

Sunday,  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2025

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg  
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 96

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 239 Amid the Thronging Worshippers**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God's Law

**Song - PH 255 God, Be Merciful to Me**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

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

Scripture Lesson: **1 Samuel 26**

Text: **1 Samuel 26**

Message: **"Blessed are the Merciful..."**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 267 And Can It Be**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: RB 584 God Be with You (Verse 1)**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

"You have put gladness in my heart.." wrote the Psalmist (Psalm 4:7). May God put gladness into our hearts and stir up love for one another. Welcome to all who have come to worship today. We invite you to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**Ushers for February:** Jerry Runia, Jacob Post; Alternate: Gerald Feikema  
**Elevator Attendant for February:** Cyndi Ulvestad

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
Wed: 5:00 PM Food & Fellowship Evening  
7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group  
Thurs: 2:45 PM GEMS

**Prayer Concerns:**

- Please continue to keep **Gerald Feikema** in your prayers as he is still in the hospital down in Sioux Falls.
- **Claudia Tofte's sister, Carla's** surgery went well this past week! Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- **Ephraim Katz's** surgery went well! He's still in quite a bit of pain, but recovering well so far. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers throughout this journey.

**Announcements:**

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Junior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - On the **fourth Wednesday** of each month, the Fellowship Committee would like to introduce an opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community by way of Food and Fellowship Wednesdays. We'll provide and serve a meal to any and all who would like to attend. It will run from **5-7 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 be also available. February Menu: Soup (Chili, Broccoli Cheese, and Chicken Soup) and Dessert.
- Volga Christian School is having a **Kindergarten Prep Open House** on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. If you have a child who will be 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, please come and visit our teacher and see the classroom.
- All ladies are invited to the **World Day of Prayer** service at **First Reformed Church** on **Saturday, March 8** beginning with refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. The service will begin at 10 a.m. with singing and a time of prayer. Robyn Mulder will be speaking on "The One Who Knows Us Best," based on Psalm 139:1-18. Bring a friend to worship with you.
- **2025 Lenten Services:** Our combined Lenten services with **Calvary OPC** and **First Reformed Church** are right around the corner! This year we'll be exploring the **Seven "I Am's" of Jesus** together throughout the Lenten season. The services will begin at **6:30 PM**. Please see the following schedule for service

locations as well as times of coffee and cookie fellowship following some of the services:

- **March 9** - Volga CRC (Fellowship)
- **March 16** - Calvary OPC
- **March 23** - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)
- **March 30** - Volga CRC
- **April 6** - First Reformed Church
- **April 13** - Calvary OPC (Fellowship)

### **Advance:**

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**
  - In charge: Marla Volkers & Ellie Vanden Berg (Musician)
  - To visit: Ron & Angie Gross, Logan & Ashley Triebwasser
  - \*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for March:** Gene Volkers, Conner Gross; Alternate: Zach Post
- **Elevator Attendant for March:** Henrietta Molengraaf

### **Offerings received in January:**

General Fund.....	\$9,776.20	Building Project.....	\$907.00
Navigators.....	\$405.00	Miscellaneous.....	\$590.00
Volga Christian School.....	\$553.00	Skavdahl's.....	\$564.00

### **Offering Schedule:**

- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>: VCS & Budget
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahls & Budget
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget

### **Nursery Schedule:**

- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>: Runia Family
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Top Family
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup>: Post 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

**Groundwork:** Paul's First Journey: The Gospel Spreads and the Church Grows - After Jesus ascends to heaven and the Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost, the apostles start teaching and spreading the good news of salvation. Join Groundwork as we study the Apostle Paul's first missionary journey in Acts 13-14 and let his teaching and experiences instruct our faith today. GroundworkOnline.com

**February 23, 2025 | “Blessed are the Merciful...” | 1 Samuel 26**

**Theme: Showing \_\_\_\_\_ even in the face of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Passage Notes:**

**Application Notes:**

**Weekly Reflection: In what situations and to whom in your own life do you need to show mercy to?**