

**Sunday,
Aug 16th,
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: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude – He Hideth My Soul (Red Book page 62)

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 95:1-7

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 32 Rejoice, the Lord is King (Verses 1, 3 & 4)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

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

Song - PH 482 Man of Sorrows - What a Name

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - RB 533 Joy to the World (Verses 1-2)**

Scripture Lesson: **Psalm 98**

Text: **Psalm 98**

Message: **"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"**

Prayer of Application

Lord's Supper

***Song - RB 533 Joy to the World (Verses 3-4)**

*God's Blessing

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

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
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

This morning, we are privileged to celebrate the Lord's Supper together. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are invited to come with gladness to the table of their Lord. There is a small dish of gluten free bread in the center of each tray.

Prayer Concerns:

1. We want to rejoice with the **Van Norden** family as **Donae** has been feeling better! May we praise the Lord for His healing and strength that He has provided!
2. We rejoice with **Stone and Hanna (Kollis) Burke** as they were united in marriage this past Friday! May the Lord bless this couple in their marriage!

Announcements:

1. **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 5: The Sufficiency of Christ. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Food provider: Joan Bjorklund.
2. **Senior High Youth Group** – This week, **Wednesday, August 19th**, the Senior High Youth Group will meet to kick off the new year with some pizza and water games over at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend, and come prepared to get soaked!
3. Please check your church mailbox for the proposed budget prior to the congregational meeting on August 23rd.
4. Copies of the Sep/Oct "**Today**" **Devotionals** are on the shelf back by the church mailboxes. Please help yourself to one!

Looking Ahead:

- **Congregational Meeting - Next Sunday, August 23rd**, we will be having our annual congregational meeting following morning worship. At this meeting, we will be voting on a few things:
 - 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.
 - Building Project Proposal. This will require a 75% yes vote to move forward.
 - The annual budget
 - Missionary Selection
- **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.

- **Sunday School Kick-Off** - The start of the school year has arrived, and right around the corner is the start of our Sunday School Year! Our kick-off will be **Sunday, September 13th**. Following morning worship, the kids will gather downstairs for some opening Sunday School activities, after which will follow hamburgers and hot dogs outside with bounce houses, yard games, another opportunity to dump some water on Pastor Josh with the dunk tower, and other fun activities! Come on out for a great time of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of another year growing in the Lord together!

Notes From Council Meeting:

- Council would like to remind and encourage those interested in pursuing Christian Education that the church will provide a stipend towards Christian Ed. up to \$1,000/child. Please reach out to a member of council for an application form.
- Council approved to receive the Cody and Tiffnee Chlouber family as members of our church.
- Classis Minnkota is scheduled to meet September 17th at First CRC in Edgerton, MN. Delegates are Pastor Josh, Keith Tofte, and Ashton Fey.
- The '26-'27 Sunday School offering will be collected for Sleep in Heavenly Peace out of Brookings. This organization provides beds to local children who don't currently have one.
- The current missionaries we support, Steve & Sandra Brauning, are retiring. They recommend that our support now moves to Shamma & Tabitha Lorredan, Haitian Missionaries, as they will continue the ministry that the Braunings had in place.

Offerings received in July:

General Fund.....\$8,994.33
Navigator's.....\$830.00
Local Missions.....\$454.00

Building Project.....\$1,221.00
Volga Christian School.....\$1,086.00

Offering Schedule:

- Aug 16th: Option 1 & Budget
- Aug 23rd: Navigators & Budget
- Aug 30th: Building Project
- Sept 6th: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Aug 16th: Triebwasser Family
- Aug 23rd: Post Family
- Aug 30th: Davis Family
- Sept 6th: Knevelbaard 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

August 16, 2026 | “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” | Psalm 98

Theme: _____ in the _____ of God.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: May we ever rejoice in and praise our God and King Who is Sovereignly ruling and reigning over His creation and will make all things right and new one day!

Sermon Resources for Further Study:

- *Christ's Psalms Our Psalms Vol. 3: Psalm 98* by Jim Witteveen
- *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 73–106, Reformed Expository Commentary* by Richard D. Phillips

“It is essential for us to realize not only that our deliverance from sin is a marvelous work of the Lord, but also that it is one that God has done for us by his sovereign grace alone. The world did nothing to help us to turn from sin. We ourselves could do nothing to escape the stain of the guilt that was already upon us. But what we cannot do, God has done by his own working, according to his own plan, and by his own might. He delivered us from the penalty of sin through the atoning death of his Son, whereby Jesus took our guilt and paid its penalty on the cross. He is delivering us now from sin’s power by the presence of the Holy Spirit, whom he sends in Christ’s name. In the end, God will have delivered us from every vestige of sin’s presence, after Christ returns and we have been glorified together with him. With this in mind, the chorus of heaven sang a new song to Jesus’ glory in Revelation 5:12: ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!’”

- Richard Phillips

“For God to remember does not mean that he ever forgot what he had pledged to his people. Rather, this language speaks of his faithfulness, even though a long delay may have tempted his people into doubt.” - Richard Phillips

“The entirety of creation was made by God for the praise of his glory. Sin has corrupted not only mankind but the creation with him. In the end, when Christ has returned, not only will all his enemies be finally and eternally defeated and his people brought with him into eternal glory, but every square inch of the vast universe will resound in such manifest doxology to God that it will be as though the rivers rose up in animate praise and the hills reached out their hands to applaud the salvation of their Lord. Considering this great coming day, we should even now burst with joyful wonder at our blessing in Christ, in the words of the apostle John in his contemplation of it: ‘See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God’ (1 John 3:1). Together with ancient Job, we should be heartened even amid our present suffering, crying out: ‘My heart faints within me!’ (Job 19:27).” - Richard Phillips