

**Sunday,  
Oct 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2025**

**Volga Christian Reformed Church**  
Pastor: Joshua Carpenter - Phone: 269-271-8603  
**Sunday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Morning Worship 9:30 AM:** Worship Leader: Pastor Joshua Carpenter  
Organist: Ellie Vandenberg  
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 139:13-16, 23-24

Silent Prayer of Preparation

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

**\*Song - PH 246 Come, Thou Almighty King**

\*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

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

**\*Song - RB 322 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Scripture Lesson: **Leviticus 20:1-5**

Text: **Leviticus 20:1-5**

Message: **Stand Up!**

Prayer

**\*Song - PH 555 Lead On, O King Eternal**

\*Apostles' Creed

\*God's Blessing

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

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**WELCOME:** With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come to worship. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for coffee and fellowship.

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

Alternate: Gene Volkens

### **Calendar:**

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship  
10:45 AM Preschool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sing  
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism  
6:30 PM Reformation Day Service  
Wed: 6:30 PM Cadets (Grades 2-5)  
7:00 PM Combined Youth Group

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Please continue to keep our farmers and their families in your prayers throughout this harvest season.
- May we keep in prayer our shut-ins: Lawrence De Groot and Betty Vander Zee.

### **Announcements:**

- 1. High school catechism** will meet today after worship in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- 2. Air Madness** - This week, **Wednesday**, both Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be going to Air Madness. The plan is to leave from First Reformed Church at 5 PM. If you are going, please make sure a parent signs the Air Madness liability waiver online so you can jump. Youth Group will provide \$10 towards the cost, so the only cost will be the remainder of the admission price, socks (if you need a pair of theirs), and any food.
- 3. Reformation Day Combined Service - Volga Christian Reformed Church** invites you to worship with us for a special Reformation Day service **tonight at 6:30 PM** with Calvary OPC and First Reformed Church. We will have a time of fellowship and snacks to follow after the service.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- **The VCS Annual Harvest Festival** is scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Gracepoint Church in Brookings. There will be lunch, a live auction, a bake sale, and supervised activities for the kids. For questions or to make donations, please call the school at 605-627-9286. All proceeds will benefit the general fund at Volga Christian School.
- **Annual Bowling Night at The Lanes** - On **Wednesday evening, Nov. 26**, we will have our annual bowling night at The Lanes in Brookings, starting at **7 PM**. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and fellowship!
- **Thanksgiving Day Service – Thursday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Advance:**

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>:**
  - In charge: Doug Posts' / Katie Hoogwerf (Musician)
  - To visit: Hoogwerf's, Kevin & Tanya Triebwasser, Zach & Jacob Post

\*If you are unable to attend your assigned day, please find someone to go in your place
- **Ushers for November:** Dan Runia, Gene Volkers; Alternate: Jerry Runia
- **Elevator Attendant for November:** Cyndi Ulvestad

## **Offering Schedule:**

- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Building Project & Budget
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: VCS & Budget
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Navigators & Budget
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Skavdahls' & Budget

## **Nursery Schedule:**

- Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Post Family
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: Davis Family
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Van Norden Family
- Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Kauk 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)

**This Week's Unfading Truth:** Sinners may lose awareness of grace for a time, until through repentance, God's fatherly face shines on them again. Be reminded of this comforting truth as we read the Bible together each weekday at [UnfadingTruth.com](http://UnfadingTruth.com). Sign up for a daily reminder: text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

**October 25, 2025 | Stand Up! | Leviticus 20:1-5**

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_ up for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Passage Notes:**

**Application Notes:**

**Weekly Reflection:** May the Lord ever help us to stand up for the sanctity of life, while also being a safe haven for those who have had abortions or performed them, yet have turned and repented.

## **Resources Used For Further Study:**

- *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* “Chapter 12: The Book of Leviticus” by Michael A. Grisanti
- *Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People* by Kenneth A. Matthews
- *The NIV Application Commentary: Leviticus, Numbers* by Roy Gane
- *Genesis thru Numbers* by Tremper Longman III
- *Commentaries on the Four Last Books of Moses Arranged in the Form of a Harmony* by John Calvin

“‘No man is an island’ (John Donne) is an apt description of the Law’s perspective on accountability. The assumption is that the idolater will influence others, leading his own family and clan into false worship and sexual sin. The community will suffer because of its failure to stop the practice of idolatry and for its eventual adoption of the practice.” - Kenneth Matthews

“Therefore, it was of utmost seriousness when a person committed infractions against the Lord, especially the Ten Commandments. Such transgressions risked bringing the wrath of God against the nation. The crimes cited in Leviticus 20 are related in one way or another to the Ten Commandments. If the people did not deal with criminals in their midst, then the whole nation was subjected to the wrath of God.” - Kenneth Matthews

“The Israelites were commanded to lead holy lives for at least two important reasons. First, it was required if they were to have regular fellowship with God. Only holy people were permitted to enter the presence of God (at the tabernacle and later at the temple). Second, the only way God’s servant nation could accurately represent His surpassing character to the surrounding nations was to lead “set-apart” lives.” - Michael Grisanti

“In the wake of the arrival of God’s visible presence at the tabernacle, the defining concern of all of Leviticus is the arrangement of life around His presence. How should people live if the eternal, holy, almighty God lived with them? Leviticus answers various questions in relation to this important reality.” - Michael Grisanti