

**Sunday,  
Oct 5<sup>th</sup>,  
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  
Praise Team

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 33:1-5

Silent Prayer of Preparation

**Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord**

**\*Song - Goodness of God (Screen)**

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet Each Other

God's Law

**Song - In Christ Alone (Screen)**

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Volga Christian School & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (Screen)**

Scripture Lesson: **Acts 6:1-7**

Text: **Acts 6:1-7**

Message: **Spiritual Gifts: Mercy**

Prayer

**\*Song - Living for Jesus (Screen)**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

**\*Doxology: The Blessing (Screen)**

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** Psalm 13:6 "I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me." We welcome you as we, too, sing to the Lord because of His goodness. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee after the morning service.

**Ushers for October:** Gerald Feikema, Zachary Post;  
**Elevator Attendant for October:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Alternate: Gene Volkers

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
11:00 AM Dakota Sun Ministry  
6:00 PM Worship Night – Preston Church  
Wed: 7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group  
8:00 PM Council Meeting  
Thurs: 3:45 PM GEMS

### **Dakota Sun Ministry today, October 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- In charge: Darryl Clapp / Ellie Vanden Berg (Musician)
- To visit: Knevelbaard's, Betty Scott, Fannie Janssen

\*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- May we keep in prayer all those who are battling various illnesses, both in our congregation and in our community.
- Please continue to keep all of our farmers and their families in prayer throughout this busy harvest season.

### **Announcements:**

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Worship Night - Preston Christian Church** invites us to a worship night at their church tonight at **6 PM**. The music will be contemporary and geared toward youth groups, but all ages are more than welcome. Snacks/fellowship to follow. All will be done around 8 pm, unless you'd like to visit longer.
- **Worship Committee** meets this week, **Tuesday**, at **7 PM** here in the church office.
- **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
- The **GEMS card sales** will end Thursday, Oct. 9. If you would like to purchase cards and have not been contacted, please see any GEMS girl or Geraldine Runia (605-690-5446).

### **Looking Ahead:**

- **Reformation Day Combined Service - Volga Christian Reformed Church** invites you to worship with us for a special Reformation Day service **Oct. 26th at 6:30 PM**. We will have a time of fellowship and snacks to follow after the service.
- **Church Potluck** - We look forward to, Lord willing, having Steve and Sandra Brauning visit next week Sunday for a missionary update! Following the Sunday

School hour, we'll have a church potluck starting around **12 PM** for further opportunity to visit with the Braunings and hear about their ministry. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Offering Schedule:**

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: VCS & Budget
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: Option 1 & Budget
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Brauning's & Budget
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget

**Nursery Schedule:**

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: Top Family
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: Runia Family
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Triebwasser Family
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Post 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:** [volgacrcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:volgacrcouncil@gmail.com)

**Kids Corner Devotion: Learning God's Story** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Learning God's Story" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Want to grow strong in your faith like you grow strong in your muscles? Learn how prayer, Bible reading, and small daily habits can help you become a stronger follower of Jesus! Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like our video Bible study "God's Big Story".

**Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies** - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**This Week's Unfading Truth:** You'll continually be tempted to swerve away from the Spirit's leading this week. Stay equipped to make the right choices by reading the Bible with us each weekday at [UnfadingTruth.com](http://UnfadingTruth.com).

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**Application Notes:**

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