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When I was about eight years old, my mom, sister, and I joined my dad as members of St. Paul's. I was baptized as both a Catholic and Lutheran, but I am glad that today I am being confirmed at this church.

I started Sunday school in third grade and there was about eleven of us in my class. Slowly and for various reasons, my class size decreased. Today I am glad to be one of the students stating my faith.

Throughout the years, we have learned everything needed to be seen as adults in the eyes of the church. This included chapters, verses, and important people in the Bible, along with the history of the Lutheran Church. And in seventh grade, we were officially in "confirmation class" and our lessons became more in-depth. But after all of these classes and lessons, I have learned why I am a Christian. We all make life more complicated than it should be, but if we live the way Jesus wants us to live, it is much easier. To me, it's like we are given the guidelines to a happy life.

I have also learned that through the hard times in life, the church is a place to feel better and be reminded that there are always people to support me. Other important things I have learned are things gifts that God gave me. I can understand people well, so God has given me the ability to be compassionate. I have also played basketball and soccer since I was about seven, so I have been given some athletic ability, and surprisingly the ability to never have been seriously injured through these sports.

So after learning all of this, there are people I would like to thank. My parents, I'm sure I was more than a pain on a few Sunday mornings, but thank you for having me go to Sunday school and church. I now know that it was what was best for me. Kristyn, my sister, sponsor, and best friend. Thanks for always being there for me. You have impacted my life in more ways than you know. All of my Sunday school teachers, there were a few classes where I was the only one who showed, but thank you for never complaining, and thank you for teaching me all of these things. And Pastor Scott. Thanks for making church so high-spirited and enjoyable. I love your enthusiasm and the fact that you are very supportive of us.

Even though I am no longer a student here, I am excited to stay involved in the church. There is so much I would love to participate in and I plan on doing so. Staying involved with the church and with all of its member is what is best for me.