

**Sunday,
Apr 27th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, April 27th, 2025

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Colossians 3:12-17

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 471 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Verses 1-2)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Summary of God's Law (Matthew 22:37-40)

Baptism - Willemina Knevelbaard

***Song - I Am Not My Own**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 279 O Word of God Incarnate (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 18:21-35**

Text: **Matthew 18:21-35**

Message: **"491 Forgiven"...And Beyond!**

Prayer

***Song - RB 13 Freely, Freely**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: Psalm 13:6 “I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me.” We welcome you as we, too, sing to the Lord because of His goodness. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee after the morning service.

Ushers for April: Zach Post, Clyde Ulvestad;

Alternate: Jerry Runia

Elevator Attendant for April: Marla Volkers

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

10: 45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing

11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism

Wed: 7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group

Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Prayer Concerns:

1. May we keep our farmers in our prayers as they are in the midst of their planting season, both in our congregation and the surrounding community. May we pray for their strength, safety, and endurance amidst the long days.
2. May we continue to keep in prayer our shut-ins: Lawrence De Groot, Melissa Jansen, and Betty Vander Zee.

Announcements:

- We rejoice with Kees and Natalie Knevelbaard on the **baptism** of their daughter, **Willemina!** May we continue to pray for her as she grows in her faith.
- **High School Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **GEMS Awards Night is Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 pm.**
- **Junior High Youth Group** will meet this week, Wednesday at **First Reformed Church at 7 PM.** Bring a friend!
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, May 3rd**, 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 Lesson 7: Rivers of Living Water.
- The **Volga Christian School** is once again selling **Medary Acres** gift certificates as a fundraiser. When you purchase the certificate, you get the full value and Medary Acres gives the school a discount when they purchase the certificates. Brenda and Jenn Volkers will have certificates to purchase through the first of June.

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
- **Ushers for May:** Gerald Feikema, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Conner Gross
- **Elevator Attendant for May:** Cyndi Ulvestad

- **GEMS Sunday** – Next **Sunday, May 4th**, we will celebrate GEMS Sunday as a congregation.
- **2025 Baccalaureate Service** - On **Wednesday, May 14th**, the Baccalaureate service for this year's graduating Seniors from Sioux Valley will be held at the **PAC**.

Offering Schedule:

- Apr 27th: Building Project & Budget
- May 4th: GEMS
- May 11th: VCS & Budget
- May 18th: Navigators & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Apr 27th: Top Family
- May 4th: Triebwasser Family
- May 11th: Post Family
- May 18th: Kauk Family

Offerings received in March:

General Fund.....	\$16,992.72	Building Project.....	\$1,147.00
Navigators.....	\$329.00	Skavdahl's.....	\$562.00
Volga Christian School.....	\$899.00	Brauning's.....	\$475.00

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

Groundwork: Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive -

How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8-17 and Titus 3:1-11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

This Week's Unfading Truth: New Week. New Point. Same Word. Jump back into reading the Bible each weekday with us as we begin Point Two of the Canons of Dordt. Read or listen at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

April 27, 2025 | “491 Forgiven”...And Beyond! | Matthew 18:21-35

Theme: God has called us to _____ others without _____ and from the _____.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: Forgiveness is hard. Who in your life do you need to ask the Lord to help you forgive? Who in your life do you need to ask forgiveness from?

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *NIV Application Commentary: Matthew* by Michael J. Wilkins
- *New Testament Commentary: The Gospel of Matthew* by William Hendriksen
- Sermon on Overcoming Abuse by Pastor Leroy Childress

“Another important facet to consider is that often our forgiveness of others points people toward God’s forgiveness of them. Forgiveness not only sustains the intimacy of the community, but it is a powerful device that allows people to make change in their own lives and move on toward deeper intimacy with God” - Michael Wilkins.