

**Sunday,  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
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  
Organist: Ellie Vanden Berg  
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 111

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - LUYH 581 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of Psalm 51

**Song - PH 255 God, Be Merciful to Me**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Hope Haven & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - PH 556 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Verses 1 & 3)**

Scripture Lesson: **2 John**

Text: **2 John**

Message: **Truth *and* Love**

Prayer

**\*Song - RB 509 The Church's One Foundation**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: LUYH 543 Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 3)**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** A sincere welcome is extended to everyone who worships here today. As we reflect this week on the goodness and blessings of God upon our lives, may this day and this week be used to strengthen our resolve to live more faithfully and thankfully for Him in days to come.

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

Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Wed: 5:30 PM Food & Fellowship

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- May we be keeping in prayer all those who are battling various illnesses and recovering from various surgeries.

### **Announcements:**

- **Feedback** - As a council, we have been discussing changing the frequency of celebrating Communion, and we'd love to get your input and feedback! If you have any thoughts or insight that you would like to share with the council on this topic, please send us your feedback in writing so we can take it into consideration. Thank you!
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - This week is this month's 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: Nachos and Dessert.
- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **June** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, June 25, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **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.
- **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

### Looking Ahead:

- **July Fellowship** - On **Sunday, July 6th** we will be having a potluck and yard games following morning worship! We'll have a bags tournament, so if you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet out in the lobby. Other yard games will be available as well. Feel free to bring a dish to pass.
- **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.

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

### Offering Schedule:

- June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Hope Haven & Budget
- June 29<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- July 6<sup>th</sup>: VCS & Budget
- July 13<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget

### Nursery Schedule:

- June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Top Family
- June 29<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- July 6<sup>th</sup>: Post Family
- July 13<sup>th</sup>: Davis Family

### Offerings received in May:

General Fund.....	\$12,049.68	Building Project.....	\$454.00
GEMS.....	\$461.00	Navigators.....	\$936.00
Volga Christian School.....	\$702.00		

### 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

**Kids Corner Devotions: Trust God in Hard Times** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Trust in God in Hard Times" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Even when life feels super hard, God is always with you! Just like Elijah, Job, David, and even Jesus faced tough times, God's love and comfort never left them—and He'll never leave you either! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like The Kids Corner Activity Book Collection.

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. A C \_\_\_\_\_:

2. A C \_\_\_\_\_:

3. A C \_\_\_\_\_:

**Weekly Reflection: What are some false teachings in our world and culture today that we need to be on guard against? May the Lord ever help us to walk in both truth and love every day of our lives, both individually and as a congregation.**

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

- *1-3 John* by Douglas Sean O'Donnell
- *1-3 John - Fellowship in God's Family* by David L. Allen
- *Hebrews thru Revelation* by Mark L. Strauss
- *Letters of John* by Gary M. Burge
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo

“He also knew that this spreading plague needed to be stopped immediately. The heart of his Gospel was at stake. To him, on one hand, “In the beginning was the Word [logos], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,” and on the other hand, “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:1, 14). To him, as it should be to us, ‘a nonincarnate Christ is not the true Christ,’ and ‘anything short of the true Christ will not deliver on the gospel’s promises either in this life or the next.’” - Douglas O'Donnell quoting Robert Yarbrough

“Love and obedience always go together in the Christian life.” - David Allen

“The word “antichrist” means “against Christ” or “in the place of Christ.” John does not mean that any one of these false teachers is the personal Antichrist spoken of in Revelation as the final world ruler who opposes Christ just before his second coming. Rather, any and all false teachers partake of the character of the final antichrist. The spirit of Antichrist is already at work in the world preparing for the final unveiling of the Antichrist during the time of the Great Tribulation spoken of in Revelation.” - David Allen

“John’s letter reminds us of the importance of knowing what we believe, not for the sake of winning an argument, but for the sake of walking with God in truth.” - Mark Strauss