



"Living in Service to Christ"

ST. JOHN
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Personal Faith Statements

2020 Confirmands

I believe in God. Why? Everyday I make thousands of mistakes. Even though I make thousands of mistakes I know God still loves me unconditionally. There is a verse in 1 John that states, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." So what influences my belief in God is knowing that no matter what I do he still loves me. It also inspires me to be better everyday and do the same to other people. My sister passed away over one year ago. It was not a great time for me and I still struggle everyday, but since that morning I have not given up the thought of God giving up on me. I believe that he has a plan and it will work out just like he promises.

One of my favorite verses is this,

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

I know God is with me wherever I go and I won't give up my belief in God.

I believe in Jesus because he sacrificed his life for our sins. Everyone sins everyday, I know that I can sin a lot in one day. But because Jesus sacrificed his life for us we are forgiven by God, through Jesus. Like it says in Romans, "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." I believe in heaven, and I think everyday, because of Jesus my little sister is in heaven. He is one of my biggest mentors of my faith. I know that what, where, and whenever I'm doing something he is always there.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, and that God baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and we live with it everyday. When I am in my darkest moments, and saddest times I know the Holy Spirit is comforting me. That it is with me wherever I go. One thing I learned in confirmation is our sacraments. One is communion and the other is baptism. I believe baptism is our first step into faith and it's an important part of everyone's life. In Mark 1:8 it says I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the holy spirit. I know that I have the holy spirit within me wherever I go.



Owen Henry Bittner



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." —John 3:16

I believe in God because attending church and listening to the sermons has got me thinking more deeply about God. When I read the Bible, it too brings me closer to God because I am learning what faith means to me and how it can improve my faith as a Christian.

I believe in Jesus because he died on the cross for our sins and I feel like He is always around me and I trust that He will help me to make wise decisions in my daily life. God and Jesus help me to be a better person along with the guidance of my pastors, mentors, family and friends.

I believe in the Holy Spirit because it is my guide to making better decisions. The Holy Spirit has guided me towards good decisions that make me better. I hope to build my faith through worshipping the father, the son and the holy spirit. I am thankful that God sacrificed his only Son for the forgiveness of our sins.

Ethan Christopher Erdman

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

- Philippians 4:13

Ever since my parents had me baptized I have chosen to follow the path of Christ and follow God. I have accepted that Jesus died on the cross to forgive us for our sins.

When I started this confirmation journey I questioned my faith and trust in God but throughout confirmation I have learned to believe and trust more in God, I realized that everything happens for a reason and if something bad happens it is not to hurt you but to help you grow as a person and as a believer of God.

Hopefully in the future I will make more progress towards God, and have even more trust and faith in Christ. I will do this by going to church more, doing Youth Group and participating in church activities and try to encourage my friends to do the same.

He is the key to my future and my strength as well as to you.

Damon James Glasser





"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8

I believe our God is a loving, kind, understanding, and accepting God and that he has called us to live in the same way. My bible verse explains that the Lord calls us to be just in action, love mercilelessly, and to live humbly.

I believe the Holy Spirit lives in each one of us and is spread through our daily deeds of compassion and understanding. We are to love all, and accept all with no judgement because we all sin and no sin is greater than the next.

I believe that Jesus came to teach us how to live and died on the cross and that his death has promised that I am redeemed. I promise to do my best to uphold the standard of love that Jesus has shown us all.

I believe that when I was baptized I was given the promise of God and his mercy and today with my confirmation, I affirm that promise.

Jacob Lee Herbel

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - John 14:6

I believe the beginning of my faith was my baptism. Baptism washed my sins away and made me a child of God. Since then I have been learning and practicing faith through confirmation about God's many gifts that he has given us. Starting with his only Son, Jesus, a leader, a healer and a kind son.

Through confirmation I have learned the history of my faith and grown closer to our church. Every day I hope to grow in my faith and my involvement in my church. I feel a sense of renewal in my faith after I enter our church, but also by participating in the many volunteer projects around our community. I feel a closeness to God when I'm surrounded by nature, especially the times that I'm in the mountains snowboarding. The freedom I feel is what I imagine heaven to be, freedom from sin. I love and appreciate the acceptance and open mindedness of St. John Lutheran Church and I'm proud to call myself a member.

Ian James Homiston





"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. " - John 3:16

I believe that getting confirmed is a very important part of someone's life. I believe that we all have a little good in ourselves and we can bring that out when we go to church and pray or worship.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is very important to everyone. I believe that when we are baptized, all of our sins are washed away and we are made into a new person who is also God's child.

I believe that the bible is so important because it tells us what life was like when God was still alive. It also tells us how people acted towards each other and God. I can grow deeper in faith by worshipping more and praying more. My parents have been key people in my faith by helping me. They would help me by taking me to church on Sunday and Wednesday. They would also help me with my praying and worshipping.

Nathan James Klein

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

- Romans 8:31

I believe God is our Savior and Lord. I believe God is still alive and He is there for you when you don't think He is. God gave up his only son, our Lord, to protect us from sins so we can live our lives without guilt, knowing that he will forgive us from our sins. God created heaven and earth.

I believe Jesus is the son of God. He was sent down to earth to spread the word of God. Jesus came to earth to forgive us for our sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins. I believe that the Holy Spirit is God that comes down to earth. The Holy Spirit is always here with us and is the one that protects us from evil and takes spirits up to heaven. The Holy Spirit is what creates faith in us and helps us feel connected to God and Jesus. I believe the Holy Trinity is made up of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

I believe that the day I was baptized was the day I became a child of God. I am Christian because I have faith and believe in God.

Sage Elizabeth Lecoe





I believe that to help people in faith and God's work affects people in spiritual ways. God wants us to help people, so it makes us and our neighbors happy. All the times I've helped people it has left them happy that I've cared enough to help.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven".

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is a time in every person's life when we need help. There are also times when we make mistakes and need second chances in life, and God gives you those second chances.

Jesus died on the cross for our sins so we could live forgiven and free. Jesus does not just give you a second chance, He gives you millions of chances. A few key people have influenced me on my faith journey and development.

Thomas Dean Lewton

Innocent or wicked it is all the same to God.—Job 9:22

I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth. That in seven days he created this world and all the creatures within it. I believe God also has a vision for this world and it's people. That he is a God of love and finds the good in all people. I believe God is forgiving and, in his eyes, we are all created equal and are deserving of that love and forgiveness.

I believe in Jesus, Gods one and only son. I believe in his sacrifice for our sins and his unconditional love for us all.

I believe in the Holy Spirit and it's strengthening of us all, and through that faith we will be saved. This faith is based off the trust that God is there and that even though you can not see him you love and believe in him.

Burkley Lynn Luchi





*"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.
Today's trouble is enough for today.*

—Matthew 6:34

I believe that there are people that can influence and grow your faith by asking questions, telling their own personal stories, and reading the bible. I believe that God puts certain people in your life for a reason. I believe that God puts tempting things and bad things in your life to test your strength, make you stronger and see your faithfulness in him.

I believe that God has plans for everyone, but just like everyone else, His plans don't always go according to plan. I believe that there are evil things in the world but they all play a part in God's plan. I believe that God does all in his control to protect his children. I believe that some things happen that are out of God's control, but he is always there to comfort you.

I believe that as a Lutheran we are worthy enough to have communion every time there is the church. I believe that as a Lutheran we can keep our confessions between God and ourselves. I believe that after we are baptized we are saved.

Sofia Ann Mackey

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13

I believe that God has a special [purpose] for everyone in the future. Our Lord Jesus Christ prepares us for confirmation and to have a clean soul. Confirmation is a very special holy day. This moves you up one step closer to God, it's more than just *saying* you're getting close to God. It means when you receive baptism or holy communion, there's a special feeling in your body that makes you feel you're *with* God. Receiving a holy sacrament should mean a lot to you. You get to have a very important day to celebrate you are with God and getting even closer to God. Your guardian angel will also be with you to guide and protect you and lead you to become a better role model.

I also strongly believe that when you get confirmed, you are ready to show others what and how to get ready for confirmation. Getting confirmed is a blessing because Jesus loves you and knows you are going to be a good Christian.

Serenity Lynn Pavlicek





*Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.
Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul - Psalm 143:8*

I believe in the Father, the creator of heaven and earth, he is the one that gave us the ability to think and love and create. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, who was born of the virgin Mary. He gives all of us the ability to believe that there is a greater good, and I believe that he died on the cross to save us from our sins. He was given a human body and made in the perfect image of God.

I also believe that he was sent down to earth to help and heal people of sin. I believe in the Holy Spirit who acts as a comforter and counselor, one who intercedes and supports or acts as an advocate, particularly in times of trial. The Holy Spirit acts to convince the unredeemed person both of the sinfulness of their actions and of their moral standing as sinners before God.

James Louis Reger

"For 'In him we live and move and have our being.' - Acts 17:28

I believe God is powerful and abounding in love. He has seen us at our worst and best. He sees our struggles and hears our cries for help. He knows and loves us for who we are. God will never give us something that we can't handle, he knows we are strong enough to overcome any challenge with Him by our side.

I believe Baptism and Confirmation go hand in hand. Baptism is your introduction to Christianity, and Confirmation is the affirmation of your faith in Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that he came to this Earth for us, to help spread God's love.

I believe Jesus died for everybody's sins, no matter how different we are. Nobody is perfect, there will always be evil in this world. But through God's grace, he picks us up, dusts us off, and makes us new in Him again.

Molly Jordyn Robb





My faith journey started at Badlands Ministries when I went there for bible camp. When I got to camp, I felt free and did not have to be someone I was not or felt I need to be. I felt welcomed by everyone there. The camp had a very calming, and peaceful feel about it. At camp I learned that God loves us for who we are. With all humility and gentleness, with patients bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

During confirmation I learned more about what it is to be a Lutheran, and the important people in the Bible. I also learned about acceptance, forgiveness and that we are saved by grace through faith. Through my experiences in different church families I have met many different people that have set many great examples for me follow. They have helped me to understand that God loves you no matter what, to trust in God, and to walk by faith.

"For it is the Lord your God who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to give you victory." ~ Deuteronomy 20:4

I believe the Bible is a guide that is there for us to learn from and guide us when we need it. I believe that all people are created equally. I believe in one God, and the ten commandments. I believe Jesus died for our sins. I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations. Isaiah 42:6

Dylan Lee Smith

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

-John 15:13

I believe that everyone is loved by God no matter what sins they have done and no matter what mistakes they have made. I believe that God will help you through everything that is going on in your life and if you need help going through something, you can always ask Him for help and forgiveness. I also believe that God is all around you and in everything that you see he will protect you from evil and help you make the right decisions so that you will be successful in life and in school.

I believe that if you have any problems that you can go to God and ask Him, or you can go to the pastor or priest of your church and they will help you get through the situation. I believe that no matter what life throws at you God will always be there to protect you even though it seems like He isn't, He is always there for you even during the hardest times of your life.

Mason William Stroh



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