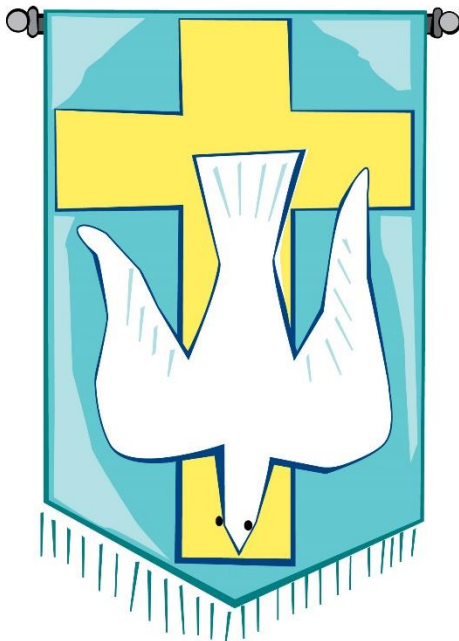


# Confirmation Class



Here at LCC, we typically hold confirmation classes every other year for youth in grades 7 and older. Due to many new families coming to LCC in the spring of 2019, whose children were the age of the confirmation class of 2019, we decided to offer an additional class for them. A bonus class, a catch-up class, or as we have come to know them, the Ketchup Class. When the pandemic hit in 2020, our classes slowed down and we weren't ready to have a confirmation service, so we invited the Ketchup class to join in some of the classes with the incoming class of 2021 and to be confirmed along with them. After this, we will go back to having classes every other year. It's been a long journey for our Ketchup Class, and we are really grateful to them for their dedication and flexibility.

**Bailey Bowles:** In the past two years, I've seen Bailey become bolder. She seems to have become more comfortable speaking up and that's important because the world needs to hear her voice. On the track running hurdles, I've seen Bailey push through challenges in a way that many others wouldn't and I really admire that about her. *Bailey chose the lamb for her symbol, which represents Jesus as the lamb of God.* Sponsor: Paul Pierce

**David Burns:** David has been very open to new experiences, even if some took a little push, and he's shown that he's pretty adaptable! He has a fun-loving spirit and he's altruistic, tending to put others ahead of himself. He can be a little quiet sometimes, but he has a very goofy side and loves to make people laugh. *David chose the triumphant cross for his symbol which represents Jesus as triumphant over anything we face on earth.* Sponsor: Shawn Warren

**Nora Germaine:** Nora is a thoughtful person. She asks good questions, and I can tell that she really thinks things through, including her faith. Nora's reliable, dedicated, and kind. *Nora chose the dove as her symbol, which represents peace and the Holy Spirit.* Sponsor: Jen Murray

**Allison Kressler:** Allison has always seemed older to me than she actually is...partly because of her sense of humor and partly because she's not afraid to join adults in leading and organizing projects. She has jumped right into using her skills here at LCC, being the stage manager for Seussical, and she's done a great job. *Allison chose the heart for her symbol which represents the love of God.* Sponsor: Paul Pierce

**Max Winters:** I never know what to expect from Max. He keeps all of us on our toes and I think he gets a kick out of that. From unique zoom names and appearances to unexpected accents, you just never know what to expect! What I do know about Max is that he is a kind and considerate person who is going to continue to help us see life from new, and probably unexpected, angles. *Max chose the tree life for his symbol which represents eternal life through Christ.* Sponsor: Michael Komperda

**Meg Winters:**

Meg brings a quiet grace at first, which turns into a silly, funny, brave, and wise grace when she's ready. Meg moves with confidence and beauty in her dancing, and I've watched that confidence translate into her life a little more every time I'm around her. *Meg chose the candle for her symbol which represents Jesus as the light of the world.* She chose it because of a candlelight service she has participated in at church camp throughout her life, and the way the beauty of that service speaks to her faith journey. Sponsor: Missy Toms

This past fall, we began confirmation classes for the class of 2021. With the Ketchup class catching up with them on some classes, the class of 2021 felt that they should also have a special name. Ideas were shared and they voted to be called the French Fry class. For mealtime, French Fries and Ketchup go great together and they go great together when it comes to confirmation, too.

**Lilly Burns:** Lilly dances to the beat of her own drum. She's outgoing, silly, and fun, but she's also very thoughtful. She doesn't make big decisions lightly and she's not afraid to stand up against injustice. *Lilly chose the anchor for her symbol which represents Jesus as the anchor of our faith.* Sponsor: Lindy Warren

**Anna Daso:** Anna is a very compassionate person who cares deeply about the protection of the earth and the protection of human rights. She uses her voice to educate others and takes opportunities to work for change. Anna takes her faith very seriously and I think she really understands the connection between faith and action. *Anna chose the butterfly for her symbol which represents transformation and new life.* Sponsor: Robin Suttell

**Amelia Diemert:**

*Amelia chose the fish for her symbol which is one of the oldest christian symbols and identifies a person as a follower of Christ.* I loved having Amelia present for our Faith-based community organizing group this Lent. Amelia has a keen sense of compassion and justice for the world--for animals and the earth, for her sisters and parents. So much like her sister Olivia, I see Amelia's confidence growing and love watching her grow into her individuality and learning to love herself and lean into God's calling for her. Sponsor: Patti Komperda

**Cate Hackett:** I'm so glad that Cate is part of this class. She's a little quiet when you meet her, but it doesn't take long for her to open up. She's a really strong person- physically as a dancer and mentally as a brave person who is able to push herself beyond her comfort zone. *Cate chose the white rose for her symbol which represents purity.* Sponsor: Vicki Smigelski

**Shannon Katzenberger:** Shannon is a go-getter who is not afraid to stand up for what she believes in and go after what she wants. She's open to new experiences and ideas and she's not afraid to take risks. *Shannon chose the shell for her symbol which represents the water of baptism.* Sponsor: Audrey Warren

**Ellie Kramer:** Ellie is an adventurer. She comes alive in nature, whether she's exploring the ocean or camping among the trees. She's also loyal- to her family and to her friends. *Ellie chose the fish for her symbol which is one of the oldest christian symbols and identifies a person as a follower of Christ.* Sponsor: Chris Burns

**Nathan Lardi:**

*Nate also chose the fish for his symbol which is one of the oldest christian symbols and identifies a person as a follower of Christ.* I wished Nate could have his Leopard Gecko with him here today, to celebrate this important moment. Nate is a deep thinker and researcher. When he wants to know about something-- animals, history, nature, or how the world works-- he digs into it and learns as much as he can. His curiosity and wisdom will continue to be such a gift to our church and our world. Sponsor: John Blasko

**Brianna Raynes:** Bri is full of life and always seems to be up for anything. Bri loves to be involved in all kinds of different things they bring a ton of light and love everywhere they go. Bri is brave in speaking up for others and brave in being true to herself. *Bri chose the shell for their symbol which represents the water of baptism.* Sponsor: Julie Warren

**Elizabeth Schuldt:** Elizabeth is kind, compassionate, and thoughtful. She understands the value of identifying one's true self and embraces the transformation of becoming who she is meant to be. *Elizabeth chose the butterfly for her symbol which represents transformation and new life.* Sponsor: Emma Petrie-Barcelona

**Hunter Smith:** Hunter is kind, creative, and fun. I always enjoy when he slips into entertainment mode with a joke. He might be a little quiet at first, but he has a lot to say, and his smile lights up the room, and never hesitated to go above and beyond to make us laugh during our Zoom classes. *Hunter chose the shell for his symbol which represents the water of baptism.* Sponsor: Brad Humphreys