

**Sunday,
May 10th,
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 Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 34:1-3

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - 10,000 Reasons (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Communion Preparation

Baptism - Adella JoAnn Davis

Song - RB 122 Because He Lives

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Option 1 & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **1 Samuel 2:1-11**

Text: **1 Samuel 2:1-11**

Message: **A Prayer of Faith and Praise**

Prayer

***Song - Here I Am to Worship (Screen)**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: On this wonderful Mother's Day, we lift up all mothers in our prayers to God. May the Holy Spirit grant them joy and peace. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the morning service!

Ushers for May: Preston Top, Gerald Feikema;
Elevator Attendant for May: Marla Volkers

Alternate: Zack Post

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 7:00 PM Baccalaureate Service

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

Prayer Concerns:

- As the school year winds to a close, may we keep **students and educational staff** in our prayers as they finish out the school year, and especially praying for our **graduates** as they wrap up their high school studies and prepare for the next season of life.

Announcements:

- **2026 Baccalaureate Service** - The Volga Ministerial would like to invite you to the 2026 Sioux Valley Baccalaureate service to be held in the **PAC** at **7 PM** on Wednesday, **May 13th**. This service will have music, prayers and blessings for the graduates and an inspirational message to the graduates from Pastor Gary Mulder from First Reformed Church.
- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **June** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, May 20th, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.

Looking Ahead:

- **End of Sunday School Fellowship** - Next week, **Sunday, May 17th**, there will be a shortened lesson time for Sunday School & Catechism, after which we'll get to enjoy a time of food and fellowship with a churchwide potluck and cornhole tournament. Hope to see you there!
- **Save the date: May 25th** Lyla Doyle (former interim pastor's wife) and her daughter Carolyn will be visiting over the memorial day weekend. Anyone who would like to visit with them, the Bjorklund home will be open from 4:00-8:00 for visiting with light snacks available. **Come and go as you like**. The address is **904 E 4th St. Volga**.
- **Vacation Bible School** (Snowball Mountain Challenge) is now taking registrations. It will be held **Tuesday, May 26-Friday, May 29, 6:00-8:15** at Sioux Valley School. Must be age 4 by May 26th to current 6th graders. Registration can be done on the Facebook site or email Michelle at michelle.vandeweerd@gmail.com
- **Annual Golf Scramble - On Sunday, June 7th**, our annual golf scramble! This event is for all ages and all skill levels. Tee times will start about 3:30. Please reach out to Dan Runia or Vonda Bjorklund if you are interested in playing. There

will be hot dogs, s'mores, and a bonfire that evening at the Carpenter's at 6:00. Feel free to bring a dish to pass, but don't feel obligated to.

Notes From Council Meeting:

- The elders will be handing out flowers for Mother's Day after the worship service this morning.
- Council is requesting input from the congregation regarding the building project. Please sign up using the sheet in the back of church or visit with an elder directly to set up a meeting time.
- The 125th anniversary of the Volga CRC is coming up. We are considering putting together a Church history pamphlet for that celebration. If you would be interested in being a part of the committee that handles this, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

Offerings received in April:

General Fund.....	\$12,377.86	Building Project.....	\$881.00
GEMS.....	\$681.00	Volga Christian School.....	\$2,691.00
Misc.....	\$1,503.00		

Offering Schedule:

- May 10th: Skavdahls & Budget
- May 17th: Navigators & Budget
- May 24th: Brauning's & Budget
- May 31st: Building Project

Nursery Schedule:

- May 10th: Kauk Family
- May 17th: Van Norden Family
- May 24th: Fey Family
- May 31st: Runia Family

Our Council: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

- Elders: Ashton Fey, Dale Algood, Doug Post, Larry Top
- Deacons: Connor Gross, Keith Tofte, Ryan Van Norden, Will Davis
- **e-mail address for council:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Mother's Day - Women were the first to witness the resurrected Jesus, and they told others the good news of the living God. When you think about your faith journey, who are the women who have told you about God? This week take some time to journal, draw, or share with a friend or family member stories about the women who have had an impact on your faith. Consider writing a note to one of them or, if possible, visiting them and thanking them in person. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Theme: _____ our _____ God for _____ He is and all He's
_____ for us.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection:

1. How have you seen God's sovereign work in your own heart and life? What do you love about Who the Lord is and what He's done? Take some time this week to thank and praise Him for those things!
2. Do you love God for Who He is, or rather what you can get from Him?

Sermon Resources for Further Study:

- *1 Samuel* by Richard D. Phillips
- *1 Samuel thru 2 Kings* by Tremper Longman III
- *1 Samuel - Looking for a Leader* by John Woodhouse

“Much as Hannah loved her son Samuel, he was not her Savior, and he could not provide the salvation for God’s people that she sought. Salvation is always of the Lord, and our praise should be focused on the Lord himself rather than merely on the blessings he has provided. Hannah had not simply received a son—as if a baby would solve all her problems—but had received gracious help from the Lord, and the Lord is the solution for everything that Hannah and Israel needed.”

- Richard Phillips

“This is entirely appropriate, because it is God’s holiness that comforts and encourages us in every situation. The holiness of God implies his separation from all his creatures, but it carries especially the notion of God’s moral perfection. Since God is holy, all his intentions for his people are holy. It is not possible for God’s motives to be perverse or callous or mean—even in judgment and especially toward his beloved people—for he is “of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong” (Hab. 1:13).” - Richard Phillips

“It is only now, when her prayer has been answered, that Hannah can discern God’s holy purpose in her trials. But long before the prayer was answered, she could still know that God was holy and patiently await his holy resolution of her need. Knowing that God’s purpose in your afflictions must be holy, pure, and good, you can be comforted by Hannah’s example that the day of God’s deliverance will come for you in the manner and timing of his choosing; when it does, you will have every reason to praise him as the holy God that he is.” - Richard Phillips