

**Sunday,  
June 15<sup>th</sup>,  
2025**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, June 15<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 - Psalm 145:1-9, 21

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 237 We Praise You, O God**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

"A Father's Faith"

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

**Song - RB 394 Grace Greater Than Our Sin (Verses 1, 3 & 4)**

Congregational Prayer - Elder Doug Post

Offering: Braunings & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - PH 282 Break Now the Bread of Life (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Judges 2:6-15**

Text: **Judges 2:10**

Message: **Raising Our Children in the Faith**

Prayer

Lord's Supper

**\*Song - RB 415 Victory In Jesus (Verse 1)**

\*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** On this wonderful Father's Day, we lift up all fathers in our prayers to God. May the Holy Spirit grant them joy and peace. We rejoice in the presence of each worshiper.

**Ushers for June:** Jacob Post, Brenda Volkers; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad  
**Elevator Attendant for June:** Henrietta Molengraaf

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
6:30 PM Community Hymn Sing  
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

**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 be keeping Steve and Sandra Brauning in our prayers in their service as missionaries.
- Please keep in prayer the delegates, work, and deliberations of **Synod 2025** for the Christian Reformed Church, as work on the floor of Synod starts tomorrow. Please pray that the truth of God's Word will continue to be upheld and that His will ultimately be done through it all.

### **Announcements:**

- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead our final lesson on the Sermon on the Mount, Lesson 12: Ultimate Choices. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word with food and fellowship afterward.
- **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 **tonight 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.
- **Sunday School Superintendent** - After her years of faithful service, Geraldine Runia will be stepping down from her position of Sunday School Superintendent. We want to thank Geraldine greatly for her years of faithfully using the gifts and talents God has blessed her with, serving in this capacity! In light of this, we are looking for someone who would be willing to step into this role 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.
- **Custodian** - In the end of August, Tiffany Runia will be stepping down from her position of church custodian. We want to thank Tif immensely for her years of faithfully serving as Volga CRC's custodian and the amazing job she has done in keeping the church facility clean and tidy! With this in mind, we will be looking for

someone to fill this position. If you are interested, please talk with someone on council, and if you have any questions about the position, please feel free to talk with Tif about them.

- Annual **Trinity Cemetery** board meeting held June 3rd revealed financial challenges to meet year expenses. Cemetery board representatives from the 3 churches - Calvary OPC, Christian Reformed and First Reformed church would appreciate your support to meet this need. Please send or give donations to Ed Vanderwal. Thank you!
- Volga Christian School still has an opening for a Certified Administrator. Please be in prayer with us that God will fill this position with the right person who will help fulfill our mission to enable students to honor God by integrating Christian faith, learning, and living through a Christ-centered, quality education. - Blessings, Volga Christian School
- 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.
- There are a number of kitchen items downstairs that were cleaned out of the cupboards. They are free to take this Sunday, and after that, they will be donated or discarded, so please help yourself!

#### Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for July 6<sup>th</sup>:**
  - 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 15<sup>th</sup>: Brauning's & Budget
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Hope Haven & Budget
- June 29<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- July 6<sup>th</sup>: VCS & Budget

#### Nursery Schedule:

- June 15<sup>th</sup>: Runia Family
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Top Family
- June 29<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- July 6<sup>th</sup>: Post 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

**This Week's Unfading Truth:** Man was created in God's image - pure & holy. Sin deprived us of these good gifts. Christ restores them to us. Join us in reading the Bible together each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com (read or listen). Text JOIN to 833-273-2136 or find us wherever you get your podcasts.

**June 15, 2025 | Raising Our Children in the Faith | Judges 2:10**

**Theme: Seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ raise the next \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord.**

**Passage Notes:**

**Application Notes:**

**Weekly Reflection: What are some things that your parents, especially your father, taught you that you are thankful to God for? May we thank the Lord for godly fathers even as we thank and praise our Heavenly Father for all that He's done for us!**

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

- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 16: The Book of Judges” by Mark F. Rooker
- *Judges and Ruth - God in Chaos* by Barry G. Webb
- *Deuteronomy thru Ruth* by Tremper Longman III
- *The Expositor’s Bible, Volume 1: Genesis to Ruth* by W. Robertson Nicoll & Oscar L. Joseph
- *The NIV Application Commentary: Judges/Ruth* by K. Lawson Younger Jr.
- “A Year By Year Guide to the Different Generations” by Sarah Cottrell

“But memory is also a fragile thing. If it is not reinforced by constant teaching and recall, it can grow weak—too weak to keep us anchored to what is foundational to our existence. And when that happens we begin to drift. That is what happened to those who came after Joshua and his contemporaries had passed away.” - Barry Webb

“And there is the challenge for each generation—to make sure, as best they can, that what is foundational to their faith is not forgotten by those who come after them.” - Barry Webb