

**Sunday,
July 5th,
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: Bailey & Christy VanHeerde

Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Revelation 11:15-18

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 189 Faith of Our Fathers**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

God's Law

Song - Cornerstone (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - Speak, O Lord (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Psalm 2**

Text: **Psalm 2**

Message: **"And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever"**

Prayer

***Song - PH 2 Wherefore Do the Nations Rage**

*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 57 & Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 633 He Is Lord**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: We're grateful to be worshipping with you today! What a blessing it is to live in a free country to worship as we please. Let us also reflect on the freedoms we have through Christ who has released us from our captivity!

Ushers for July: Gene Volkers, Jacob Post; Alternate: Gerald Feikema
Elevator Attendant for July: Cyndi Ulvestad

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
11:00 AM Dakota Sun
5:30 PM S'mores Night
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
8:00 PM Council Meeting
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Dakota Sun Ministry today, July 5th:

- In charge: Clyde & Cyndi Ulvestad / Ellie Vandenberg (Musician)
- To visit: Ken Fideler, Davis Family, Tim & Verdella Gross, Sydney Triebwasser

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

Prayer Concerns:

- May we keep everyone traveling over the course of this summer in our prayers, praying for God's safety amidst their travels.

Announcements:

- **S'mores Night** - Our next Summer S'mores Night is **tonight!** Come on out around **5:30 PM** for some hot dogs, s'mores, and good fellowship over at the parsonage!
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week, Wednesday at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson in our series on the book of Colossians, Lesson 3: Theological Doxology. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word, food and fellowship afterward.
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, July 11th**, in the church basement. A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM**. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 7: Returning to Eden.

Looking Ahead:

- **Building Project Informational Meeting** - Following worship on **Sunday, July 12th**, there will be an informational meeting regarding the building project. Make sure to stick around following the worship service to hear an update on the building project.
- The **Volga Christian School** is requesting **nominations to the School Board for a 3-year term**. Per our Constitution, nominations must be submitted prior to our regular monthly meeting which is July 14th. Nominees must be confessing members, in good standing, of a Christian Church. Election will take place at the VCS annual society meeting on July 27, 2026, at 7:00pm at the school. Discussion will be held at the society meeting for amendments to our

Constitution in regard to Article 4: VCS Board and Article 5: Officers. All society members are strongly encouraged to attend this annual meeting! **Please submit nominations to any board member by July 14.**

Offering Schedule:

- Jul 5th: VCS & Budget
- Jul 12th:
- Jul 19th:
- Jul 26th:

Nursery Schedule:

- Jul 5th: Knevelbaard Family
- Jul 12th: Kauk Family
- Jul 19th: Van Norden Family
- Jul 26th: Fey 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

Kids Corner Devotions: Apollos: The Gift of Accepting Help - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Apollos: The Gift of Accepting Help" at www.kidscorner.net. Sometimes we try to do everything on our own because we want to feel strong—but it's okay to need help! God made us to learn from each other, so who can you learn from today? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

Groundwork: God Calls and Prepares David - As humans, we are typically drawn to strong, confident leaders. Join Groundwork as we continue our study of 1 Samuel by examining 1 Samuel 16-17. Together, we'll learn what God looks for in the heart of a leader and discuss what that means for us when he calls us to partner with him in his work in the world today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

July 5, 2026 | "And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever" | Psalm 2

Theme: _____ in our _____ **King in the face of**
_____.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: In what ways have you been persecuted for your faith in your life? When the world would rage against us, and by extension, the Lord, may we ever look to and rest in our Sovereign King, Who will make all things right and new one day!

Sermon Resources for Further Study:

- *Christ's Psalms Our Psalms Vol. 1: Psalm 2* by Peter Holtvliüwer
- *Commentary on the Book of Psalms* by John Calvin
- *Psalms thru Song of Songs* by Tremper Longman III
- *Preaching the Word: The Psalms: Rejoice, the Lord Is King—Psalms 1 to 41* by James A. Johnson
- *Preaching Christ from Psalms: Foundations for Expository Sermons in the Christian Year* by Sidney Greidanus

“God’s promise in verse 8, “I will make the nations your heritage,” recalls God’s original promise to Abram, “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.... In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen 12:2–3).” - Sidney Greidanus

“As to the goal of Psalm 2, Williams writes, ‘This psalm is evangelistic. It is addressed to the nations.... Psalm 2 directs the nations to the Son, warns them of the judgment to come, and promises them blessing if they will worship Him.’” - Sidney Greidanus

“A twofold consolation may be drawn from this passage:—First, as often as the world rages, in order to disturb and put an end to the prosperity of Christ’s kingdom, we have only to remember that, in all this, there is just a fulfilment of what was long ago predicted, and no changes that can happen will greatly disquiet us.” - John Calvin