

**Sunday,  
Apr 5<sup>th</sup>,  
2026**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603

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**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg  
Pianist:  
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - 1 Cor. 15:42-58

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord**

**\*Song - PH 396 Low in the Grave Christ Lay**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Fixing Our Eyes on Eternity - Revelation 21:1-8

**Song - Christ is Risen (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - Because He Lives (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 28:1-10**

Text: **Matthew 28:1-10**

Message: **"He Has Risen...Now, Go and Tell!"**

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 563 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

\*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 52 & Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: PH 633 He Is Lord (Twice through, second time acapella)**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME** today we celebrate the fact that Christ arose from the dead, and because He arose, though we die, yet shall we live. By faith we shall arise to live forever with Him in His glorious home!

**Ushers for April:** Jacob Post, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Preston Top  
**Elevator Attendant for April:** Brenda Volkers

### **Calendar:**

Today: 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast  
          9:30 AM Morning Worship  
Wed: 5:30 PM Youth Group Fundraiser  
          8:00 PM Council Meeting  
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS  
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
      10:00 AM Cadet-o-Rama

### **Dakota Sun Ministry today, April 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- In charge & Musician: Vonda Bjorklund

\*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Please continue to keep **Marge Kleinjan** in your prayers, as she was readmitted to the hospital this week with pneumonia.
- Please keep **Katie Hoogwerf** in your prayers as she fell this past week. She's doing well, but will be going through some physical therapy once out of the hospital.

### **Announcements:**

- **Sunday School** and **Catechism** will not meet today. They will resume next week Sunday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Thank You!** - We want to extend a big thank you to all who made this year's Lenten services and Easter morning breakfast possible!
- **Youth Group Fundraising Supper** - Come on out this week **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** for a fundraising supper put on by the youth group over at **First Reformed Church!** The funds raised will go towards this year's Rocky Mountain High trip for the Senior High Youth Group. The supper will run from **5:30-7:30 PM**.
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, in the church basement. A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM**. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 5: The Royal Family
- The **Cadet-o-Rama** is this **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, at Sioux Falls Christian High School starting at **10:00 AM**. The boys will compete in Pinewood Derby car races, basketball tournaments for older boys and games for younger boys.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- **GEMS Sunday** - Next week **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**, we look forward to celebrating GEMS Sunday as a congregation.
- There will be a **bridal shower** for **Chloe Heinz**, the fiancée of Cole Gross, on Saturday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>**, at **1:30** in the church basement.

### Offering Schedule:

- Apr 5<sup>th</sup>: VCS & Budget
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup>: Sunshine Bible Acad.
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>: Building Project

### Nursery Schedule:

- Apr 5<sup>th</sup>: Top Family
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup>: Post Family
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>: Davis Family

### Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ashton Fey, Dale Algood, Doug Post, Larry Top
  - Deacons: Connor Gross, Keith Tofte, Ryan Van Norden, Will Davis
  - **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com
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### **Sermon Resources For Further Study:**

- *Matthew & Mark* by Mark L. Strauss
- *Matthew - All Authority in Heaven and on Earth* by Douglas Sean O' Donnell
- *Matthew Vol. 1 & 2* by Daniel Doriani
- *The NIV Application Commentary: Matthew* by Michael J. Wilkins

“The resurrection proves that Jesus is all that he had said he is. Through the course of his life, he had claimed the roles of prophet, priest, and king. As king, he reigned from the cross, by defeating our greatest enemy. As priest, he offered the final sacrifice for our sin. As prophet, he foretold that he would die and rise.” - Daniel Doriani

“The angels also commission us. All the evidence for the resurrection remains in the faithful report of the gospel. The angel’s commission to “go and tell” still applies in this day. Joyful Christians are commissioned to tell one another of the resurrection every day. Every week, in worship, we tell each other the resurrection story when we sing and confess our faith together.”

- Daniel Doriani

“The risen Jesus is the first picture of our future, when flaws and brokenness will be no more. A new age is coming and we are moving toward it. At a minimum, let us thank the Lord and prepare for the day.” - Daniel Doriani

**April 5, 2026 | "He Has Risen...Now, Go and Tell!" | Matthew 28:1-10**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ **God for Jesus'** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ **others!**

**Passage Notes:**

**Application Notes:**

**Weekly Reflection: Who do you have the opportunity to share the Good News of the Gospel with in your own life? May the Lord bless us with opportunities to share this Good News with others in our various relationships! Happy Easter, Christ is Risen!**

