

2025 Immanuel Lutheran Church

Youth Confirmation - May 4, 2025

Each confirmand was asked to choose a Bible verse to remember their confirmation day and use throughout their life. Their verses are listed here along with the reason why they chose the verse.

Alicia Ajuntas

Parents: Christina Wohlers and Tony Ajuntas

Born: 7/1/2010 Baptized: 8/7/2010

Verse: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8, NIV)

Jesus was on the cross dying, yet he still loved everyone, even the people who killed, mocked, and hated him. This shows how truly powerful God's love really is. Whoever does not have God in their hearts cannot love, because love is a gift from God. He loves us enough to die for us and to take away our sins. God tells us to love everyone, as he loves us. I feel as though being a child of God means you have to love everyone no matter what. Some people might find this as a struggle, and some people might find joy and comfort in this. I believe love is one of God's most precious gifts he gave us. Love makes our hearts full especially when you have God's love and forgiveness in your heart. You can't love if you can't forgive. I believe forgiveness is a big part of love as well. If you can't forgive others for the wrongs they've done against you, how could you love them? Always forgive, always love, and always trust in the Lord.

Allie Miller

Parents: Chad and Stacia Miller

Born: 7/3/2010 Baptized: 7/25/2010

Verse: "But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the Lord I cry aloud, and He answers me from his holy hill." (Psalm 3:3-4, NIV)

Since I was young, I have faced a multitude of health issues. Whenever I read these verses, they bring me comfort and relief. I chose them specifically because they remind me of the peace found in God's word and reassures me that He will always be there to deliver me when I call on Him, no matter the trouble.

Avery McCabe-Evans

Parents: Brian and Lisa McCabe-Evans

Born: 6/07/2011 Baptized: 12/3/2011

Verse: "For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you if you return to him." (2 Chronicles 30:9b)

This verse means a lot to me. When someone converts to Christianity God will not be upset that you had a different religion before, he will gladly welcome you with open arms into his heavenly home. If you or myself starts to turn away from Christianity God will try to bring you back to him he will not turn away from you. God will always love you no matter what so you can always turn to him.

Dean Gerberding

Parents: Ashley and Thomas Gerberding
Born: 5/9/2010 Baptized: 10/11/2014

Verse: "I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14a)

I chose Psalm 139:14 because I have doubted myself before. But I know that God made me wonderful and beautiful just the way I am. It represents me to keep believing in myself. To keep believing that I can do whatever I put my mind to so that I don't doubt myself and repent against God. This passage makes me believe in God my Father almighty.

Garrett Dessner

Parents: Andrea and Robert Dessner
Born: 9/16/2010 Baptized: 3/12/2011

Verse: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

I chose this verse because it has stuck with me since learning it in elementary school. To me the verse means that if we believe in God, He will forgive our sins so that we will be saved and go to Heaven. The biggest reason God sent his only Son to die for us was because of the love He had for us.

Julia Barnes

Parents: Andrew and Stephanie Barnes
Born: 9/27/2010 Baptized: 11/28/2010

Verse: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

To me this verse means that God's word will guide me through my whole life. It assures me that with my faith in God's word He will take care of me and provide everything I will ever need. It comforts me knowing with every step I take I will have the Lord with me and I am not alone.

Mazie Eversman

Parents: Holly Hayes and Joe Eversman
Born: 1/5/2011 Baptized: 6/11/2011

Verse: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

I chose this verse because God's word was there for me even in the darkest of times and always gave me the hope I needed. His words led me out of the darkness and into his marvelous light.

Peyton Tloutan

Parents: Mary Rother and Wyatt Tloutan
Born: 12/15/2010 Baptized: 2/5/2011

Verse: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

I chose this verse because it reminds me that God gave me the greatest gift of eternal life with Him in heaven. It gives me encouragement to do the right thing and tells me I don't have to compare myself to anyone, when being saved through faith is a gift of God. Mr. And Mrs. Arguto inspired me to choose this verse because whenever it was brought up, they always mentioned that we don't have to brag about being saved. We didn't earn it ourselves, but a gift from God. This verse helps me realize what God has given me and how I can still be the best version of myself.