

**Sunday,  
July 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2025**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Organist: Marge Kleinjan  
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 119:9-16

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

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

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Summary of God's Law by Jesus (Matthew 22:37-40)

**Song - RB 137 Rock of Ages**

Congregational Prayer - Elder Dale Algood

Offering: Skavdahl's and Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - RB 363 Wonderful Words of Life (Verses 1 & 3)**

Scripture Lesson: **Genesis 39**

Text: **Genesis 39**

Message: **Fleeing Temptation**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 486 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Verses 1 & 3)**

Lord's Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

**\*Song - PH 384 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: PH 473 To God Be the Glory (Verse 1)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** Today is our opportunity to renew our commitment to serve God wholeheartedly and to be righteous in living our lives. A joyous welcome to all! Please stay after the service for coffee and fellowship in the foyer.

**Ushers for July:** Gerald Feikema, Conner Gross; Alternate: Jerry Runia  
**Elevator Attendant for July:** Marla Volkers

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM Food & Fellowship

**This morning, we are privileged to celebrate the Lord's Supper together.** All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord, are invited to come with gladness to the table of their Lord. There is a small dish of gluten free bread in the center of each tray.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- May we continue to keep in our prayers the **Skavdahl family** as they continue serving the Lord in Bongolo, Gabon.
- We want to rejoice with the **Katz family** as this past week, **Ephraim** completed his chemo treatment! May we praise the Lord for bringing him through the treatment, and also continue to keep him and the family in prayers, as he will be having surgery coming up as well.

### **Announcements:**

- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 2: The Author of Deuteronomy. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward.
- **Sunday School Superintendent** - We are currently looking for someone who would be willing to step into the role of Sunday School Superintendent and serve in this way. Please be prayerfully considering the opportunity. If you are interested, please reach out to one of the council members, and if you have any questions about the role, please feel free to reach out to Geraldine with those.
- **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. June Menu: Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Dessert.
- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **August** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, July 23rd, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.

## Looking Ahead:

- **Summer S'mores Night** - Our next Summer S'mores Night of the season is coming up in a couple of weeks on **July 27th!** Come on out for some food and fellowship at the Carpenters. Fire will be going around **5:30 PM.** Hot dogs and s'mores components will be provided. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, but don't feel obligated either. Hope to see you there!
- **Summer Lake Day** - Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 3rd** as we'll be having a summer lake day up at Lake Poinsett. Come and go as you please starting at 3 PM. More details to come.
- **Congregational Meeting** - On **Sunday, August 17th,** we will be having our annual congregational meeting following morning worship.
- **Mid-America CME Conference** - You're invited to **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's** annual Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference on **October 3-4, 2025!** This year's theme is Gossiping the Gospel: Everyday Evangelism, featuring pastors, church planters, and faculty from the Seminary. Come be encouraged and equipped, and register today at: [midamerica.edu/cme/conference](http://midamerica.edu/cme/conference)

## Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>:**
  - In charge: Ken Fideler & Will & Erica Davis / Christy VanHeerde (Musician)
  - To visit: Duane Walburg, Deb Landegent, Ulvestad's, VanHeerde's

\*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for August:** Gene Volkers, Zachary Post; Alternate: Cade Gross
- **Elevator Attendant for August:** Cyndi Ulvestad

## Offering Schedule:

- July 20<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahl's & Budget
- July 27<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>: VCS & Budget
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup>: Option 1 & Budget

## Nursery Schedule:

- July 20<sup>th</sup>: Kauk Family
- July 27<sup>th</sup>: Van Norden Family
- Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>: Fey Family
- Aug 10<sup>th</sup>: Runia 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](mailto:volgacrccouncil@gmail.com)

**This Week's Unfading Truth:** God accomplishes your salvation by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the Word. Read and dig deeper into that Word each weekday with us at [UnfadingTruth.com](http://UnfadingTruth.com)

**July 20, 2025 | Fleeing Temptation | Genesis 39**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ from and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through the Lord's grace and strength.

**Passage Notes:**

**Application Notes:**

**Weekly Reflection:** When and where do you find yourself most tempted? How can you resist it through the Lord's grace and strength? What does fleeing from it look like?

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

- *Commentary on the First Book of Moses Called Genesis* by John Calvin
- *Genesis thru Numbers* by Tremper Longman III
- *Genesis - Beginning and Blessing* by Kent R. Hughes
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 10: The Book of Genesis” by Michael A. Grisanti
- *NIV Application Commentary: Genesis* by John H. Walton

“Let us then learn, even amidst our sufferings, to perceive the grace of God; and let it suffice us, when anything severe is to be endured, to have our cup mingled with some portion of sweetness, lest we should be ungrateful to God, who, in this manner, declares that he is present with us.”

- John Calvin

“Of course, the greatest deterrent to falling to the sexual siege was Joseph’s awareness that God was with him—not because of the narrator’s voice-over but because this is what God had repeatedly promised Joseph’s forefathers and had been his personal awareness all of his life. The grand deterrent to Joseph’s sinning was the awareness that God sees all and that a sin that no one knows about, committed behind locked doors in a dark room, is actually done in the presence of a holy God. Joseph believed this. And I am convinced that the personal realization and conviction of this truth is the strongest deterrent to sin that there is.” - Kent Hughes

“Brothers and sisters, the key to our day-to-day success in this life is living in the reality that God is with us. The reality that we are called to embrace would have astonished Joseph. That God became one of us and now, ascended, remains “God with us” is the most sublime truth. May we own it with all our souls!” - Kent Hughes