

† SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †
Rally Day
September 12, 2021

Service of Holy Communion 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.
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PRELUDE

Fanfare for a New Day

J. Wayne Kerr

INVOCATION and CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children, and in Your goodness You provide for faithful teachers in Your service. By Your Holy Spirit, give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that all may learn to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(9:00)

**BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS
BLESSING OF 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS and DISMISSAL TO CLASSROOMS**

♪ **ALLELUIA VERSE** (*Congregation rising*)

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Be My Leader

LSB Hymn 861

SERMON

"Reflect, Renew, Rejoice"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Congregation rising*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at

the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

BLESSING OF CHAPEL SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Come, Follow Me

John Behnke

OFFERING HYMN

(LSB Hymn 813, v. 1)

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE (*Congregation rising*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

♪AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

(Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the pre-packaged Communion kit, then return to your seat to eat and drink. Children and those not partaking of communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you need assistance, please alert the pastor or usher.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us through this Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood. May it strengthen us to follow where You lead, and to serve You as You enable us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross (v. 1-4)

LSB Hymn 837

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Janet Linker

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COMMUNION STATEMENT

Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (*John 20:31*); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (*1 Cor. 11:29*); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (*1 Cor. 11:28*); and †Look to God's Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (*Col. 1:10*). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.

Participants in the Service:

	9:00	10:45
Lector	Katie Vogt	Matthew Martinez
Usher Team	John Divi Ralph Schoene Fred Swain Robert Waldmann	Kathy Coffey Skip Hansen
Sexton	Joshua Gleason	
Refreshments	Fellowship Group (<i>on the Great Porch</i>)	

COVID SAFETY PROTOCOL:

- ❖ In view of current conditions due to the COVID-19 Delta variant, **it is strongly recommended that masks be worn during the entire service, even if vaccinated.**
- ❖ Unvaccinated people, including children over 2, are asked to wear a mask at all times.
- ❖ Please pick up one Attendance Form per individual or family and place them in the offering plate during the service.

News and Notes:

Flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of and in thanksgiving for the ministry of VLC and The Chapel School, from Marcia Kollmann.

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE: Special thanks to Kevin Cook (a Commissioned Minister of Religion and long-time VLC member) and Pastor John Hannah (our Circuit Visitor), who will provide assistance to Pastor Hartwell and Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer this fall. Our strategic planning ministry clarity project will be making recommendations for staffing needs and areas of ministry.

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed to prepare coffee and bring light refreshments. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church entrance or contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org

Lay Deacon Training Classes will be offered this fall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. over Zoom. The next class is an Old Testament survey course beginning on **Tuesday, September 14**. To get registered, contact the Church Office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on **September 15** at 10:45 a.m. in the Friendship Room. As it is the time of Yom Kippur, we will talk about its meaning and look at Psalm 130 on God's forgiveness.

Women's Bible Study/LWML will resume monthly meetings on **Saturday, Sept. 18, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Friendship Room. This year's study will look at the words of Jesus from the Gospels. Plans will also be discussed for LWML Sunday on Oct. 3. All women are invited to attend any session during the year.

Music Ministry: We are looking forward to bringing back all of our music ensembles in worship. Rehearsals will begin in September as follows:

- **Chancel Choir** - Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m. We request that all members be vaccinated.
- **Village Belles** - Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** - Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of George Heath.
- **High School Choir** - Sunday, Sept. 26, at 10:15 a.m. with Mr. Heath.

For more information, contact Deb Reiss at DReiss@VLC-NY.org or George Heath at GHeath@VLC-NY.org.

Youth News: We are excited to resume our youth meetings and activities. Here are the starting dates for September:

- **Voyagers** (Grades 3-6) will meet with Erika Schultz outside on the playground on Thursdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Lifers/Confirmation** will have an orientation meeting with Sarah Nunes on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the MPR.
- **Crusaders** (Grades 9-12) will be led by Amy Heath this year, with plans for attending the Youth Gathering next summer. Watch for updates!!

For more information, contact Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com; Sarah Nunes at SNunes@VLC-NY.ORG; or Amy Heath at amyheath1023@gmail.com

SOUP KITCHEN UPDATE! The soup kitchen is currently relocating. Therefore, our hosting date has been **moved to Wednesday, Sept. 22**. Menu is still baked ziti, meatballs, salad and brownies. Sign up to choose your food item, pick up a tray, prepare food at home, and drop off at church between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. Contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org

Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP: The Blessing Baskets are located in the Friendship Room under the piano. Bring in food donations when you come for worship or leave them with the receptionist during the week.

Prayer Conference Call: We invite you to once again join in prayer for the needs of the community via our prayer conference call, which will now be offered once a month on the last Tuesday of the month. The next date will be **Tuesday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m.** To access the call, dial (1) 732-434-3982.

9/11 Mobil Museum at Lake Isle - The Eastchester Rotary Club and the Foley Family Foundation are sponsoring the Never Forget 9/11 Museum at Lake Isle Country Club on **September 29-30 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Members of the FDNY will be on site to lead visitor tours. To learn about the museum, go to 911RememberedTheTravelingMemorial.org

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Gena Belloli, Frank Clark, Kathryn Haddad, Annabella Hansen, Ben Hartwell, Judy Hartwell, Suzanne Heinrich, Keith Hough, George Just, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Rev. Paul Liersemann, Frankie Lyman, Joshua Pedrosa & U.S. troops, Sylvia Puig, Hilda Qualitero, Ralph Qualitero, Willi Rosendahl, Michael Samaroo, Margaret Toal

Bereavement Prayer Line: We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- † **Kathy Cropp**, friend of Wendy Haddad, who passed away on September 5, 2021
- † **Carol Leone**, VLC member, who passed away on September 2, 2021
- † **Fatima Bekkaoui**, friend of Rowena del Castillo, who passed away on August 24, 2021
- † **Andy Rodriguez**, cousin of Nelly Palumbo, who passed away on August 23, 2021
- † **Lorenzo Padilla**, friend of the Runge family, who passed away on July 28, 2021

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THE CHAPEL SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor - Pastor Hartwell received his MBA from Bay Path College, his Masters of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne; and his Doctorate of Ministry from New York Theological Seminary in NYC. His dissertation focused on urban education. He serves as the Secretary of the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is a teacher in the East Coast Association of Congregations Deacon training Program. He was called to VLC and TCS in 1998 as Associate Pastor and became Senior Pastor in 2003. He is married to Sue and has two grown children.

Mr. Michael Schultz, Principal - Michael begins his sixth year as Principal of The Chapel School and 26th year of service to the ministry of VLC. Michael has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Concordia College (1990) and an M.S. in Education from Iona College (1996), as well as having completed his Lutheran Teacher Training (Colloquy) through Concordia in 2002. Michael and his wife, Erika, have three children, all of whom have graduated from The Chapel School. Tyler (2011) graduated from SUNY Oneonta with a BS in Business and concentration in Sports Management and is working toward his Masters in PE/Health at Manhattanville College. Alyson (2013) graduated from SUNY Albany this past spring, and she is currently working toward a Masters in Mental Health Counseling at University at Albany. Lyndsie (2017) is beginning her Freshman year at Binghamton University.

Mrs. Lynn Lena, CARE Director - Lynn attended college at SUNY Purchase and joined The Chapel School staff in 1996. She is responsible for expanding The Chapel School's summer program over the past few years.

Ms. Deborah Polak Preschool (2-year olds) - Deborah has a BA from Kenyon College and an MA in Early Childhood Education from Nova Southeastern University. She has dual certification in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education. She has been teaching for 22 years. Deborah grew up attending VLC and is thrilled to be back "home".

Ms. Caitlin Thompson, Preschool (3-year olds) & Art Teacher, Grades K-8 - Caitlin graduated from Concordia College with a Bachelors in early childhood education and a Masters in special education. Caitlin was previously an aide for the Junior K class.

Ms. Katelyn Dalton, Preschool (3-year olds) - Katelyn graduated University of Rhode Island in 2019, with a Bachelors in Human Development and is currently getting her Masters at Iona College for Elementary and Special Education. Katelyn is beginning her second year teaching at Chapel.

Mrs. Maureen Butler, Preschool (4-year olds) - Maureen is a graduate of Pace University with a Masters Degree in Special Education from The College of New Rochelle. Maureen has worked for over 21 years as a Special Education Teacher in New York City and as a SEIT throughout Westchester County. This is Maureen's 10th year as a preschool teacher at The Chapel School.

Ms. Chrissy Colagrande Preschool (4-year olds) - Chrissy is starting her 17th year at The Chapel School and her fourth year as a Preschool teacher. Previously Chrissy was a teacher's aide in Preschool and Kindergarten. Chrissy received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Science and Minor in Psychology from Concordia College. She is currently obtaining her Masters in Early Childhood and Special Education. Chrissy also works in the CARE program, directs the after school enrichment programs, and runs the CARE Bear Summer Program.

Ms. Clarice Cruz (4-year olds) - Clarice will begin her third year teaching in our Preschool Jr. K program.

Mrs. Luba Dzwonczyk, Preschool (4-year olds) - Luba is beginning her 21st year at The Chapel School. Luba graduated and earned her Masters in Early Childhood Education from the College of New Rochelle.

Mrs. Maureen Bellotti, Kindergarten – This is Maureen’s 21st year at The Chapel School, and 20th year of teaching. She graduated from Pace University with a major in Communications and a minor in Education. Maureen has a Dual Master's Degree in Early Childhood/Special Education from the College of New Rochelle.

Ms. Danielle DiCuio, Kindergarten - Danielle is starting her 21st year as a Kindergarten teacher at The Chapel School. She has her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Concordia College and her Masters Degree in Literacy Education from Fordham University.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, 1st Grade - This is Liz’s sixth year teaching at The Chapel School. Liz is a graduate of Villanova University with a degree in Engineering. She received her Masters in Early Childhood Education from Manhattanville College and taught for 12 years at Pear Tree Point School in Darien, CT. Liz is married to Steve Cox and has two children, Leah and Kyle.

Ms. Samantha Napiza, 1st Grade - Samantha is so excited to be starting her second year here in the first grade! Samantha is a graduate of Concordia College. She received her B.A in Childhood Education as well as the Lutheran Teaching Diploma. She is currently studying to receive her M.S in Childhood Special Education.

Mrs. Annie Hillier, 2nd Grade - Annie is beginning her 14th year at The Chapel School. Annie graduated from Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts with a major in English and a minor in Education. She received her Master’s Degree with a Tri- certification in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, and Special Education from Mercy College. Annie worked as a Teaching Assistant in our preschool for one year and as a teacher in preschool for two years. Annie has led The Chapel School “Adventure Camp” summer program and also coached softball at The Chapel School. She is currently Team Leader for grades Kindergarten - 2.

Ms. Stephanie Papp, 3rd Grade - Stephanie is beginning her eighth year at The Chapel School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Manhattan College and a Master of Education degree in Literacy Education (Birth - Grade 12) from The College of New Rochelle. Previously Stephanie worked as a 1st grade teaching assistant and a K-5 Reading Specialist.

Mrs. Lynn McAloon, 4th Grade - Lynn is a graduate of St. John's University, New York, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. She also holds a Masters degree as a Reading Specialist. Since beginning her career in 1990 she has taught grades 1 - 5. She has been with The Chapel School since 2008.

Mrs. Kristin O’Connor, 4th Grade – Mrs. O’Connor is beginning her second year at The Chapel School but has worked for many years within the realm of education. She received her Bachelor degree from SUNY Cortland for Childhood Education and has her Masters in Special Education from CUNY Hunter. She has also recently received her Gifted Education certification through CUNY Lehman. She is thrilled to be continuing her career at a wonderful school like TCS.

Mrs. MaryAnn Cahalin, 5th Grade and Middle School English Teacher - MaryAnn is beginning her 21st year of teaching at The Chapel School. For five of those years she taught third grade. This is her 16th year teaching Middle School English. She has a Masters Degree in Adolescence English Education from Iona College.

Ms. Jeanette Coulthurst, 5th Grade and Middle School Technology Teacher - Ms. Coulthurst is starting her 15th year as an employee of VLC/TCS. She worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Development Office and a Technology and Guidance teacher in the Middle School. She previously taught Middle School Science

and Health. Ms. Coulthurst has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from Long Island University, a Master of Arts in Education from Teachers College, Columbia University and a Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling from College of New Rochelle. Ms. Coulthurst also serves as the Chapter Adviser for the National Junior Honor Society.

Mr. Josh Geiling, 6th Grade and Middle School Religion & Math Teacher- Mr. Geiling begins his third year at The Chapel School as the 6th Grade Homeroom teacher and teacher of 5th-8th Grade Religion and Math classes. He will also be providing STEM support so that lab activities can be extended. He is working on finishing his Master's Degree in Education at the College of Mount St. Vincent.

Dr. Matthew Martinez, 7th Grade and Middle School Science Teacher - Dr. Martinez is beginning his fifth year at TCS and has over 10 years of teaching experience in Math, Science and Technology. He has a BA and MA in Biology from CUNY Lehman and has received his MEd Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University-Portland, and an EdD in Educational Leadership from Concordia University-St. Paul. Matthew loves to travel, scuba dive and practice archery.

Mrs. Joan Kennedy, 8th Grade and Middle School Math Teacher - Joan is starting her 25th year as a teacher at The Chapel School. She is a graduate of Concordia College, New York, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Joan and her husband Michael have a daughter, Katie, and a son, Timothy.

Ms. Katie Vogt, 8th Grade and Middle School Social Studies Teacher - This is Katie Vogt's 16th year teaching at TCS. Katie attended Valparaiso University in Indiana. (BA in History, 2004; Masters in Education, 2006). She is the Middle School Social Studies teacher and advises the Student Council as well as coaches Cross Country, Track and is the yearbook advisor.

Mr. George Heath, Music Teacher (Grades 3 – 8) – This is George's 19th year at Chapel. He received a B.S. in music education from Concordia College, New York and an M.A. in vocal performance from Hunter College. George also serves on the VLC music staff and is director of both TCS Band Program and TCS Select Choir and the Musical Director of the Drama Program.

Mrs. Kate Marino Music Teacher (PS2-Grade 2) - Kate is beginning her 11th year at VLC and The Chapel School. She attended Concordia College, New York and earned her BA in Childhood Education, along with her Lutheran Teacher Diploma. Kate teaches music preschool - 2nd grade and coordinates the drama program and Service Learning.

Mrs. Marcia Kollmann, Chapel Coordinator - Marcia is beginning her 33rd year of ministry at TCS. She graduated from Concordia College, Bronxville and received her Master of Music Education Degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Marcia will be coordinating the Wednesday morning Chapel services.

Ms. Liz Arizmendi, Spanish Teacher Grades PS3-GR2 - Liz graduated from Concordia College in 2005. Received her Masters Degree in Childhood Education from Iona in 2008. This is her 17th year teaching.

Ms. Sofia Cintora, Spanish Teacher Grades 3-8 - Ms. Cintora is a native of Spain. After earning a BA in Liberal Arts with a Spanish Major, she completed her MA in Ancient and Medieval Studies from Zaragoza Univ. (Spain). She worked at the Liceo Espanol HS and came to the US in 1998 as part of a program to encourage the cultural exchange of educators. Ms. Cintora taught in New Rochelle schools for 4 years, and at Good Counsel Academy, and Preston HS. She also worked as a linguistic specialist to help executives improve their Spanish-language skills. She joined TCS in October 2019, and enjoys teaching her students Spanish and Hispanic culture.

Mrs. Monique Brown, Library – Monique is starting her third year at TCS and brings many years of experience in teaching and curriculum development. She has a Master's in Education and Certificate of Advanced Study.

Mr. James Mastrangelo, Athletic Director and Grades 3-8 Physical Education Teacher - James is beginning his third year teaching at TCS overseeing Chargers Athletics and teaching P.E. for Grades 3-8. He has a Master's in Education and is working toward a second Master's in Physical Education. He also has many years of coaching experience which he is excited to bring to TCS.

Ms. Martha Taylor, Phys. Ed. Teacher Kindergarten - Grade 2 - Ms. Taylor has been with The Chapel School since 2009.

Mrs. Cathy Price, Guidance Counselor - Cathy is a graduate of New York University and received an MS in Counselor Education from Western Connecticut State University. In addition, Cathy completed two years of study at the Catholic University School of Music with a major in voice performance. Cathy enjoys leading a craft club for middle school students. This will be Cathy's eighth year at TCS.

Mrs. Maryanne Craven, School Nurse - Maryanne has been at TCS since September 2015. She worked as a Hospice Nurse for Jansen Memorial Hospice for 18 years, providing pain and symptom management for patients in their homes. After leaving Hospice, she worked as a Substitute School Nurse in both Mamaroneck and Bronxville school districts. She is certified in Hospice and Palliative Care, CPR and First Aid.

Mrs. Maura Condolff, School Secretary - Maura is beginning her 13th year at The Chapel School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Finance from Marymount College. In 2014, Maura received The Chapel School Award for her dedication and support of The Chapel School.

Ms. Kim Zwisdak, Development Office - Kim Z. has been at VLC/TCS since September 2012. She earned her Bachelor of Science from CUNY John Jay, where she graduated magna cum laude. She received her Masters of Education with a 4.0 GPA from CUNY Lehman. She enjoys traveling, scrapbooking, going on "pack walks" with her min pin, tutoring Math, spending time with family and going to the beach. Kim has over 12 years of fundraising experience, and participates every year in the Yonkers Relay for Life, in support of the American Cancer Society. She is also the VLC/TCS blood drive coordinator.

Erika Schultz, Voyagers Youth Minister (Grades 3-6) - Erika has been actively involved in VLC's Youth Program since 1998, currently leading our 3rd-6th Grade Youth Programs on Thursday evenings. Erika's husband, Michael, is the Principal of The Chapel School, and their three children have graduated from The Chapel School, as follows: Tyler (2011), Alyson (2013) and Lyndsie (2017). Erika works for Westchester County Dept. of Social Services as a Supervisor in Foster Care.

Sarah Nunes, Lifer's Youth Minister Leader/Confirmation teacher - Sarah received her Bachelor's Degree in Theology and Ministry from Valparaiso University. She previously worked at a church as a youth director for Junior & Senior high school youth.

Marcello Osso, Facilities Manager - Marcello has over 30 years experience in construction and 18 years in Facility. He graduated from Concordia College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and a Masters in Business Leadership. He has his own construction company and is a licensed contractor. Marcello also speaks four languages; Italian, French, Spanish and English.