

**Thurs,  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
2026**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

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**Thursday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**New Year's Day Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Organist: Marge Kleinjan  
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Is. 43:1-3

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - RB 320 How Firm a Foundation**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

\*Belgic Confession Article 37 & HC Lord's Day 22 (Q & A 57-58)

**Song - PH 618 Jerusalem the Golden**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Sleep in Heavenly Peace

**\*Song - PH 502 The Church's One Foundation**

Scripture Lesson: **Isaiah 25**

Text: **Isaiah 25:6-12**

Message: **"Behold Our God!"**

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 370 Be Still, My Soul**

\*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**A CHEERFUL WELCOME** to all! Let us worship with the same eagerness of the psalmist who wrote: "One thing I have asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord.." (Psalm 27:4). Such joy may be found here as we open ourselves freely to God's presence. May we reflect on these words as we transition into a new year and praise God for his many blessings in past years.

January 1, 2026 | "Behold Our God!" | Isaiah 25

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_ in God as we \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior's  
\_\_\_\_\_ Coming.

1. God our \_\_\_\_\_:

2. God our \_\_\_\_\_:

**Weekly Reflection: How has the Lord been a refuge to you in your life? May we always look to the Lord and rest in Him as we await Christ's return one day! Happy New Year!**

## **Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:**

- *The Book of Isaiah, Chapters 1-39* by John N. Oswalt
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 23: The Book of Isaiah” by Mark F. Rooker
- *Isaiah Thru Ezekiel* by Tremper Longman III
- *Isaiah - God Saves Sinners* by Raymond C. Ortlund
- *Commentary on the Book of the Prophet Isaiah* by John Calvin
- “Mountaintop Experience” Unfading Truth Devotional by Chad Werkhoven

“The description of the judgment in Isaiah 24–27 corresponds to the oracles in the previous section where the Lord will use Babylon as His agent to “lay waste the whole earth” (lit. trans., 13:5; 24:1).” - Mark Rooker

“Since therefore the Lord held out to Isaiah, as in a picture, those dreadful calamities, he found it necessary, under the overpowering influence of grief and anxiety, to betake himself to the Lord; otherwise the confused emotions of his mind would have agitated him beyond measure. He therefore takes courage from the belief that, in the midst of these tempests, the Lord still determines to promote the advantage of his Church, and to bring into subjection to himself those who were formerly estranged. Isaiah therefore remains firm and steadfast in his calling, and does not allow himself to be drawn aside from his purpose, but continually relies on the expectation of mercy, and therefore perseveres in celebrating the praises of God.” - John Calvin

“Let us therefore direct all our hope and expectation to this point, and let us not doubt that the Lord will fulfil all these things in us when we have finished our course. If we now “sow in tears,” then undoubtedly we shall “reap with joy” and ecstasy. (Psalm 126:5.) Let us not dread the insults or reproaches of men, which will one day procure for us the highest glory. Having obtained here the beginnings of this happiness and glory, by being adopted by God, and beginning to bear the image of Christ, let us firmly and resolutely await the completion of it at the last day.” - John Calvin