**Volga Christian Reformed Church**

**Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - phone 269-271-8603**

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter

 Organist: Katie Hoogwerf

 Pianist: Christy Van Heerde

 Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 105:1-6

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**PH 624  *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord***

**\*Song -  *Build Your Kingdom Here*** (Screen)

\*God’s Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

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

**Song *- Here I Am to Worship*** (Screen)

Baptism - Raydon Lee Van Norden (PH Pgs. 960-962)

**\*Song - *Who You Say I Am*** (Screen)

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children’s Message

**\*Song - PH 276 *Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth*** (Verses 1-3)

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 5:13-16**

Text: **Matthew 5:13-16**

Message: **Salt and Light**

Prayer

**\*Song - LUYH 930  *This Little Light of Mine*** (Verses 1-2)

\*Nicene Creed

\*God’s Blessing

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

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

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**Welcome:** Remembering that we are brothers and sisters in the Lord, we welcome each of you. May this worship service fill us all with confidence and hope as we prepare for the week ahead. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

**Ushers for May:**  Cade Gross, Brenda Volkers Alternate: Jerry Runia

**Elevator Attendant for May** Henrietta Molengraaf

**This morning we celebrate**  with Ryan & Donae Van Norden as they present their son, Raydon Lee for baptism. In baptism we are assured of God's promises to his people and can celebrate God's faithfulness to each one of his people.

**Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship

 10:45 Sunday School

 11:00 Catechism for High School

 11:00 Dakota Sun Ministry

Wed: 7:00 Jr. Hi., Youth Group at First Reformed Church

**Dakota Sun Ministry for today:**

Sunday School : middle school and high school, Vonda Bjorklund, Duane Walburg, Deb Landegent, Josh & Kayla Carpenter, Tim Gross, Verdella Gross. (If you are unable to go on your assigned date please find someone to go in your place.)

**Pastor Joshua and family are leaving later today** for a week of vacation. Next Sunday Mr. Doug Wermedal will lead us in worship

**Prayer Concerns:**

**1. Please keep students and teachers** in prayer as they look forward to finishing out the school year this month, praying that the Lord would provide strength to finish strong, and for safety throughout the summer ahead.

**2. Kayla and I would appreciate** your prayers as, after a number of tests, it has been determined that Ezekiel is deaf in one ear.  By God’s grace, his other ear still has hearing, and so we rejoice in that.  Please pray for wisdom and discernment as Kayla and I navigate the road ahead of us in caring for Ezekiel and the decisions that will need to be made, as well as strength for each step of the way.
**Announcements**

**1. Prayer Day Service** - On Thursday, May 23rd, at 7 PM, we will have an evening prayer service where we’ll take time to gather together to come before our Lord in prayer, bringing before His throne of grace various areas of life, our community, and the Church universal.

**2. The Volga Ministerial** would like to invite you to the **2024 Baccalaureate service** to be held in the **PAC at 7:00 pm. on May 15.** This service will have music, prayers and blessings for the graduates, and an inspirational message to the graduates from Pastor Ron Smith from Grace Free Lutheran Church in Bruce.

**3. Vacation Bible School registration** is on-line.  Be sure to sign up for an exciting week! We also need helpers!  Registration due May 3. Bible School is May 28-31

**Medary Acres Certificates** are available for sale. This is a very good fund raiser for Volga Christian School. If you are interested in buying them for all your garden and flower needs please talk to Brenda Volkers. Brenda has them available for you to buy in many different sizes ($ 10, $ 20, $ 50, $100 volkersb3@gmail.com 605-690-3434

**Word was received** from the Worthington Christian School of their need for a couple of teachers for the 2024-2025 School year. They are looking for a kindergarten and a fourth grade teacher.

If you know of anyone who would be interested. Please check out the information on the bulletin board by the office. If you would like you can take the paper off the bulletin board and give it to someone who is interested. (there are a couple of copies there)

**Our Offerings:**

May 5: Volga Christian School & udget

May 12: Local Missions & Budget

May 19: Option One & Budget

May 26: Building Project & Budget

**Our Council**: Pastor: Joshua Carpenter

Elders: Ron Gross, Greg Loss, Dale Algood

Deacons: Will Davis, Logan Triebwasser, Dan Runia, Sheldon Thompson

**e-mail address for council: volgacrccouncil@gmail.com**

 **May 5, 2024 | Salt and Light | Matthew 5:13-16**

Theme: May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_ us to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13):

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 14-16):

Weekly Reflection: Where and to whom is the Lord calling you to be salt and light in your own life?