

**Sunday,
Mar 2nd
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Katie Hoogwerf
Pianist: Christy Van Heerde
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ephesians 2:1-10

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - This is Amazing Grace (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of the Law as a Rule of Gratitude (pg. 1017)

Song - How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Screen)

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 280 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Jeremiah 31:31-40**

Text: **Jeremiah 31:31-40**

Message: **Amazing Grace!**

Prayer

***Song - PH 462 Amazing Grace (Verses 1-4)**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 462 Amazing Grace (Verse 5)**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

We come with joy to worship our triune God today! We are very happy to have you present at this service of worship. It is here that we can find light for any darkness. It is here that we may find the blessings and comfort which God alone can offer. Please join us for coffee and cookies after the morning service.

Ushers for March: Gene Volkers, Conner Gross;
Elevator Attendant for March: Henrietta Molengraaf

Alternate: Zach Post

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
11:00 AM Dakota Sun Ministry
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Cadets

Dakota Sun Ministry today, March 2nd:

- In charge: Marla Volkers & Ellie Vanden Berg (Musician)
 - To visit: Ron & Angie Gross, Logan & Ashley Triebwasser
- *If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place

Prayer Concerns:

- Please keep **Gerald** in prayer as he is moved to Dell Rapids for further care.
- **Keith Tofte's** cousin's child, **Wade** is battling lymphoma cancer. Please keep him and the rest of the family in your prayers as he undergoes chemo treatments.
- Please keep in prayer **Tim Gross** as he recovers from surgery on his ankle this past week.
- This past Monday, **Ezekiel** had his cochlear implant activated! It will take some time for Ezekiel to adjust as his brain adapts to this new input, but overall he is doing well so far. It's been a long journey to this exciting point, and still a lifelong journey lies ahead, but we are so thankful for the Lord's providential hand at work through all of this, as well as all your love, prayers, and support! Thank you all so much! - Pastor Josh, Kayla, and Ezekiel
- Classis Minnkota meets this week Thursday. Please keep in prayer all who will be attending and all the work that will be done, that the Lord's will would be done through it all.
- Spring break is right around the corner! Please keep everyone traveling over the break in your prayers.
- We want to keep our shut-ins, Betty Vander Zee and Lawrence DeGroot, in our prayers.

Announcements:

Welcome! - We want to extend a warm welcome to Kees and Natalie Knevelbaard and their children, Keeson and Elliana, as they join the Volga CRC family! After the service, there will be an opportunity to welcome them on your way out of the sanctuary. Welcome, Knevelbaard family!

- **High School Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 6: Love Your Enemies. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Joan Bjorklund.

- **Youth Group will not** be meeting this week due to Ash Wednesday. Senior High will meet once again the following week on **March 12th**.
- All ladies are invited to the **World Day of Prayer** service at **First Reformed Church** on **Saturday, March 8** beginning with refreshments and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. The service will begin at 10 a.m. with singing and a time of prayer. Robyn Mulder will be speaking on "The One Who Knows Us Best," based on Psalm 139:1-18. Bring a friend to worship with you.
- **2025 Lenten Services:** Our combined Lenten services with **Calvary OPC** and **First Reformed Church** begin next week! This year we'll be exploring the **Seven "I Am's" of Jesus** together throughout the Lenten season. The services will begin at **6:30 PM**. Please see the following schedule for service locations as well as times of coffee and cookie fellowship following some of the services:
 - March 9** - Volga CRC (Fellowship)
 - March 16** - Calvary OPC
 - March 23** - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)
 - March 30** - Volga CRC
 - April 6** - First Reformed Church
 - April 13** - Calvary OPC (Fellowship)

Looking Ahead:

- **Church Potluck** - On **Sunday, March 9th**, we'll be having a church potluck to enjoy a time of food and fellowship following the Sunday School hour. Bring a dish to pass.
- Our church will be hosting the **"Painting on Silence" studio's music recital** on March 14th at 6:00. You are welcome to come and enjoy student recital pieces on piano, violin, cello, and bass instruments. There will be fellowship and refreshments served afterwards.
- **Youth Group Fundraising Dinner** - On **Wednesday, March 19th** the Youth Group will be putting on a fundraising taco supper from **5:30-7:30 PM** over at **First Reformed Church**. Come on out for a delicious meal and an opportunity to support the Youth Group!
- **Power Connection** - This July the Junior High Youth Group has an opportunity to go to Power Connection once again! If you are interested please reach out to Pastor Josh or Pastor Gary. The cost for students will be **\$100**.

Offering Schedule:

- Mar 2nd: VCS & Budget
- Mar 9th: Skavdahls & Budget
- Mar 16th: Navigators & Budget
- Mar 23rd: Braunings & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Mar 2nd: Top Family
- Mar 9th: Triebwasser Family
- Mar 16th: Post Family
- Mar 23rd: Davis 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

March 2, 2025 | Amazing Grace! | Jeremiah 31:31-40

Theme: _____ the Lord for His _____ !

The New Covenants...

1. _____ (vv. 31-34):

2. Time-_____ (vv. 35-37):

3. _____ Hope (vv. 38-40):

Weekly Reflection: How have you seen God's amazing grace at work in your life? Take some time to thank and praise Him for it this week.