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Jesus to me is someone that is always with me and gives me hope in everything I do. The importance of Jesus is very significant. My whole life I have grown up at St. Paul's learning about Jesus and developing my ever-growing faith. Having faith in Jesus means that you need to trust Jesus in all his decisions and to know that he is with you at all times, even if it doesn't always seem like it. Believing in God is sometimes hard for me. When you think about it logically, it's almost impossible to believe all the things that his son did. But what I do know, is that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. God didn't know me at the time when Jesus was alive, yet he still sacrificed his only son to save me and everyone else from our sins. That to me is simply amazing. I didn't have a choice when I was a baby in deciding what religion I was going to grow up into and where I was going to go to church. I was baptized at St. Paul's and I have attended here ever since. We may not be the biggest or fanciest church, but I can honestly say that I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. St. Paul's has supported me through everything I have done at the church. Whether it's going on small outings, week long mission trips, or service projects, the members of this church have always given us donations and support. In Confirmation I have learned so many great things about my faith and how I can incorporate my faith into my daily life. I plan to be involved in the church by continuing to participate in youth activities and hopefully teaching a Sunday school class in the near future. First off, I would like to thank my mom and dad for always pushing me to go to church and Sunday school for the past ten or so years, even if I didn't always want to. My second thanks go to Pastor Scott and every member of St. Paul's for all the support you have given me while growing up here. I'd also like to thank all of my Sunday school teachers who have helped me develop the faith I now have, especially Amy who made this year the best year of Confirmation and for keeping the chaos in the church at a minimum as best as she could. Lastly, I'd like to thank all my friends here at church. Over the years I have developed so many great friendships. I have so many memories with all of them that I will always remember. Spending time with them has made my experience at church one of the best I have ever had. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to call some of my best friends. Thank you.