

**Thursday,
Nov 27th
2025**

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Volga Christian Reformed Church
November 27th, 2025

Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter
Organist: Marge Kleinjan
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

WELCOME in the name of Christ to all who worship here today. We meet together on this day to give thanks to our God. May we add our praise to the throng in heaven that declares, "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen! (Revelation 7:12)

OFFERING: The deacons have provided envelopes for our Thanksgiving offerings. Any loose money will go to the General Budget.

Passages of Thanksgiving

Jeremiah 30:19

Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving,
and the voices of those who celebrate.
I will multiply them, and they shall not be few;
I will make them honored, and they shall not be small.

Psalms 107:8-9

Let them give thanks to the Lord for
His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds
for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Thanksgiving Day Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 100

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 568 Come, Ye Thankful People**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

Scripture Lesson: **Numbers 6:22-27**

Text: **Numbers 6:22-27**

Message: **Blessed Beyond Measure!**

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Thanksgiving Envelopes

***Song - PH 453 Let All Things Now Living**

***Song - PH 454 Now Thank We All Our God (Verses 1-2)**

Walk-up Choir - **PH 489 When Peace Like a River (It is Well)**

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 454 Now Thank We All Our God (Verse 3)**

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

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Theme: _____ the Lord for _____ His _____ to us in Christ Jesus.

1. God's _____ Beyond _____:

2. Our _____ of _____ and _____:

Weekly Reflection: What are you thankful to God for? May we take the time this day, and every day, to genuinely thank the Lord for all His many gracious blessings to us!

Sermon Resources Used for Further Study:

- *Genesis thru Numbers* by Tremper Longman III
- *The NIV Application Commentary: Leviticus, Numbers* by Roy Gane
- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 13: The Book of Numbers” by Michael A. Grisanti
- *Numbers - God's Presence in the Wilderness* by Ian M. Duguid

“Yet how do we find that life of blessing? In this often troubled world, where is true blessing to be found? That is what this passage in the book of Numbers is about: the life of blessing and how we may receive it. This brief portion of Scripture gives us three foundational truths about blessing: where blessing comes from, what blessing is, and how we can receive it.” - Ian Duguid

““The LORD make his face to shine upon you”—“the LORD lift up his countenance upon you.” True blessing is knowing God face-to-face. The idea of having God’s face shine when he looks at us is a wonderful image. Have you ever seen anyone’s face shine? Perhaps you have watched children on Christmas morning as they open their presents. Or you watch young lovers as they walk together in the park and look at each other: they glow with the delight of being together. This is the heart of blessing: to have the Lord delight in us so much that it is as if his face shines whenever he sees us. Blessing is not just that our faces shine when we look at the beauties of God, but that he delights to turn his face toward us and look at us. Blessing is our heavenly Father’s face beaming as he looks upon us. Can you imagine God delighting in you in this way?” - Ian Duguid

“God is the one who initiates the blessing. Aaron doesn’t first ask the Lord, “How do I bless this people?” Moses doesn’t file a request in triplicate to initiate a blessing for the people. God comes to Moses and Aaron and says, “I want you to place my blessing on this people: here is how you do it.” There is no magic or trickery or wrestling with God in the priestly benediction: the Lord initiates it because he wants to bless his people and give them his peace.” - Ian Duguid