospel. This strength comes from God's power through the Holy Spirit. So as I close, I have come to accept that I am not perfect, though I am made in God's image through the Spirit. I can persevere through the Spirit on my worst days. The Lord is my shepherd.

I would like to thank my family for their support and for the effort they put into sending me to church camp. Your encouragement and love mean the world to me. I wouldn't ask anyone else to help me. I would like to thank my pastors for all the guidance and wisdom through confirmation. Also, the life lessons I was taught throughout my Confirmation Journey. Above all, I thank the Lord and have gratitude for the endless love, forgiveness, and blessings, and his presence in my life. I trust in your plan and your timing, Lord. I have grown significantly in my faith, and I have had the opportunity to learn a great deal about the Christian faith. I know that God is the way, the truth, and the life, and I trust in his guidance and find peace in his presence. Although confirmation has come to an end, my walk in the faith will not; this journey has only begun.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank and praise you for the journey you have brought me on through confirmation. I am overjoyed to continue your work in spreading your word and the love you have for this earth, while also expanding my faith because your journey with God is never done. Your love never fails, neither does your glory. Lord, I pray that I can continue to inform people that they have a spot in heaven. Lord, we give thanks for your fruitfulness, for your blessing never ceases, and everything that is created by you grows with beauty and purpose, showing your power to bring life from nothing. Lord, you give me 10,000 reasons for my heart to find you, because when the sun comes up it's a new day dawning, and whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, you are in control (My favorite camp linn haven song). I pray that you watch over anyone who is struggling and will help them through the hard times because you have a plan for them. I glorify and exalt your heavenly name, for with all things are possible through you, God. Amen!

CONFIRMATION VERSE

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on
him because he cares for you."*

1 Peter 5:6-7

SERENITY MICHELLE TUPMAN

Baptized September 15, 2024



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Hi - for those who don't know me, I'm Serenity Tupman. What I believe as a Christian is to know and have faith in Jesus Christ, knowing that I am loved and saved by the grace of God. I know this because God "sent His only begotten son" to forgive us of our sins. God did this so that we would have eternal life in Heaven with Him. One way we receive our faith is to be baptized. When I was baptized, I received the Holy Spirit, and this allows me to breathe life into people, which means spreading the Gospel. I also received the cleansing of my sins, which I can share with others as I testify of my struggles to people who are suffering the same struggles I go through.

When I heard who Jesus Christ is and what He did for us, I knew there was hope and a better life waiting for me. I was amazed that by having "faith the size of a mustard seed" (as it says in Matthew 17:20), I could do amazing things. As a Christian, I want to help others see that there is hope for a greater life, you just have to have a little faith. The amazing promise that God has given me because I am saved is "everlasting life." We can learn this from John 3:16. We also learn from Philippians 4:19 that "God supplies all your needs through his riches and glory through Jesus Christ."

God sends others to help with your faith. Four people have really helped with my faith. The first is John Adams. He is my Sunday School teacher. His faith in Jesus is beautiful. You can tell by the way he talks about his faith and the Bible that Jesus is the biggest influence in his life. John is very smart; there is little that you can ask him about the Bible that he doesn't know. If he doesn't know the answer, he will take time to help you find the answer. I am so thankful God put him in my life. Thank you, John.

Maw Judy has done so much for me. Since I met her, she has loved and cared for me. One way was to bring me to Saint Peter's. I have made a home here. I enjoy coming to church with Mawmaw and learning about God together. I also enjoy

going to youth and helping the church. She always makes sure I know what's happening at church and that I have a way to attend everything at church. Thank you so much, Mawmaw, for being there for me.

Ms. Kim, I have been blessed to get to know you as a youth leader. You make youth fun and still make sure we learn about God. Some youth leaders don't have as much dedication as you do to your faith and your church. Thank you for showing me what amazing things people can do by following God.

The last person God sent me is my dad, Michael. He has gone through so much in his life but by his strong love for God, he has shown me that as long as you have your Savior in your life you can get through anything. He helps me keep on trusting and doing things through Jesus Christ.

God has also sent many other people to strengthen my faith. Thank you to everyone who is always there for me. Being a Christian isn't just about your faith and being saved, but it's also about your journey.

Will you join me in prayer?

Dear Lord, I pray for everyone in this church to have a strong relationship with you. I pray that whatever they're going through, you guide them through it and put their faith in you. For the people that do not know who you are, I pray that they find someone to guide them to you. Thank you for letting me be able to stand up here and show how much you have worked in my life. I know that I still have a lot to learn but with you in my life, I can do anything. I pray for Emma and Lyla to keep on having a beautiful relationship with you. Help them continue to read their Bibles and keep on growing in their faith. In Jesus' name I pray these things, Amen.

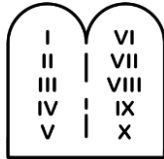
CONFIRMATION VERSE

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20b

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

The Six Chief Parts



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



THE APOSTLES' CREED



THE LORD'S PRAYER



HOLY BAPTISM



CONFESSION



THE LORD'S SUPPER