

**Sunday,
June 8th,
2025**

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 - Joel 2:28-32

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - All Creatures of our God and King (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Communion Prep

Song - In Christ Alone (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **John 16:1-15**

Text: **John 16:4b-15**

Message: **The Helper - The Holy Spirit**

Prayer

***Song - Resurrection Power**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: We want all who have come to this worship service to know that they're sincerely welcomed. May all of our wounds fade away as we glorify the God of love and mercy. Coffee will be served in the fellowship hall following the morning service.

Ushers for June: Jacob Post, Brenda Volkers;
Elevator Attendant for June: Henrietta Molengraaf

Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
5:30 PM S'mores Night
Wed: 8:00 PM Council Meeting

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

Prayer Concerns:

1. May we continue to keep in prayer our shut-ins: Lawrence De Groot, Melissa Jansen, and Betty Vander Zee.
2. Please keep in prayer the delegates, work, and deliberations of **Synod 2025** for the Christian Reformed Church, which will take place starting this week. Please pray for safe travels for the delegates, that the truth of God's Word will continue to be upheld, and that His will ultimately be done through it all.

Announcements:

- **Summer S'mores Night - Tonight** is our first Summer S'mores Night of the season! Come on out for some food and fellowship at the Carpenters. Fire will be going around **5:30 PM**, with 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!
- The **sound booth is looking for volunteers** who would be willing to help on a few Sundays. It is a **very minimal task** of hitting a few buttons. Please Contact Darryl Clapp or Jenn Volkers to volunteer. No previous knowledge needed as there will be simple training and a trial Sunday if you are interested.
- We want to extend a **thank you** to all who came to help clean the church last Tuesday night. Many hands made light work, and it was a wonderful evening of fellowship and service to those around us.
- There are a number of kitchen items downstairs that were cleaned out of the cupboards. They are free to take this Sunday as well as next Sunday. After that, they will be donated or discarded, so please help yourself!

Looking Ahead:

- **Community Hymn Sing** - The Volga Ministerial invites everyone to round out their celebration of **Old Timers Day** by joining us for a community hymn sing on **June 15 at 6:30pm at First Reformed Church**. This is an excellent time to worship our Lord together and enjoy fellowship afterward. We hope to see you there.
- **Mid-America Reformed Seminary's 2025 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference** - Talking about Jesus shouldn't feel awkward! On **October 3-4**, discover how to share the gospel naturally in everyday life at the 2025 CME Conference. Let's grow together in making Christ known—one conversation at a time.

Early bird registration ends **Friday, May 30!** Register now at: midamerica.edu/cme/conference

- **Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls Faith Fellowship Weekend** - Friday, June 20 – 6:00-8:00 pm-Kick Off Worship Service. Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 – 8:00am-3:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Faithfulness of the Father”. Scripture text comes from Lamentations 3:22&23 . 22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, May 29. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for July 6th:**

- In charge: Vonda Bjorklund / Joan Bjorklund (Musician)
- To visit: Jensen’s, Thompson’s, Wermedal’s

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

Offering Schedule:

- June 8th: Option 1 & Budget
- June 15th: Brauning’s & Budget
- June 22nd: Hope Haven & Budget
- June 29th: Building Project & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- June 8th: Knevelbaard Family
- June 15th: Runia Family
- June 22nd: Top Family
- June 29th: Triebwasser 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:** volgacrcouncil@gmail.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Pentecost Sunday - On Pentecost the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is often described and pictured as wind, a dove, or a flame. During a mealtime with loved ones this week, share how these images help you think of the Holy Spirit. What other images help you think of the Holy Spirit? If you have children in your household, ask them how they would picture or draw the Holy Spirit. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

This Week’s Unfading Truth: God’s plan of salvation has been powerfully carried out and will also be carried out in the future, the gates of hades seeking vainly to prevail against it. As a result, there is and always will be a church of believers founded on Christ’s blood, a church which steadfastly loves, persistently worships, and praises Christ as our Savior. Read about this amazing promise with us each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com.

Theme: _____ on the _____ of the Holy Spirit throughout our _____.

1. The _____ of the Holy Spirit:

2. The _____ of the Holy Spirit:

Weekly Reflection: What are ways you've seen the Holy Spirit work in your life? May we take time to thank the Lord for sending us the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, His abiding presence with us!

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *Who is the Holy Spirit?* By Sinclair B. Ferguson
- *John, Volumes 1 & 2 REC* by Richard D. Phillips
- *John, That You May Believe (Preaching the Word)* by R. Kent Hughes
- *Commentary on the Gospel According to John* by John Calvin
- *Luke & John* by Robert Deffinbaugh & Stephen Leston
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo
- *NIVAC: John* by Gary M. Burge

“None of the Spirit’s teaching originates with himself, nor does the Spirit teach anything novel or even original.” - Richard Phillips

“James Montgomery Boice explains, “Jesus is teaching that the Holy Spirit would lead the disciples into a supplementary but definitive new revelation that thereafter would be the church’s authoritative standard of doctrine.” - Richard Phillips

“He explains where the advantage lies, by saying, that the Holy Spirit could not be given to them, if he did not leave the world. But far more advantageous and far more desirable is that presence of Christ, by which he communicates himself to us through the grace and power of his Spirit, than if he were present before our eyes.” - John Calvin