

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022 9:30 A.M.

Pastor Gary Mulder

TODAY

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

HYMN: 367 – *Fill My Cup, Lord*

* HYMN: 492 – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE MINISTRY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

* HYMN: 611 – *Happy the Home When God is There*

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:1-11 p. 1827

MESSAGE: *A Message for the Imperfect Mom*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child)

(Children may bring their gifts TO THE BACK OF CHURCH –
CENTER AISLE - at this time)

(Please sign the friendship folders as the offering is received)

BELL CHOIR from First Lutheran Church will be playing a second
number while the offering is received.

* DOXOLOGY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN: 476 – *Just When I Need Him Most*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING SONG: 577 – *Abide with Me* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**

THANK YOU for joining in worship today on Mother's Day! "*A woman that fears the Lord is to be praised*". Proverbs 31:30

WELCOME to members of the bell choir from the First Lutheran Church in Volga as they will be presenting praise ministry during the offering.

- You are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, cold drinks and good conversation. The Congregational Care Team will be serving doughnuts in honor of Mother's Day.
- The parament set is white from Easter Sunday up to Pentecost Sunday. White suggests joy in the Resurrection!
- SUNDAY SCHOOL – We have classes for all ages. The children (pre-primary – 5th grade) will have a time of singing (at 10:45 a.m.) in the sanctuary before going to their classes at 11 a.m. There is two adult classes (1) Pastor Gary will be leading a video and discussion on the Ephesians 6:10-24 focusing on spiritual warfare.
We invite everyone to attend whenever they can make it. Each week is a lesson on its own (2) the other adult class meets in the conference room off the kitchen discussing topics from the book of Isaiah. Classes dismiss at 11:45 a.m.
- Dakota Sun Assisted Living Service beginning at 11 a.m. The following are invited and encouraged to worship with the residents: Tom & Carol, Chr., Gene & Michelle, Nick Clapp, John Cotton, Brenda Ferguson, Jim & Karen, Ellie Koerner, Vern & Shirley, Gary Mans, Bernice Mullett, Dori Ohm, Bill & Deanna, Joel Schonewill, Wayne & Deb, VernaMae Van Maanen, Justin & Michelle, Kelly & Vickie, Ray & Marlys, Jason & Laci

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: James, Missy, Ashlyn and Jaxson Vande Weerd

Ushers: Brian Callesen and Collin Vander Wal

Nursery:

Coffee Servers: Jeff and Sarah Sapp

Library: Susan

NEXT SUNDAY:

Our three high school graduates will be honored and Pastor Gary will be preaching an encouraging message for them (and us.)
Praise ministry will be provided by Kayleen Blecker and Charles Sapp.

The 4th – 8th graders will share what they have memorized.
We will also express our appreciation for our Sunday School teachers as this will be the last day of Sunday School until September.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7 p.m. – Fresh Hope

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. Sioux Valley Baccalaureate

The Volga Ministerial invites you to the Sioux Valley Baccalaureate for seniors to be held at the Performing Arts Center. Collin Vander Wal, an FRC member, a 2016 Sioux Valley graduate, assistant boys' basketball coach at Sioux Valley and an area representative for Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be addressing the graduates. All family members, friends and the public are invited.

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies' Bible Study

The Cost of Contentment Leader – Robyn
Refreshments – VernaMae

FRIDAY: 7 p.m. Volga Christian School 8th grade graduation at FRC
Marcus Olson is one of the graduates.

FUTURE DATES:

May 16.....	Consistory
May 19.....	Dakota Sun program and fellowship
May 23.....	Fresh Hope
May 24.....	Worship Team
May 25.....	MESA

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for our shut-in members **Sheldon Cotton** and **Howard Rozendal**.

Your on-going prayers for those taking treatments would be appreciated:
Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas and Edward Vander Wal.

BERNITA KOOIMA is thankful to report that after having three new additional treatments, her 'numbers' are improving and she feels better as well. Praise God!

EMMA VANDERMEER will be honored at an open house upon her graduation from Deubrook High School. Her parents, Sako and Wiekie invite you to their home (19976 476th Avenue) on Friday, May 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. to help her celebrate!

LAYSON LUCAS: Bruce and Dawn Lucas invite the congregation to help Layson celebrate his graduation from Sioux Valley High School on Saturday, May 14 from 4- 7 p.m. at Schade Vineyard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING ASSIST DURING THE MORNING SERVICE:

The audio/visual team would like to announce the addition of a hearing assist unit that utilizes an app on any smart phone or tablet. The audio would transmit directly to hearing aids or wired ear buds. If you have an interest in using this system, please see Nate, Nick or Hattie.

ATTENTION ALL CAR GUYS: Do you have a car from the 80's and older? Would you be willing to drive it in the Old Timer's Day parade (or let someone drive it for you?) We are looking for cars/trucks to accompany our float/entry in the parade. Please talk to Susan, Pastor Gary or Dan Ostrem if you are willing.

PASTOR GARY AND ROBYN'S VISITS: If you still haven't had a visit with Pastor Gary and Robyn, call the church office to schedule a time that works with your schedule. If you don't call us, we'll be calling you!

GRADUATES AND/OR PARENTS OF GRADUATES: This does NOT apply to high school graduates as they have received a form to fill out. If you will be graduating from 8th grade, a college/university/technical institute (or if you completed your studies after the fall 2021 semester), please let Susan know by May 20. We would like to know your degree obtained with major and minor and place of employment or further schooling. You may send to firstreformed@valleyfibercom.net or contact Susan personally with your information. THANK YOU!!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL May 31-June 3 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. at Sioux Valley Schools. Register children or to volunteer at <https://www.myvbs.org/Volgavbs/>. Registrations were due on May 3. If you forgot to sign up, be sure you do it as soon as possible. See you there!

NEWS AND NOTES FROM VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

1. MEDARY ACRES GIFT CERTIFICATES: VCS is again selling certificates in increments of \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Contact Melissa Olson if you wish to purchase Medary Acres gift certificates.
2. REQUESTING PRAYER for the school during the search for an upper elementary teacher and a Kid's Club Coordinator. If you know of someone looking for a teaching position, please pass the word along.

Thank you for all your continued prayers of support for VCS.

SERVING THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY, May 15

Greeters – Justin, Michelle, Jase, Claire and Tate Vande Weerd
Nursery (for newborns to 4 years of age) – Laura and Olivia Hove
Library – Michelle Vande Weerd
Coffee Servers – Scott and Michelle Vander Wal
Offering – General Fund and Building Fund

(May 8 bulletin)