

**Sunday,
Apr 13th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, April 13th, 2025

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Al Kruisselbrink
Pianist: Christy Van Heerde
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song – PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song – Hosanna, Praise is Rising**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Song – At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Congregational Prayer – Elder Ashton Fey

Offering: Local Missions (Radio Program) & Budget

Children's Message

***Song – Jesus Messiah**

Scripture Lesson: **Jeremiah 17:9**

Text: **Multiple Verses Referenced**

Message: **A Risen Heart Check**

Prayer

***Song – Behold Our God**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: The Blessing**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME to all who have come to worship us this Palm Sunday! We reflect on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but look ahead to the suffering that He endured for us on the cross. We praise God for His grace in our lives. Please stay for coffee and fellowship following the morning service.

Ushers for April: Zach Post, Clyde Ulvestad;
Elevator Attendant for April: Marla Volkers

Alternate: Jerry Runia

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
6:30 PM Lenten Service (OPC)
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Cadets Banquet
5:30 PM Senior High Youth Group
Fri: 6:30 PM Good Friday Service

We would like to extend a sincere welcome to Al Kruisselbrink, who is here to lead worship this morning. His willingness to serve in this role is a blessing!

This week is preparatory with a view to celebrating the Lord's supper together on Friday evening.

Prayer Concerns:

- Please keep **Claudia's sister, Carla**, in your prayers as she has been experiencing a lot of nerve pain after her recent surgery and is scheduled for another surgery coming up. Please pray for relief from pain, encouragement, and for the upcoming surgery.
- Please keep **Pastor Josh, Kayla, and Ezekiel** in your prayers as they travel home from Florida the next few days.

Announcements:

1. **The Sunday School** students in grades P-5 will enter the sanctuary with **palm branches** this morning and will be singing for us.
2. **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
3. **2025 Lenten Services:** Tonight is our final Lenten service this year with **Calvary OPC** and **First Reformed Church**. This year we're exploring the **Seven "I Am's" of Jesus** together throughout the Lenten season. The services will begin at **6:30 PM**. We'll wrap up this year's Lenten season with a final time of fellowship following the service at **Calvary OPC**.
4. **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word with food and fellowship afterward.
5. **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
6. **Good Friday Service:** we will be joining for worship on Friday, April 18th at 6:30 PM.

Looking Ahead:

- **Easter Morning Breakfast** - We'll be hosting another breakfast on **Easter morning**. Breakfast will begin at **8 AM** and will run to about **9 AM**. Come and enjoy some food and fellowship before we gather upstairs to worship our risen Lord and Savior together!
- **Easter Walk-Up Choir** - On **Easter Sunday morning**, as a part of our worship service, we'll have a walk-up choir singing **Christ the Lord is Risen Today (RB 563)**. If you are interested, please come up when invited on Easter Sunday.
- **GEMS Awards Night is Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 pm.**
- **GEMS Sunday** - On **Sunday, May 4th**, we will celebrate GEMS Sunday as a congregation.
- **Power Connection** - This July, the Junior High Youth Group has an opportunity to go to Power Connection once again! If you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Josh or Pastor Gary. The cost for students will be **\$100**.
- **MIK+ Young Adult Ministry** (19-30 year old singles). We would like to invite you to the April gatherings:
 - **Saturday April 19 at 6pm** in Sioux Center Iowa Bridge of Hope Youth Building (43 2nd Street NE). We will be eating a meal together and studying the book of Numbers. Please RSVP by April 16 to Lee De Groot at 712 470 4244. Invite a friend.

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for May 4th:**
 - In charge: Youth Groups & Pastor Josh / Vonda Bjorklund (Musician)
 - To visit: Tofte's, Kayla Carpenter, Arlan TeKrony

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

Offering Schedule:

- Apr 13th: Local Missions & Budget
- Apr 20th: Option 1 & Budget
- Apr 27th: Building Project & Budget
- May 4th: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Apr 13th: Fey Family
- Apr 20th: Runia Family
- Apr 27th: Top Family
- May 4th: Triebwasser Family

Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ron Gross, Ashton Fey, Doug Post, Dale Algood
- Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Keith Tofte
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

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Passage Notes:

Application Notes: