

**Sunday,
May 24th,
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: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Joel 2:28-32

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 246 Come, Thou Almighty King (Verses 1-3)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of God's Law - As a Teacher of Sin (PH pg. 1016)

Song - RB 85 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (Verses 1-2 & 4)

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering:

Children's Message

***Song - PH 424 Spirit of the Living God (Verse 1)**

Scripture Lesson: **Acts 2:1-41**

Text: **Acts 2:1-41**

Message: **The Holy Spirit: God's Abiding Presence With Us**

Prayer

***Song - PH 427 Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit**

*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 54 & Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 246 Come, Thou Almighty King (Verse 4)**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: Let us worship with the same eagerness of the psalmist who wrote: "One thing I have asked of the Lord, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord." (Psalm 27:4). Such joy may be found here as we open ourselves freely to God's presence. Please join us after the morning service for coffee & fellowship.

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

Alternate: Zack Post

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Tues-Fri: 6:00 PM VBS @ Sioux Valley

Prayer Concerns:

- Please be lifting up this year's **Vacation Bible School** in prayer, which starts Tuesday. 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.
- Please keep in prayer the delegates, work, and deliberations of **Synod 2026** for the Christian Reformed Church, which will take place in a few weeks. 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:

- **Thank You!** - Thanks so much for all the prayers, calls & visits I have received following my car accident & the food that has been brought since my return home. I am so blessed to be part of a caring church family. Thank you! - Marge Kleinjan
- **Vacation Bible School** - The week of Vacation Bible School (Snowball Mountain Challenge) is here! Tuesday through Friday evenings from 6:00-8:15 Vacation Bible School will be held over at Sioux Valley School with a final program on Friday night. Bring your kids out this week for some evenings of fun, fellowship, and especially praise to the Lord, and getting to know Him more as we dig into His Word together!
- **Tomorrow, 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.**

Looking Ahead:

- **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.

- **Church Cleaning** has been set for Tuesday, **June 23rd at 6:00 pm**. Circle 4 is in charge of the cleaning schedule and the light supper that follows. Please consider joining to help, as many hands make light work!

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for June 7th:**
 - In charge: Sheldon & Kris Thompson / Marge Kleinjan (Musician)
 - To visit: Fey Family, Deb Landegent, Caija Landegent
- *If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go for you
- **Ushers for June:** Dan Runia, Zack Post; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad
- **Elevator Attendant for June:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Offering Schedule:

- May 24th: Brauning's & Budget
- May 31st: Building Project
- Jun 7th: VCS & Budget
- Jun 14th:

Nursery Schedule:

- May 24th: Fey Family
- May 31st: Runia Family
- Jun 7th: Top Family
- Jun 14th: Triebwasser 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

Groundwork: God Redeems - The biblical theme of redemption is unique to Christian theology and sets Christianity apart from other religions. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 12:1-5, Ephesians 1:3-11, Galatians 2:20-21, and Ephesians 2:1-5 to trace God's story of redemption from Genesis to the ultimate sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ and talk about living redeemed lives as we go about our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner Devotions: Stephen: Things Get Tough - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Stephen: Things Get Tough" at www.kidscorner.net. Learn how to be brave and keep trusting Jesus even when others are unkind. Discover that Jesus is always with you, giving you strength and reminding you that you are never alone. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

May 24, 2026 | The Holy Spirit: God's Abiding Presence With Us | Acts 2:1-41

Theme: _____ and _____ God for His abiding _____
in and _____ the Holy Spirit.

Passage Notes:

Application Notes:

Weekly Reflection: May we take time throughout our lives to thank the Lord
for His abiding presence with us through the Holy Spirit!

Sermon Resources for Further Study:

- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo
- *Commentary upon the Acts of the Apostles Vol. 1* by John Calvin
- *Acts: The Church Afire* by R. Kent Hughes
- *Acts Thru Corinthians* by Peter Barnes and Robert Deffinbaugh
- *NIV Application Commentary: Acts* by Ajith Fernando

“For by this means the force and fruit of Christ his death and resurrection is scaled; and we do also thereby know, that we have lost nothing by Christ his departing out of the world; because, though he be absent in body, yet is he present with us after a better sort, to wit, by the grace of his Holy Spirit.” - John Calvin

"They had murdered God's Son; he was offering them his Spirit. They had crucified the second person of the Trinity; he was offering them the third. They had thrown God's Son out of the vineyard and in the hope of inheriting the vineyard themselves; now he was inviting them to receive God's Spirit not just into their vineyard but into their very hearts, to be their undying life, to be the earnest and guarantee of an infinite and imperishable inheritance." - David Gooding, quoted in *NIV Application Commentary: Acts*