

**Sunday,
Nov 23rd,
2025**

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: Marge Kleinjan

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Psalm 46

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - PH 408 Rejoice, the Lord is King**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

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

Song - PH 262 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Hope Haven & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - RB 8 Be Thou My Vision**

Scripture Lesson: **Psalm 146**

Text: **Psalm 146**

Message: **In God We Trust!**

Prayer

***Song - PH 146 Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah!**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 630 Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Psalm 148:1-2) We rejoice and give thanks to God for all He has done for us. Take the time today to reflect on the blessings that surround you. We welcome any guests who are with us today. There will be coffee and fellowship after the service.

Ushers for November: Dan Runia, Gene Volkens;
Elevator Attendant for November: Cyndi Ulvestad

Alternate: Jerry Runia

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
Wed: 7:00 PM Annual Bowling Night
Thurs: 9:30 AM Thanksgiving Day Service

Prayer Concerns:

- May we continue to keep in prayer everyone who is traveling over the course of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Please keep in prayer all those in our congregation and community who are battling various illnesses.

Announcements:

- **Thank You!** - Kayla, Ezekiel, and I want to thank you all so much for your wonderful gift to us for Pastor's Appreciation Month last month! We are so thankful to all of you for your love, care, and support of us in your words of encouragement and your prayers for us! Thank you so much for being family to us! We love you all so much!
- **High school catechism** will meet today after worship in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Youth Group will not** meet this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our next regular meeting time will be **Wednesday, December 3rd**.
- **Newsletter Info Deadline** - The deadline for information for the **December** edition of our church newsletter will be **Wednesday, November 26th, at 12 PM**. Please send your information to Pastor Josh, Brenda Volkens, or Marge Kleinjan.
- **Annual Bowling Night at The Lanes** - On **Wednesday evening, Nov. 26**, we will have our annual bowling night at The Lanes in Brookings from 7-9 PM. If you have a Bobcat Band Card, you can get one hour of bowling free. The going rate for bowling is \$30/hr. no matter how many people you have on the lane. Let Vonda know if you plan to attend so we can reserve enough lanes.
- **Thanksgiving Day Service - This week Thursday**, at **9:30 AM**, we'll gather together on **Thanksgiving Day** to worship our Lord together, coming before Him to praise His name, to express our gratitude and thankfulness to Him!
- **Circle 3** will be **decorating** the church for Christmas on November 29th at 9 AM.

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Dec 7th:**
 - In charge: Gene & Brenda Volkens / Joan Bjorklund (Musician)
 - To visit: Algood's, Alden's, Connor Gross

*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for December:** Jacob Post, Jerry Runia; Alternate: Gerald Feikema
- **Elevator Attendant for December:** Brenda Volkens

Offering Schedule:

- Nov 23rd: Hope Haven & Budget
- Nov 30th: Building Project & Budget
- Dec 7th: VCS & Budget
- Dec 14th: Option 1 & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Nov 23rd: Fey Family
- Nov 30th: Runia Family
- Dec 7th: Top Family
- Dec 14th: Triebwasser Family

Offerings received in October:

General Fund.....	\$14,188.97	Building Project.....	\$2,055.00
Brauning's.....	\$369.00	Option 1.....	\$380.00
Volga Christian School.....	\$1,093.00		

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:** volgaccouncil@gmail.com

Kids' Corner Devotions: Advent: The Season of Waiting - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent: The Season of Waiting" at www.kidscorner.net. Advent starts next week—it's the four weeks before Christmas, a time to get our hearts ready for Jesus. We remember that He was born for us and that one day He will come again, so we can trust God while we wait. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, "Kids in Action", telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Blessed are...the Merciful, the Pure in Heart, the Peacemakers, and those Who are Persecuted - Discover what Jesus taught us about the heart and mind of an ideal disciple. Study Matthew 5:7-12 with Groundwork as we examine the remaining beatitudes of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, and explore mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and the surprising blessing hidden behind persecution. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

This Week's Unfading Truth: God promises that you are and always will remain true and living members of the Church, and that you have the forgiveness of sins & eternal life. Be reminded of this promise each day this week as we read the Bible together at UnfadingTruth.com!

November 23, 2025 | In God We Trust! | Psalm 146

Theme: _____ in the _____.

1. Where _____ to Put Your _____:

2. Where _____ Put Your _____:

3. “The _____ of _____”:

Weekly Reflection: Where does your trust lie as you face the good times as well as the storms and trials of life? May our trust be wholly in the Lord!

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *Christ's Psalms Our Psalms Vol. 4: Psalm 146* by Marc R. Jagt
- *Hidden Worldviews* “Chapter 4: Nationalism” by Steve Wilkens and Mark L. Sanford
- “Christian Nationalism: Is There a Better Way?” Adapted from MARSCAST Episode 256
- *Psalms thru Song of Songs* by Tremper Longman III
- *Preaching Christ from Psalms: Foundations for Expository Sermons in the Christian Year* by Sidney Greidanus

“Our whole life, then, is to be a song of praise. The worship service on Sunday should set the tone for the rest of the week and the whole of our lives.” - Sidney Greidanus

“The command to “praise the LORD!” has several implications. It means first of all that we acknowledge the LORD as our sovereign King upon whom we are completely dependent. It also means that our whole life ought to be a thank and praise offering to God. And it means that we should be eager to offer up songs of praise to the LORD.” - Sidney Greidanus