

**Sunday,
Aug 2nd,
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 Vandenberg
Pianist: Geraldine Runia
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 65:1-4

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - House of the Lord (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

God's Law

Song - Beauty of the Cross (Screen)

Announcements, Prayer Concerns, & Prayer for Offering

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 547 Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God**

Scripture Lesson: **Psalm 65**

Text: **Psalm 65**

Message: **Praising the God of Our Salvation**

Prayer of Application & Congregational Prayer

***Song - PH 65 Praise Is Your Right, O God, in Zion**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 638 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: It is a genuine privilege to gather as God's people to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise Him with loving hearts. Stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

Ushers for August: Jerry Runia, Brenda Volkers; Alternate: Zachary Post
Elevator Attendant for August: Marla Volkers

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
11:00 AM Dakota Sun Ministry
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Dakota Sun Ministry today, Aug 2nd:

- In charge: Marla Volkers / Geraldine Runia (Musician)
- To visit: Carpenter Family

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

Prayer Concerns:

- As the heat of summer continues, may we continue to pray to the Lord for the provision of rain, even as we thank Him for the beautiful sunshine.
- As we enter August and summer begins to wind to a close, please keep in prayer **teachers and students** as they prepare for a new school year ahead.
- May we keep in prayer all those affected by wildfires in Canada.

Announcements:

- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week, **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson in our Colossian series, Lesson 4: Participation in Christ's Ministry. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward.
- **Zoo Day - On Thursday, August 6th**, Bramble Park Zoo in Watertown is having their annual free admission day. If you are interested in going as a group, please reach out to Kayla via text or call (269-532-6893). The plan is to meet at the zoo @ **10 AM**. It is recommended to bring a packed lunch.
- **Cadet Camporee & Rocky Mountain High** - Following worship on **Sunday, August 9th**, grab some coffee and come on back to the sanctuary for a presentation on this year's Cadet Camporee and Rocky Mountain High.
- **Summer Lake Day & Final S'mores Night** - Mark your calendars for next week **Sunday, August 9th**, as, weather permitting, we'll be having a summer lake day up at Jerry and Geraldine Runia's place on Lake Poinsett once again this year, along with our final S'mores Night of the Summer. There will be food, yard games, and time out on the lake! Come and go as you please, starting at 3 PM. Hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead:

- **New Member's Class** - Have you thought about making profession of faith, or reaffirming your faith and becoming a member of Volga CRC? If so, sometime this fall, Pastor Josh is hoping to have a new members' class where we'll talk about the Christian faith, what it means to be Reformed, and more. If you are

interested in either making profession of faith or reaffirming your faith and becoming a member, please reach out to Pastor Josh and let him know.

- **Congregational Meeting** - On **Sunday, August 23rd**, we will be having our annual congregational meeting following morning worship. At this meeting, we will be voting on one new elder and one new deacon.
 - Elder Nominees: Anthony Kauk, and Jerry Runia.
 - Deacon Nominees: Ian Edwards, and Kees Knevelbaard.

****Please prayerfully consider these nominees, as well as praying for them.**

Offering Schedule:

- Aug 2nd: VCS & Budget
- Aug 9th: Brauning's & Budget
- Aug 16th: Option 1 & Budget
- Aug 23rd:

Nursery Schedule:

- Aug 2nd: Runia Family
- Aug 9th: Top Family
- Aug 16th: Triebwasser Family
- Aug 23rd: Post 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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Theme: _____ the Lord _____.
Praising God for...

1. _____ and _____:

2. _____ Power on _____ in _____:

3. Abundant _____ and _____:

Weekly Reflection: What from this past week are you praising the Lord for? How can we foster daily praise to the Lord individually? as a congregation?

Sermon Resources for Further Study:

- *Christ's Psalms Our Psalms Vol. 2: Psalm 65* by Douglas W. Vandeburgt
- *Commentary on the Book of Psalms* by John Calvin
- *Psalms thru Song of Songs* by Tremper Longman III
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* "Chapter 40: The Book of Psalms" by Michael A. Grisanti
- *Psalms-Song of Solomon, ESV Expository Commentary* by John Collins
- *Psalms 42-72, Reformed Expository Commentary* by Richard D. Phillips

"When the Psalmist uses the expression, all flesh, he intimates by these few words that the privilege which was now peculiar to the Jews, would be extended to all nations. It is a prediction of Christ's future kingdom." - John Calvin

"By this he would signify to us, that the whole order of things in nature shows the fatherly love of God, in condescending to care for our daily sustenance." - John Calvin

"In Palestine the rains end in the spring and do not begin again until well into the autumn; hence the growth of the crops during the summer depends on plentiful water during the rainy season."
- John Collins