

**Sunday,
May 25th
2025**

Volga Christian Reformed Church
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603
Sunday, May 25th, 2025

Morning Worship 9:30 AM: Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Marge Kleinjan
Pianist: Joan Bjorklund

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Isaiah 43:1-7, 10-13

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 501 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Verses 1-2, 4 & 7)**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Responsive Reading of the Law - As a Rule of Gratitude (Pg. 1017)

Song - PH 495 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 498 I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew**

Scripture Lesson: **Genesis 17:1-14 & Acts 2:37-41**

Text: **Acts 2:37-41**

Message: **"I Have Called You By Name, You are Mine!"**

Prayer

***Song - RB 88 There Is a Fountain**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 635 Glory Be to the Father**

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

Alternate: Conner Gross

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

Wed: 5:30 PM Food & Fellowship

Prayer Concerns:

1. Please keep **Willa Triebwasser** in your prayers as she will be having her tonsils removed this week.
2. 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.

Announcements:

- **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/4diCqZg>
- **Food and Fellowship Wednesdays** - This week is this month's Food and Fellowship Wednesday! It will run from **5:30-7 PM**. Swing on by for some food and fellowship; bring a friend, a neighbor, someone we can share the light and love of Christ with! Carry-out will also be available. May Menu: Sub Bar and Dessert.
- 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.
- A note from Brenda Volkens: "I would like to thank the Church Council for the two new refrigerators in the kitchen. I would also ask if you are leaving items in the refrigerators to please label the items as to who can use them. If you leave any items in the kitchen please leave a note explaining the intended purpose of the item and who left the items. Thank You."
- 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:

- **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.
- **Church cleaning** will take place on Tuesday, **June 3rd at 6:00 pm**. There will be a light supper after the cleaning. All who are able or interested are welcome to join.

Advance:

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

*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for June:** Jacob Post, Brenda Volkens; Alternate: Clyde Ulvestad
- **Elevator Attendant for June:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Offering Schedule:

- May 25th: Building Project & Budget
- June 1st: VCS & Budget
- June 8th: Option 1 & Budget
- June 15th: Brauning's & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- May 25th: Kauk Family
- June 1st: Van Norden Family
- June 8th: Runia Family
- June 15th: Fey 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:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

Groundwork: Money and the Attitude of Your Heart - Can we strike a balance between being grateful for what we have and not being overly attached to it? Join Groundwork as we dig into Mark 10:17-27, Matthew 6:19-24, and 1 John 2:15-17 to reflect on such a balanced attitude toward money and possessions. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday. Romans 8:34 tells us that Jesus "is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" (NIV). As you think about Christ interceding for us in heaven, what do you imagine he's asking God the Father for on your behalf? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

This Week's Unfading Truth: All who genuinely believe and are delivered and saved by Christ's death from their sins and from destruction receive this favor solely from God's grace—which God owes to no one—given to them in Christ from eternity. Be reminded that God's grace is stronger than you are each weekday as we read the Bible & the Canons of Dordt together at UnfadingTruth.com. Text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

Theme: _____ God for His _____ in baptism and His
_____ to _____.

1. What?

2. Who?

3. Why?

Weekly Reflection: Having reflected on the Sacrament of Baptism together, what are some ways the Sacrament provides you assurance and comfort?

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *Acts Thru Corinthians* by Peter Barnes
- *An Introduction to the New Testament* by D.A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo
- *Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Louis Berkhof
- *Acts - The Church Afire* by R. Kent Hughes
- *Commentary Upon the Acts of the Apostles* by John Calvin
- *NIV Application Commentary: Acts* by Ajith Fernando
- *Acts: An Expository Commentary* by R.C. Sproul

“It is plain and evident that Peter spake thus because God did adopt one nation peculiarly. And circumcision did declare that the right of adoption was common even unto infants. Therefore, even as God made his covenant with Isaac, being as yet unborn, because he was the seed of Abraham, so Peter teacheth, that all the children of the Jews are contained in the same covenant, because this promise is always in force, I will be the God of your seed.” - John Calvin

“*Be baptized every one of you.* Although in the text and order of the words, baptism doth here go before remission of sins, yet doth it follow it in order, because it is nothing else but a sealing of those good things which we have by Christ, that they may be established in our consciences; therefore, after that Peter had intreated of repentance, he calleth the Jews unto the hope of grace and salvation; and, therefore, Luke well afterwards, in Paul’s sermon, joineth faith and repentance together in the same sense, wherein he putteth forgiveness of sins in this place, and that for good considerations; for the hope of salvation consisteth in the free imputation of righteousness; and we are counted just, freely before God, when he forgiveth us our sins.”

- John Calvin