

**Sunday,
Mar 8th,
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 Band

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 100

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - House of the Lord (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Communion Prep

Song - In Christ Alone (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Hope Haven & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - Speak, O Lord (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Genesis 37:1-4 & Matthew 6:1**

Text: **Genesis 37:1-4 & Matthew 6:1**

Message: **Putting Off Envy & Vainglory, Putting On Humble Love**

Prayer

***Song - Lord I Need You (Screen)**

*Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 17 (Q & A 45) & Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: On this third Sunday of Lent, may our worship be sincere. May our dedication be real. May the price He paid be reflected in how much we love Him and serve His cause. We encourage everyone to join us after the morning worship service for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Ushers for March: Clyde Ulvestad, Gene Volkers; Alternate: Jerry Runia
Elevator Attendant for March: Cyndi Ulvestad

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School
6:30 PM Lenten Service at CRC
Mon: 7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting
Wed: 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group
8:00 PM Council
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS
Sat: 8:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Prayer Concerns:

- Please keep everyone battling various illnesses throughout this time of the year in your prayers.

Announcements:

- **2026 Evening Lenten Services** - Today is the second Sunday of the Lenten season! This year, we'll be exploring the theme: God's story of redemption, taking a look at the overarching narrative of the Bible, beginning with creation, moving on to the fall, and then our redemption in and through Christ. Worship will begin at **6:30 PM**. The schedule for which church hosts each week, and times of fellowship are as follows:
 - **March 8th - Volga CRC (Fellowship)**
 - **March 15th - Calvary OPC**
 - **March 22nd - Volga CRC**
 - **March 29th - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)**
- **Worship Committee Meeting** - Tomorrow evening, **March 9**, the worship committee will meet here in the church office.
- **Senior High Youth Group** - Senior High Youth Group meets this week, Wednesday at First Reformed Church, starting at **7 PM**. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, March 14**, in the church basement. A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM**. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 4: A Love the World Wants.

Looking Ahead:

- **Combined Sunday School & Potluck** - Next week **Sunday, March 15th**, instead of our normal Sunday School hour, we'll have a combined lesson all

together along with a potluck. Please bring a dessert and either a main dish or salad to pass. Hope to see you there!

- **Step Into Spring** - Mark your calendars for **March 20th**, the first day of Spring, as we'll be joining together with Calvary OPC and First Reformed Church to get out and enjoy the changing of the seasons with a mile walk, breakfast, devotions, and fellowship! Keep an eye out for further details to come!
- **Potluck** - On **Sunday, March 22nd**, there will be a potluck held over at the Westside Apartments in the community room for whoever would like to join. The meal will begin at **12:30 PM**.
- The **Rehoboth Christian High School** band invites you to attend their concerts while they are touring in your local area.
 - **March 26:** Shalom CRC Sioux Falls, SD 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert
 - **March 27:** Dordt University, BJ Haan Auditorium 7:00 PM Concert
 - **March 28:** Calvary CRC Orange City, IA 5:00-6:30 PM Navajo Taco Meal, 7:00 PM Concert
 - **March 29:** Trinity CRC Rock Valley, IA 9:30 AM Service Participation
 - **March 29:** Luverne CRC. Luverne, MN 6:30 PM Concert

**All concerts are free to attend with a free-will offering taken. For more information visit <https://www.rcsnm.org/admissions/schools/finearts.cfm> or email Laura Blystra at lblystra@rcsnm.org.

Offering Schedule:

- Mar 8th: Hope Haven & Budget
- Mar 15th: Skavdahls' & Budget
- Mar 22nd: Option 1 & Budget
- Mar 29th: Building Project

Nursery Schedule:

- Mar 8th: Kauk Family
- Mar 15th: Van Norden Family
- Mar 22nd: Fey Family
- Mar 29th: Runia Family

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Annual Day of Prayer (March 11) - On the night of his arrest, Jesus asked his disciples to stay with him, watch, and pray. Prayer is a discipline that requires the dedication of our precious time and attention. It is also a practice through which Jesus invites all disciples to experience sweet communion with him. Today is the CRCNA's Annual Day of Prayer. This week set aside intentional time to pray for your local church, our denomination, and the worldwide communion of saints. In your prayer ask Jesus to draw you and all believers to himself, that we may be one (John 17:20-23). Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

**March 8, 2026 | Putting Off Envy & Vainglory, Putting On Humble Love | Gen. 37:1-4,
Matt. 6:1**

Theme: _____ thanking God for all His _____ _____ to us and loving our _____.

1. What are _____ and _____?

2. _____ Must They Be _____?

3. What to Put on in Their _____?

Weekly Reflection: How have you been tempted towards either envy or vainglory in your own life? How can we encourage one another in shedding these vices from our lives?

Sermon Resources for Further Study:

- *Genesis Vol. 1 & 2* by Richard D. Phillips
- *Matthew Vol. 1 & 2* by Daniel M. Doriani
- *Glittering Vices: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins and their Remedies* by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung

“The worst sort of vainglory, however, according to Thomas Aquinas, occurs when we fail to give due glory to God as the source of our good.” - Rebecca DeYoung

“Whether we ignore God and take his glory for ourselves, or whether we seek human over divine approval, both cases share a disordered dedication to seeking glory for ourselves, rather than for God.” - Rebecca DeYoung.

“Envy had been called ‘the evil eye.’ Thus it requires for its remedy a regimen that we will reframe our vision of the world, ourselves, and other people. But reframing what we see begins with a change of heart. How do we learn to understand and receive unconditional love?”
- Rebecca DeYoung

“If unassuaged, envy can even lead to a full-scale hatred of a rival. Hatred’s object is whatever blocks our own happiness” - Rebecca DeYoung