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Hi, I'm Amanda Zimmerman and over the past four years I have spent in confirmation I have learned so much. I have learned that Jesus Christ is someone that I can look up to and I know he will always be there for me. He is someone I can trust with everything I have. I have learned how much Jesus had to have loved us, to sacrifice his life for us. I am ready to commit my life to Jesus because I know that living a life with Jesus will make my life brighter and happier. Jesus has always been there for me, spreading his word is the least I can do in return. Through these years of confirmation I have come to believe that Jesus Christ is my savior and that his love is undying and that faith in him alone is the only thing I need to please him, and faith in him is something that I most definitely have.

Jesus Christ is very important in my life. I know that no matter what situation I may get myself into I can always count on God for guidance to help me through. Saint Paul's has supported me through well...everything. They may not know it, but this congregation slowly made the transition from a group of people that I would see only on a Sunday, to a family. This Church is something I truly value in my life, without it I'm not quite sure where I would be. These people have always kept me grounded.

My Christian faith community has become important to me because it is something that I can always trust. It is the one thing that is never going to betray me or hurt me, it will only help me and I trust it to guide me on the path I need to be on. My family has supported my faith development so much. My parents have brought me to church every week and at home have instilled Christian values into me. If I have a problem they have always brought up the WWJD question, and have always tried to have me make the decision on what Jesus would have done.

I believe God has given gifts to everyone and that he has made everyone special and unique in their own way. One gift that

God has given me that I truly treasure is singing. I plan to use this gift by spreading Gods word through music. I believe he gave me this gift for a reason and I do not plan on wasting it. I've experienced Jesus in my life in many different ways. The biggest way though is through prayer. If I have ever had a problem that I felt was too large for me to deal with I have gone straight to praying and when I do pray I feel that God has always helped me. In every situation in which I have asked him for guidance I have always seen a change in the way things were.

I plan to commit myself to this Christian community by continuing to go to church every week and to continue to do that throughout my entire life. I plan to spread Gods word anyway possible and to try my absolute best to follow what he has asked of us. I want to thank my parents for opening up this Christian world for me. I would like to thank my entire family for supporting me in whatever I have chosen to do. I would like to thank our current Pastor, Pastor Maxwell and our previous Pastors, Pastor Jan and Pastor Shultz. Your sermons and your presence have really helped me in finding my faith. I would also like to thank this congregation, for always being open and kind and helpful. Above all I would like to thank our Confirmation teachers, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. McKenna. I know that we weren't always that easiest class to work with, but you never gave up on us and I am truly grateful for that. I have learned so much from you two and I will never forget what you have taught me.

You know, when you're a little kid you don't necessarily like going to the church related things, but as I have grown I have gone from having to go to these things, to wanting to go to them. I believe that this congregation has been a big factor in that. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me.