

**Sunday,
May 11th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, May 11th, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Proverbs 4:1-9

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - You Are Holy (Screen)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Communion Prep

Song - This is Amazing Grace (Screen)

Mother's Day Reading - Doug Wermedal

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

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

Scripture Lesson: **Proverbs 31:10-31**

Text: **Proverbs 31:10-31**

Message: **Praise God for Godly Moms!**

Prayer

***Song - Living for Jesus (Screen)**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: The Blessing**

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: Gerald Feikema, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Conner Gross
Elevator Attendant for May: Cyndi Ulvestad

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10: 45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 8:00 PM Council Meeting

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

Prayer Concerns:

1. Please continue keeping in prayer the delegates, work, and deliberations of **Synod 2025** for the Christian Reformed Church, which will take place in mid-June. Please pray that the truth of God's Word will continue to be upheld and that His will ultimately be done through it all.

Announcements:

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Baccalaureate** - The Volga Ministerial would like to invite you to the 2025 Sioux Valley Baccalaureate service to be held in the PAC at 7 p.m. on May 14. This service will have music, prayers and blessings for the graduates and an inspirational message to the graduates from Pastor Chris Duncan from the Preston Christian Church.
- The **Volga Christian School** is once again selling **Medary Acres** gift certificates as a fundraiser. When you purchase the certificate, you get the full value and Medary Acres gives the school a discount when they purchase the certificates. Brenda and Jenn Volkens will have certificates to purchase through the first of June.
- Lyla Doyle (wife of former interim Pastor Dave Doyle) has a 90th birthday on May 15, with a celebration at her home on May 31. They are requesting a card shower for her. Please send cards to Lyla Doyle, 32 E 29th St, Holland, MI 49423-5134.
- The sound booth is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help on a few Sundays. It is a very minimal task of hitting a few buttons. Please Contact Darryl Clapp or Jenn Volkens to volunteer. No previous knowledge needed as there will be simple training and a trial Sunday if you are interested.

Looking Ahead:

- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **June** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, May 21, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkers, or Marge Kleinjan.
- June 1 we will be having our annual golf scramble. This event is for all ages and all skill levels. Tee times will start about 4:00. Please let Dan or Vonda know if you wish to participate so they can make teams and schedule tee times. There will be hot dogs and a bonfire that evening at the Carpenter's at 6:00.

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for June 1st:**
 - In charge: Jodi Deen & Fannie Janssen / Ellie Vanden Berg (Musician)
 - To visit: Gerald Feikema, Lyndsay Deen, Jenn Volkers

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

Offering Schedule:

- May 11th: VCS & Budget
- May 18th: Navigators & Budget
- May 25th: Building Project & Budget
- June 1st: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- May 11th: Post Family
- May 18th: Davis Family
- May 25th: Kauk Family
- June 1st: 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:** volgacrcouncil@gmail.com

This Week's Unfading Truth: This death of God's Son is the only and entirely complete sacrifice and satisfaction for sins; it is of infinite value and worth, more than sufficient to atone for the sins of the whole world. Join us as we read of Christ's atoning sacrifice each day this week at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

May 11, 2025 | Praise God for Godly Moms! | Proverbs 31:10-31

Theme: _____ out _____.

Godly mothers are...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Weekly Reflection: Whose godly life and pattern are you thankful for? What are some ways you can live out godly wisdom in your own day-to-day life through God's grace and strength?

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *NIV Application Commentary: Proverbs* by Paul E. Koptak
- *Proverbs: The Tree of Life* by Graeme Goldsworthy
- *Proverbs - Wisdom that Works* by Raymond C. Ortlund Jr.
- *Psalms Thru Song of Songs* by Tremper Longman III

“In New Testament terms, the wise woman of Proverbs 31 shows some specific examples of redemption’s effect on life. The fear of the Lord translates into faith in Christ. He is the true wisdom of God and of humankind. Being the wisdom of God, he implements the perfect plan of salvation that is bringing in the kingdom of God. Being the wisdom of humankind, he justifies our imperfect and often unbelieving wisdom so that we are no longer condemned for our failures and folly. We are thus set free in him to pursue the task of intellectual and practical sanctification.” - Graeme Goldsworthy

“At one level, the poem in Proverbs 31:10–31 appears to be about a godly wife. On another level, when this chapter is taken in the context of the book of Proverbs, it could also be seen as a personification of wisdom. It is probably not intended to be a checklist for a woman to evaluate her worth. Instead, this is no doubt the expression of how wisdom would act if wisdom were a wife. All of the virtues adorned in the book of Proverbs are mentioned in this chapter: work, wise use of money, wise use of time, caring for the poor, planning ahead, respect for one’s spouse, wise counsel, and fearing God. Both men and women can learn from Proverbs 31:10–31.”

- Tremper Longman III