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Affirmation of Baptism

Scripture Verse: *The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all people might hear it. (2 Timothy 4:17)*

God is much bigger than us and God is everywhere. God's love is outstanding in many ways. God doesn't ever give up on us, even when we mess up. God is a fixing and forgiving God. That is why we need to forgive often... ourselves and others. God is always by our side; but it's easy to forget that when we are sad or struggling. God puts us in many different places throughout our lives, so that we can learn from all of our opportunities. And God wants us to love and forgive others just as He has done for us.

My faith in God has deepened throughout the last few years. I've learned that God is caring and wants to be connected to us; and God also connects us to each other. This happen in baptism and in communion. And God can change us and steer us in the right direction.

We are all called to serve, to spread God's Word, and share his love with the world. Confirmation means: confirming my faith in Jesus Christ; confirming the relationship we have with God's people; and confirming that I am part of all this. I will continue to strengthen my relationship with God by attending worship, serving others and through prayer.