



Confirmation Sunday
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
June 4, 2023



Kaitlyn Marie Webb

Date of Birth: March 9, 2009

Date of Baptism: September 8, 2013

Parents: Cindy Medlin and Josh Webb

Grandparents/Sponsors: Pam & Scott Medlin

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

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

My name is Kaitlyn Marie Webb. My mom is Cynthia Medlin Queen and my dad is Josh Webb. I have an older brother, Christian Queen, who was confirmed here 7 years ago. My lovely grandparents are Scott and Pam Medlin. I have come to church here at St. Peter's with my grandparents since I was a baby. I was baptized on Granny Pam's birthday, September 8 when I was little. I have been to Sunday School, VBS, Camp Linn Haven, music camp, and youth group at St. Peter's. There is a lot of love and support in this church, and I have been blessed to be a part of that. My first Sunday School teacher was Brenda Fulbright. I think I was in her class for about 6 years because I didn't want to leave her. She taught me a lot about Jesus and His love for me.

I have been through a lot in my young life, but because of God's love for me, I know He'll never leave or forsake me. I learned that through the many Christian people who have loved me and help me to grow. That's the reason I chose Philippians 4:13 for my Bible verse, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Family is very important to me. Because my mom went through some difficult times and I never see my dad, I lived with my Papaw and Granny for about five years. Although my Granny and her side of the family are not my blood family, we feel and act like we are. I have become close to my uncles and aunts—Matthew and Weezie McArthur and Joshua and Kayla McArthur. I like spending time with my cousins Mason and Liam. Liam calls me his cousin-sister because we spend so much time together. My great uncles and aunts and cousins—Brad and Tammy Rector, and Steve and Kim Rector, Lance, Ashley and Chelse also had a big influence on me as I grew up. My mom's mother died a few months after I was born, so I didn't get to know her. My Uncle Brad was the first person in my family who died and because I grew up learning about Jesus, I know he's with God now. That helped me a lot to know that.

I also spent a lot of time at Papa Jim and Mamaw Lou's house. I spent a lot of nights there with my Granny. I learned how to do things that Mamaw Lou helped teach me. Papa used to always tease me and ask me about school, and they both really made me feel loved. One of the hardest things in my life was when my Mamaw Lou and Papa Jim died. When they were at Hospice, Papaw and Granny asked me if I wanted to go see them. I said yes and even though they weren't awake or talking, I talked to them both and told them I loved them. After Papa died, I wanted to go back and sit with Mamaw. I talked to her and rubbed lotion on her hands. That was my way of showing her how much she meant to me. Because I know Jesus, I was comforted knowing that they went to heaven to be with Jesus when they died.

God has been so good to me and has shown me His love through my extended family and my church. My mom got her life straightened out and is going to church now with her fiancé. She is getting married in August, and I am very excited about Phil becoming my dad. I'm so very proud of her and him and am glad that I've been able to move back in with her and will have my own home with a mom and dad now.

Being in confirmation has taught me a lot. And being confirmed is my way of telling God I promise to follow Him, love, and worship Him. There are times when I feel so alone that my only solution is to give up. But I now know that when I feel alone and broken, God will always be there by my side through it all. I remember Philippians 4:13 that I can do all things through God who strengthens me! I know that I need God to guide me through the rest of my life. Even though I don't know what my future holds or where my life may take me, I trust in my Lord and I know He will lead me in the right path.