

**Sunday,  
Mar 9<sup>th</sup>  
2025**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Mark 8:34-38

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - Come Now is the Time to Worship (Screen)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

Communion Prep

**Song - Jesus Messiah (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Skavdahls & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - The Wonderful Cross (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Luke 9:51-62**

Text: **Luke 9:57-62**

Message: **How Much Does It Cost?**

Prayer

**\*Song - Because He Lives (Amen) (Screen)**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: My Friends May You Grow in Grace (Screen)**

Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** As we enter the season 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:** Gene Volkers, Conner Gross;  
**Elevator Attendant for March:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Alternate: Zach Post

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
12:00 PM Church Potluck  
6:30 PM Lenten Service (CRC)  
Wed: 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group  
8:00 PM Council Meeting  
Thurs: 2:45 PM GEMS

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

**Prayer Concerns:**

- May we continue to keep our missionaries, **the Skavdahl family**, in our prayers as they are serving in Bongolo, Gabon.
- Please keep everyone traveling over the next few weeks for Spring Break and the Creation Museum/Ark Encounter in your prayers.
- Please keep everyone who is battling various illnesses in your prayers, praying for healing and strength for each day.

**Announcements:**

**Jesus' Journey to the Cross** - As we enter the season of Lent, we're going to begin a series titled Jesus' Journey to the Cross. In the Gospel account of Luke, we read in 9:51 that "When the days drew near for him [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem" (ESV). So we'll follow Jesus on His journey toward Jerusalem, culminating with Jesus' suffering leading up to and on the cross as He suffered and died for your and my sins all those years ago.

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
- **Church Potluck - Today**, we'll be having a church potluck to enjoy a time of food and fellowship following the Sunday School hour in the basement. Bring a dish to pass.
- **Worship Committee** will meet tomorrow evening, **Monday, March 10**, here in the church office at **7 PM**.
- **2025 Lenten Services:** Our combined Lenten services with **Calvary OPC** and **First Reformed Church** begin tonight! 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:

- Our church will be hosting the **"Painting on Silence" studio's music recital** on March 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Prayer Day Service** - On **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, we'll have our annual prayer day service as we come together before the Lord in prayer over a variety of topics from ministry, personal growth in the Lord, our country, the farming season, etc. The service will begin at **6:30 PM**.
- **Pinewood Derby Races** - On **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, the cadets will have pinewood derby races over at **Hamlin Reformed Church**.
- **Youth Group Fundraising Dinner** - On **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** 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**.

### Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for April 6<sup>th</sup>:**
  - In charge: Sunday School / Christy Van Heerde (Musician)
  - To visit: Doug & Ginger Post, Larry & Jackie Top

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

### Offering Schedule:

- Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahls & Budget
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>: Braunings & Budget
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget

### Nursery Schedule:

- Mar 9<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup>: Post Family
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>: Davis Family
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup>: Kauk 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 9, 2025 | How Much Does it Cost? | Luke 9:57-62**

**Theme: Being \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.**

**Passage Note:**

**Application Notes:**

**Weekly Reflection: “In the same way that Jesus once set his face toward Jerusalem, God is calling us to set our hearts on Jesus and follow him. Look to Jesus, the Scripture says, “who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2). Look to Jesus, and never look back.” - Philip G. Ryken**