

**Sunday,
Mar 16th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, March 16th, 2025

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Katie Hoogwerf
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Psalm 145:1-9

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 249 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (Verses 1 & 4)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

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

Song - RB 191 Near the Cross (Verses 1 & 4)

Congregational Prayer - Elder Dale Algood

Offering: Navigators & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 315 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Luke 10:25-37**

Text: **Luke 10:25-37**

Message: **"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"**

Prayer

***Song - LUYH 256 They'll Know We Are Christians**

Lord's Supper (PH Pgs. 978-982)

***Song - RB 264 Crown Him with Many Crowns (Verses 1, 3 & 4)**

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

A warm and sincere welcome to one and all! It is a genuine privilege to gather as God's people to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise Him with loving hearts. Stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

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.

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
6:30 PM Lenten Service (Calvary OPC)
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Cadets
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS

Prayer Concerns:

- Please keep **Ephraim Katz** and the rest of the family in our prayers as Ephraim continues recovering from his hip surgery and undergoes chemo treatment for his cancer as well.
- May we be in continued prayer for **The Navigators** and their work on SDSU's campus and elsewhere in sharing the Good News of the Gospel, and helping people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Announcements:

- **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!
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 7: Scribes, Pharisees, Hypocrites. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Kayla Carpenter.
- The deadline for **newsletter information** for the April edition will be this week, **Wednesday at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- Last week's GEMS meeting has been rescheduled to **this Thursday**, March 20, 3:45-5:30.
- **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 16** - Calvary OPC
 - March 23** - First Reformed Church (Fellowship)
 - March 30** - Volga CRC
 - April 6** - First Reformed Church

April 13 - Calvary OPC (Fellowship)

- We received \$144,725.26 from Lowell's estate to go towards the building project fund. The church wants to express its gratitude to Lowell for his generous support in donating towards this project.

Looking Ahead:

- **Prayer Day Service** - On **Tuesday, March 25th**, 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**.
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - On the **fourth Wednesday** of each month, the Fellowship Committee would like to introduce an opportunity for fellowship and outreach to the community by way of Food and Fellowship Wednesdays. We'll provide and serve a meal to any and all who would like to attend. 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 be also available. March Menu: Baked Potato Bar and Dessert.
- **Pinewood Derby Races** - On **March 29th**, the cadets will have pinewood derby races over at **Hamlin Reformed Church**.
- **Youth Group Fundraising Dinner** - On **Wednesday, April 9th** 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 6th:**
 - 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 16th: Navigators & Budget
- Mar 23rd: Braunings & Budget
- Mar 30th: Building Project & Budget
- Apr 6th: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Mar 16th: Post Family
- Mar 23rd: Davis Family
- Mar 30th: Kauk Family
- Apr 6th: Van Norden 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:** volgacccouncil@gmail.com

This Week's Unfading Truth: You can know for sure if God has elected you to salvation! The fruits of your faith give you assurance. Grow in this assurance each weekday as we read the Bible together at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

March 16, 2025 | “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” | Luke 10:25-37

Theme: Showing _____ the _____ and _____ of Christ even when _____.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: “Whom are you able to help, but have been trying to ignore? How will you respond the next time you encounter someone in need?” - Philip Graham Ryken

Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:

- *Reformed Expository Commentary: Luke Vol. 1 & 2* by Philip G. Ryken
- *Calvin's Commentary* by John Calvin
- *Preaching the Word Commentary: Luke Vol. 2* by Kent R. Hughes
- *Luke & John* by Robert Deffinbaugh & Stephen Leston
- *NIV Application Commentary: Luke* by Darrell L. Bock
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo

“The love that God requires is perfect love—not just once, as the lawyer seemed to think, but all the time.” - Philip Ryken

“As J. C. Ryle said in his comments on this passage, ‘The kindness of a Christian towards others ... should be a practical love, a love which entails on him self-sacrifice and self-denial, both in money, and time, and trouble. His charity should be seen not merely in his talking, but his acting—not merely in his profession, but in his practice.’” - Philip Ryken