

**Sunday,
July 12th,
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
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 62:1-8

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - Our God (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of God's Law - As a Rule of Gratitude (PH pg.1017)

Song - Wonderful, Merciful Savior (Screen)

Prayer of Send-Off for Cadets & Rocky Mountain High

Congregational Prayer

Offering:

Children's Message

***Song - Word of God Speak (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Psalm 5**

Text: **Psalm 5**

Message: **"Contend, O LORD!"**

Prayer

***Song - Blessed Be Your Name**

*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 58 & Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: The Blessing (Screen)**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME, members and visitors, to our worship service today. What a privilege it is to gather together to sing praises, offer prayers and gifts, and hear our Lord speak to us through His Word. Please join us for a time of coffee and fellowship following the service.

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

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

This week is preparatory with a view to celebrating the Lord's supper together next Sunday.

Prayer Concerns:

- May we thank and praise the Lord for the rain that He graciously sent this past week!
- Please keep in prayer our **Cadets (Camron Gross, Jarret Runia, Riley Van Heerde, and Steve Van Heerde)** as they travel for the Cadet Camporee, as well as our **Youth Group** as they travel for Rocky Mountain High later this month.

Announcements:

- **Building Project Informational Meeting** - Following worship **today**, 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.

Looking Ahead:

- The **CADET INTERNATIONAL CAMPOREE** is July 15-22. Our club has 4 attending: Jarrett Runia and Cam Gross as Cadets, Riley Van Heerde as a Junior Counselor, and Steve Van Heerde as an Assistant Camp Director. Please be in prayer for safe travels, good experiences, and growing close to God while camping in a wilderness setting. Around 1100 are registered Cadets and Counselors from all over the US and Canada, along with a few from Ukraine, Kenya, New Zealand, and Brazil. We will depart Monday morning the 13th and hope to arrive home Thursday night the 23rd. The Theme is 'Mountains of Blessings'. May we experience God's many blessings in our time together!!!
- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **August** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, July 29th, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **Summer Lake Day & Final S'mores Night** - Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 9th**, as we'll be having a summer lake day up at Lake Poinsett once again this year, along with our final S'mores Night of the Summer. Come and go as you please, starting at 3 PM. More details to come.

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.
- The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on August 23rd after the church service.

Offerings received in June:

General Fund.....\$9,827.61
Navigator's.....\$357.00
Local Missions.....\$352.00

Building Project.....\$6,349.00
Volga Christian School.....\$1,727.00

Offering Schedule:

- Jul 12th:
- Jul 19th:
- Jul 26th: Building Project
- Aug 2nd: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Jul 12th: Kauk Family
- Jul 19th: Van Norden Family
- Jul 26th: Fey Family
- Aug 2nd: Runia 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: Who Taught You About Jesus? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Who Taught You About Jesus?" at www.kidscorner.net. Everyone learns about Jesus from someone special—just like Timothy, who heard amazing stories about God from his mom and grandma. Who is someone in your life you can learn from—and what awesome God story will you explore together next? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Family Practices for Family Collection.

Groundwork: Saul and David: Envy, Conflict, and Broken Shalom - As we follow the ups and downs in the life of Saul, we witness firsthand the conflict and broken shalom that results when the deadly sin of envy grips our hearts. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study 1 Samuel 18-24 to witness God's sovereignty and see how he continues to work in the lives of his people even through difficult and fraught circumstances. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the Northern Hemisphere this time of year is filled with longer days and sunnier weather, allowing many of us to spend more time outdoors. In Psalm 19, David speaks of the many ways creation displays the glory of God and his creative work. Take some intentional time this week to notice something specific in God's creation and to give God thanks for it. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

July 12, 2026 | "Contend, O LORD!" | Psalm 5

Theme: _____ ourselves to the Lord's _____ care in _____.

1. What are _____ ?

2. Psalm 5's _____

3. _____ Imprecatory Psalms _____ ?

Weekly Reflection: May we ever entrust ourselves to the Lord's Sovereign care in prayer!

Sermon Resources for Further Study:

- *Christ's Psalms Our Psalms Vol. 1: Psalm 2* by Peter Holtvlüwer
- *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
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 40: The Book of Psalms” by Michael A. Grisanti

“The request, then, is for God to vindicate his commitment to his people, if not here in this life for all to see, then at least in the hereafter. Prayers of this sort generally carry the unstated assumption that the evildoers will not repent and seek forgiveness; should they turn, these prayers are reversed as well.” - C. John Collins

“If God does not immediately restrain it, we are either stupified and dismayed, or cast down into despair. But David, from this, rather finds matter of encouragement and confidence. The greater the lawlessness with which his enemies proceeded against him, the more earnestly did he supplicate preservation from God, whose office it is to destroy all the wicked, because he hates all wickedness. Let all the godly, therefore, learn, as often as they have to contend against violence, deceit, and injustice, to raise their thoughts to God in order to encourage themselves in the certain hope of deliverance...” - John Calvin