

**Sunday,
Sep 28th,
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 Vanden Berg
Pianist: Geraldine Runia

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship - Ps. 27:1 & 13-14

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Song - PH 624 Hear our Prayer, O Lord

***Song - RB 1 O Worship the King**

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

God's Law

Song - PH 260 Not What My Hands Have Done

Congregational Prayer - Praises and Prayer Requests

Offering: Building Project & Budget

Children's Message

***Song - PH 556 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Scripture Lesson: **Ephesians 2:1-10 & Hebrews 11:1-2**

Text: **Ephesians 2:8 & Hebrews 11:1-2**

Message: **Spiritual Gifts: Faith**

Prayer

***Song - PH 242 Come, All You People, Praise Our God**

*Apostles' Creed

*God's Blessing

***Doxology: PH 638 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

WELCOME: In this autumn time of year, when the nights are getting chilly, and the day light hours are shortened, we worship together mindful that the seasons of our life are marching onward. In Jesus name we honor Him who lives in Heaven where there are no season, except the perfect season of His everlasting love.

Ushers for September: Jerry Runia, Jacob Post;
Volkers

Alternate: Marla

Elevator Attendant for September: Brenda Volkers

Calendar:

Today: 9:30 AM Morning Worship
10:45 AM Preschool-5th Grade Sing
11:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism
3:00 PM Pumpkin Painting
Wed: 2:00 PM Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Cadets
7:00 PM Senior High Youth Group
Sat: 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Prayer Concerns:

- May we keep in prayer our shut-ins: Lawrence De Groot and Betty Vander Zee.

Announcements:

- **High school Catechism** will meet today after worship over in the parsonage around 11 AM.
- **Pumpkin Painting -Today**, we'll be having some pumpkin painting here at church to enjoy the fall season together from **3-5 PM**. Snacks will be provided.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets this week **Wednesday** at 2 PM in the church basement. Pastor Josh will lead the next lesson, Lesson 7: Laws about Loving God. Come and enjoy spending time in God's Word and food and fellowship afterward. Lunch Provider: Kayla Carpenter.
- **Senior High Youth Group** will meet this week Wednesday at **First Reformed Church** at **7 PM**. Bring a friend!
- **Men's Bible Study** will meet on **Saturday, October 4th**, in the church basement. A time of breakfast and fellowship will start at **8:30 AM** with the lesson beginning at **9 AM**. Pastor Josh will lead our final lesson in our series on the Holy Spirit - Lesson 12: The Spirit of Sonship.

Looking Ahead:

- **Worship Committee** meets next week **Monday**, at **7 PM** here in the church office.
- **Worship Night - Preston Christian Church** invites us to a worship night at their church on **October 5th, 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.

Advance:

- **Dakota Sun Ministry for Oct 5th:**
 - 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
- **Ushers for October:** Gerald Feikeman, Zachary Post; Alternate: Gene Volkers
- **Elevator Attendant for October:** Henrietta Molengraaf

Offering Schedule:

- Sept 28th: Building Project
- Oct 5th: VCS & Budget
- Oct 12th: Option 1 & Budget
- Oct 19th: Brauning's & Budget

Nursery Schedule:

- Sept 28th: Fey Family
- Oct 5th: Top Family
- Oct 12th: Runia Family
- Oct 19th: Triebwasser 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:** volgacrccouncil@gmail.com

Groundwork: When Discipleship Growth Stalls - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

This Week's Unfading Truth: GOD'S GRACE IS STRONGER THAN YOU ARE!
This week we'll start digging into the doctrine that won't let go. Now is a great time to join us reading the Bible each weekday using the Canons of Dordt as a roadmap. Go to UnfadingTruth.com or text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

September 28, 2025 | Spiritual Gifts: Faith | Eph. 2:8 & Hebrews 11:1-2

Theme: Being good stewards of the spiritual gifts God has graciously given us.

1. What is _____?

2. _____ Under _____

3. _____ as a _____

Weekly Reflection: May we take some time this week to thank God for the gracious gift of faith that He has blessed us with, and when and where our faith may be stressed, may we ask Him for His grace and strength to persevere, ever keeping our eyes fixed upon Him!

Sermon Resources Used For Further Study:

- *Hebrews* by Richard D. Phillips
- *Commentary on the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews* by John Calvin
- *Hebrews thru Revelation* by Mark L. Strauss
- *Ephesians* by Bryan Chapell
- *Galatians thru Philemon* by Mark L. Strauss
- *Ephesians - The Mystery of the Body of Christ* by R. Kent Hughes

“What, then, is faith? Faith is not the mere intellectual reception of Christian truth, nor is it belief alone. True faith is *belief plus trust*.” - R. Kent Hughes

“Grace is of him, faith is of him, our union with Christ is of him, the works we do are of him, and the intention to do them is of him. So there can be no boasting or pride, but only an acknowledgment of the kindness of the gift of God.” - Bryan Chapell

“Faith is not blind trust, wishful thinking, a mere manifestation of our positive attitude. We believe the Word of God because it is the Word of the God who made all things, and who, as Hebrews 1:3 tells us, “sustain[s them] by his powerful word” (NIV).” - Bryan Chapell

“Faith, then, is our attitude toward our circumstances, particularly toward uncertainty and want. Paul wrote, “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7). By faith we live as if things were other than they appear, because of what God has said.” - Bryan Chapell