

**Sunday,
Jan 25th,
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

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Revelation 5:9-14

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 32 Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

God's Law

Song - PH 260 Not What My Hands Have Done

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 282 Break Now the Bread of Life (Verses 1 & 4)**

Scripture Lesson: **Ezekiel 7**

Text: **Ezekiel 7**

Message: **The Day of the Lord**

Prayer

***Song - PH 618 Jerusalem the Golden**

*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 35-36 & Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 620 By the Sea of Crystal (Verse 3)**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: On this chilly winter Sunday, we would like to welcome all who worship with us today. We pray you feel God's presence as we seek to praise Him for all that He's done and provided in our lives. Please stay for coffee and fellowship following the morning service.

Ushers for January: Preston Top, Gerald Feikema; Alternate: Zach Post
Elevator Attendant for January: Marla Volkers

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM Food & Fellowship
7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group

Prayer Concerns:

- May we keep in prayer all the expecting mothers in our congregation and their little ones on the way.
- We'd also like to keep in prayer any of the couples or families in our congregation who may be praying for children and waiting on God's timing.
- May we be keeping in prayer our shut-ins: Betty Vander Zee

Announcements:

- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **February** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, January 28th, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 14: Laws about Loving Your Neighbor. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. This week's lunch provider: Katie Hoogwerf.
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - This week **Wednesday** is Food and Fellowship Wednesday! It will run from **5:30-7 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 also be available. January Menu: Soups, Sandwiches, and Dessert.
- **Junior High Youth Group** - Junior High Youth Group meets this week, Wednesday at First Reformed Church, starting at **7 PM**. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Feb 1st:**
 - In charge: Logan & Ashley Triebwasser / Geraldine Runia (Musician)
 - To visit: Jodie Deen, Lyndsay Deen, Jerry Runia
- *If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for February:** Zach Post, Dan Runia; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad
 - **Elevator Attendant for February:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Looking Ahead:

- **Winter Olympics** - Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 1st** as we'll be putting on our own Winter Olympics for all ages! From **4:30-6 PM** we'll have different events along with a meal. Come on out for a great time of fun and fellowship!

Offering Schedule:

- Jan 25th: Building Project
- Feb 1st: VCS & Budget
- Feb 8th: Cadets & Budget
- Feb 15th: Option 1 & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Jan 25th: Runia Family
- Feb 1st: Top Family
- Feb 8th: Triebwasser Family
- Feb 15th: Post Family

Offerings received in December:

General Fund.....	\$6,816.65	Late Thanksgiving.....	\$1,700.00
Option 1.....	\$450.50	Volga Christian School.....	\$600.00
Misc.....	\$4,609.00		

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:** volgaccouncil@gmail.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The faith practice of remembering provides a way to center our attention on what God has done in our lives as a reminder that God is with us here and now. As the month of January draws to a close, share your favorite memory from the past month or past year with your family members or friends, recognizing God's care and love for you in that moment. For more info on the faith practice of remembering, see crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/remembering. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

January 25, 2026 | The Day of the Lord | Ezekiel 7

Theme: _____ God's call to _____ and _____ in our lives.

1. The _____ of the Lord _____:

2. The _____ of the Lord to _____:

Weekly Reflection: What have been your thoughts concerning the coming Day of the Lord? Are you looking forward to Christ's return with hopeful expectation?

Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:

- *The Book of Ezekiel, Chapters 1-24* by Daniel L. Block
- *Commentary on the First Twenty Chapters of the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel* by John Calvin
- *Isaiah thru Ezekiel* by Tremper Longman III
- *The World and the Word* “Chapter 25: The Book of Ezekiel” by Mark F. Rooker

“The very arrangement of the book with the announcement of judgments in the beginning and the declaration of restoration at the end suggests that Ezekiel’s message is ultimately one of hope.” - Mark Rooker

“Ezekiel’s distinctive clause “You will know that I am the LORD” is rooted in the tradition of the exodus and the conquest. The Lord declared to Moses “I am the LORD” to assure him that He is true to His promises. The clause is given a new twist in Ezekiel because there it is also employed in contexts to justify the Lord’s wrath against Israel.” - Mark Rooker

“Other prophets (Amos, Isaiah, Joel, Zephaniah, and others) had already spoken and written of the Day of the Lord. Ezekiel’s prophetic ministry falls squarely in line with these other prophets who warned of God’s terrible judgment if His people did not repent and return to Him.”
- Tremper Longman III