

**Sunday,
May 18th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, May 18th, 2025

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Marge Kleinjan
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 98:1-3

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Verses 1 & 4)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

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

Song - RB 114 Jesus Paid It All (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Navigators & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - LUYH 759 Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

Text: **1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

Message: **"Do This in Remembrance of Me..."**

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

***Song - LUYH 840 Behold the Lamb**

*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: Gerald Feikema, Jerry Runia;
Elevator Attendant for May: Cyndi Ulvestad

Alternate: Conner Gross

Calendar:

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

1. May we praise the Lord for answered prayer as Ellie Vanden Berg is doing well after her surgery!
2. As the Sunday School year draws to a close, may we thank the Lord for another wonderful year of getting to grow in Him. The school year is also nearing its end, so may we keep in prayer all of our students and teachers as they wrap up the year, especially all the Seniors in our community who are graduating this year.
3. Please be lifting up this year's Vacation Bible School in prayer which will start in a couple of weeks. Please especially be praying for the kids that will come, that they would grow in their love for the Lord, and if any don't know Him, that they would come to believe in Jesus.

Announcements:

-This week, we are beginning a mini-series on the Sacraments that God has instituted for His Church, namely Communion and Baptism. Whenever we celebrate these Sacraments, we have some reminders about their importance, what they signify, etc., but it can be good to delve a bit deeper every now and again, and so we'll do that together, first looking at the Sacrament of Communion today, and Baptism next week.

- **Today** is the final day of **Sunday School and Catechism** for the 2024/2025 year. We want to extend a big thank you to all of those who have made this Sunday School year possible! May we also praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness as He helps us grow in our walks with Him! Classes will resume in September.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 10: The Cure For Our Anxiety. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward.
- 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.
- 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.

- **Vacation Bible School** (May 27- May 30 6:00-8:15pm SV school)
 - There's still time to register your kids! Please register as soon as possible. They are still looking for a couple of volunteers. Register kids or sign up to volunteer at <https://www.myvbs.org/Volgavbs/>
 - They're also looking for snack donations this year. You can sign up to help provide snacks by following this link: <https://bit.ly/4diCqZq>

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
- **Ushers for June:** Jacob Post, Brenda Volkers; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad
- **Elevator Attendant for June:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Offering Schedule:

- May 18th: Navigators & Budget
- May 25th: Building Project & Budget
- June 1st: VCS & Budget
- June 8th: Option 1 & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- May 18th: Davis Family
- May 25th: Kauk Family
- June 1st: Van Norden Family
- June 8th: Runia Family

Offerings received in April:

General Fund.....	\$12,305.16	Building Project.....	\$1,674.00
Option 1.....	\$381.00	Local Missions.....	\$936.00
Volga Christian School.....	\$752.00		

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

This Week's Unfading Truth: Both the promise of the gospel, together with the command to repent and believe, ought to be announced and declared without differentiation or discrimination to all nations and people, to whom God in his good pleasure sends the gospel. Read or listen to the Bible & dig deeper with us each weekday along with us at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136 for a daily reminder.

May 18, 2025 | “Do This In Remembrance of Me...” | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Theme: _____ God for this visible _____ of our _____ as we seek to celebrate in a _____ manner.

1. W_____?

2. W_____?

3. W_____?

Weekly Reflection: “Paul’s instructions for the Corinthians to examine themselves (11:28) apply to the modern church as well. It is easy to get into habits or traditions that require little thought about the things that should be most important in one’s life. Think about your own attention to the celebration of the Lord’s Supper...Can you think of anything you might do to renew your spiritual commitment or heighten your experience...?” - Peter Barnes

Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:

- *Acts Thru Corinthians* by Peter Barnes
- *Commentaries on the Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians* by John Calvin
- *1 Corinthians - The Word of the Cross* by Stephen T. Um
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo
- *Children at the Lord's Table?* By Cornelis P. Venema
- *Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Louis Berkhof

“Note that Paul says “unworthy manner,” not “unworthy individual.” He is not concerned about whether or not the reader deserves to approach the Lord’s Table. It is a question of whether one is approaching with indifference or an unrepentant heart. If one is afflicted by sin, the Supper is comfort. If an individual is comfortable with sin, the Supper is affliction. ***Paul is calling the Christians to examine themselves, not to find reasons they are unworthy, but to find evidence of a repentant heart—evidence that grace is at work.*** If a believer has a repentant heart, he or she should be coming to the Table. Paul wants believers to examine themselves not for perfection, but for recognition of their need of Christ’s perfection on their behalf.” - Stephen T. Um (emphasis added)