

**Sunday,
May 17th,
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
Organist: Ellie Vandenberg
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Isaiah 6:1-8

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 1 O Worship the King (Verses 1-2 & 4)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

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

Song - PH 263 Just as I Am, without One Plea (Verses 1 & 4)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Braunings & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 279 O Word of God Incarnate (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Exodus 4:1-17**

Text: **Exodus 4:1-17**

Message: **"Here I Am! Send Me."**

Prayer

***Song - LUYH 869 Here I Am, Lord**

Lord's Supper

***Song - RB 391 Amazing Grace (Verses 1-3 & 5)**

*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us rejoice together in worship of our God. We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping together today. Please join us after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

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
11:30 AM Potluck Fellowship
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study

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.

Prayer Concerns:

- We rejoice with **Cole and Chloe (Heinz) Gross** and their families as they were united in marriage yesterday afternoon! May the Lord bless this couple as they walk with Him and each other throughout this journey of life!
- May we keep in prayer our shut-ins: **Betty Vander Zee**

Announcements:

Thank You! - As we wrap up the Sunday School year today, a big thank you is owed to all of our Sunday School teachers and everyone who makes it possible for their work throughout the school year, helping our kids grow in their knowledge of God's Word, faith, and love for Him! Thank you so much!

- **End of Sunday School Fellowship - Today**, 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 as we wrap-up the Sunday School year! Hope to see you there!
- **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.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week, Wednesday at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the final lesson in our current series, Lesson 21: Deuteronomy Points Us to Christ. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Joan Bjorklund. Stay tuned for what lesson series we'll be going through next!

Looking Ahead:

- **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.**

- **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.
- **Old Timer's Weekend Praise Night** - To round out Old Timer's Weekend festivities, on **Sunday, June 14**, First Reformed Church is planning to host a praise night where individuals or groups from area churches can play special music. The hope is to have each area church provide at least one special music, so if you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Gary Mulder.

Offering Schedule:

- May 17th: Navigators & Budget
- May 24th: Brauning's & Budget
- May 31st: Building Project
- Jun 7th: VCS & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- May 17th: Van Norden Family
- May 24th: Fey Family
- May 31st: Runia Family
- Jun 7th: Top 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:** volgacrcouncil@gmail.com

Kids Corner Devotions: The Promised Gift: Pentecost - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "The Promised Gift: Pentecost" at www.kidscorner.net. When Jesus was about to return to heaven to be with his Father, he reminded his disciples of the gift his Father had promised them. Did you know that the same gift is promised to you as well? God sends his Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus. It's an old promise that is still good for you today! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

Groundwork: Humanity Falls - Just after the story of creation, the Bible tells us the story of humanity's fall. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2-3, Romans 5:12, Romans 8:20-22, and Romans 3:9-23 to examine the second major theme of the Bible, the Christian doctrine of the fall. This theme emphasizes the catastrophic impact of sin on humanity and creation, and clearly articulates our universal need for a Savior in Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

May 17, 2026 | "Here I Am! Send Me." | Exodus 4:1-17

Theme: _____ in _____ and _____ to the Lord's _____.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____ Else?

Weekly Reflection: What hesitations have you raised when the Lord has called you to something? May the Lord ever help us to respond in faith and obedience to His call, helping us to trust in Him.

Sermon Resources For Further Study:

- *Commentaries on the Last Four Books of Moses Arranged in the Form of a Harmony* by John Calvin
- *Exodus - Saved for God's Glory* by Phillip Graham Ryken
- *Genesis thru Numbers* by Tremper Longman III
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* "Chapter 11: The Book of Exodus" by Michael A. Grisanti
- *The NIV Application Commentary: Exodus* by Peter Enns

“It is this distrust of his own powers which makes him so hesitating and timid. The remedy was obvious, that he should assure himself, since he well knew that he was undertaking nothing rashly, that God, whose command he obeyed, would supply him with ample strength. In this, then, lay the fault, that he did not cast all his cares on God, and, setting aside his own weakness, hope against hope, like Abraham, who “considered not his own body now dead; neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb; being fully persuaded that what God had promised, he was able also to perform.” (Rom. 4:18, 19, 21.)” - John Calvin

“There is no doubt that God chose this shepherd’s rod to be the instrument of his power, in order the more to confound the pride of Pharaoh.” - John Calvin

“These rhetorical questions are a reminder that God made us exactly the way he wanted to make us. Who gave us our eyes, ears, and mouth? Obviously God did. If that is the case, then our abilities, inabilities, and even disabilities are ordained by him. God has equipped us with every talent we need to do his will. He made us the way that he made us for his glory.” - Phillip Ryken