

**Sunday,  
Apr 19<sup>th</sup>,  
2026**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, Apr 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Organist: Ellie Vandenberg  
Pianist: Leah & Christy Van Heerde

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Lamentations 3:19-24

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 501 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Verses 1-2, 4 & 7)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Baptism - Ryker Lee Van Norden

**Song - How Great is Our God (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Sunshine Bible Academy & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - PH 280 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Acts 2:37-41 & Matthew 28:19-20**

Text: **Acts 2:37-41 & Matthew 28:19-20**

Message: **"My Child" ... "My God"**

Prayer of Application

**\*Song - PH 556 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Verses 1 & 3)**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: PH 473 To God Be the Glory (Verse 1)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** We welcome all who have come to worship on this glorious Sunday. May we all be open to the benefits of God's grace. Let us worship Him in spirit and truth. Coffee will be served in the fellowship hall following the morning service.

**Ushers for April:** Preston Top, Gerald Feikema;  
**Elevator Attendant for April:** Marla Volkers

Alternate: Zack Post

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
Wed: 5:30 PM Food & Fellowship  
7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group  
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Please keep **Dale Algood** in your prayers as he recovers from his knee surgery this past week.
- This past week, **Betty Scott** underwent knee surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

### **Announcements:**

- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **May** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, April 22nd, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - **Wednesday, April 22nd**, is Food and Fellowship Wednesday! It will run from **5:30-7 PM**. Swing on by for some food and fellowship; bring a friend, a neighbor, someone we can share the light and love of Christ with! Carry-out will also be available. April Menu: Sloppy Joes and Assorted Salads.
  1. **Please note: This will be our final Food and Fellowship Wednesday for the school year. We look forward to starting up again come the fall!**
- **Junior High Youth Group** - Junior High Youth Group meets this week, Wednesday at First Reformed Church, starting at **7 PM**. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!
- **Building Project Informational Meeting** - On **Sunday, April 26th**, following worship, there will be an informational meeting regarding the building project.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- **Resonate Global Missions (CRC missionary support)** has a donor willing to match donations of up to \$275,000 to raise funds "where most needed" for our missionaries. If you are interested in having your gifts doubled, please visit <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double>.
  - Ensure your gift is designated "Where Most Needed" and includes the phrase "Match Campaign"
  - For gifts made via check please write 801210 on the memo line
  - Donations for this match are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>
- **End of Sunday School Fellowship** - On **Sunday, May 17th**, there will be a shortened lesson time for Sunday School & Catechism, after which we'll get to

enjoy a time of food and fellowship with a churchwide potluck and cornhole tournament. Hope to see you there!

**Advance:**

▪ **Dakota Sun Ministry for May 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- In charge: Junior High & High School / Christy Van Heerde (Musician)
- To visit: Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday School / Any other visitors welcome

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

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

**Offering Schedule:**

- Apr 19<sup>th</sup>: Sunshine Bible Acad.
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>: Building Project
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: VCS & Budget
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahls & Budget

**Nursery Schedule:**

- Apr 19<sup>th</sup>: Post Family
- Apr 26<sup>th</sup>: Davis Family
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Knevelbaard Family
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Kauk 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:** [volgacrcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:volgacrcouncil@gmail.com)

**Sermon Resources For Further Study:**

- *Acts Thru Corinthians* by Peter Barnes
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo
- *Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Louis Berkhof
- *Acts - The Church Afire* by R. Kent Hughes
- *Commentary Upon the Acts of the Apostles* by John Calvin
- *NIV Application Commentary: Acts* by Ajith Fernando
- *Acts: An Expository Commentary* by R.C. Sproul

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord for \_\_\_\_\_ our God and His \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

**1. God’s \_\_\_\_\_:**

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of and \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_:**

**Weekly Reflection: May we take some intentional time to thank the Lord for His faithfulness to us and for being our God!**