



Do you remember your confirmation verse?

This is a question the confirmation students asked me after I handed out four (FOUR!) pages of possible verses they could choose as their confirmation verse. I'm guessing they were expecting a "No," answer, since they seemed surprised when I said, "Actually, I do!"

Then I rattled it off for them, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last." John 15:16

Then I told them how I didn't choose that verse like they were going to choose theirs. My pastor had chosen it for me - and very appropriately so!

I told the class that when I was their age, becoming a pastor was not on my radar - even though it was something my mom had wanted me to do. In other words, I definitely did not choose to become a pastor, but fifteen years later God chose me for the very task that had been the farthest thing from my mind at fifteen years of age! (He had to set LOTS of things in place before I was ready for that - His timing is always perfect!)

They thought my pastor choosing that verse for me - and God's subsequent work of bringing it about - was "So Cool!" I wholeheartedly agree!

This June 13 the members of that confirmation class will be publicly professing their faith in Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I hope you'll be able to attend that worship service to celebrate their faith with them! I'd also ask that you keep them in your prayers that God would continue to prepare them for whatever calling He has chosen them for!

Thanks for asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net