

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 2, 2025 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Praise Team

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *Thank you Lord for Your Blessings*
You are My Hiding Place • *Shout to the Lord*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MINISTRY: *Who you Say I Am* – Praise Team
Dean Vander Wal, Michelle Vander Wal, Polly Vander Wal

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)
CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Children-Nelly and Raj)
(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Ruth 2:1-23 p. 413
MESSAGE: *The Field of Favor*

* HYMN: 383 – *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 311 – *He Giveth More Grace* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

A WARM WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise today. As we draw near unto God, may His Word be our guide. Please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, juice and conversation.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Harold and Betty Beukelman

Ushers: Bill and Sherry Van Beek

Nursery: Melissa Olson and Marcus Olson

Coffee Servers: Marv and Joyce Post

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have classes for all ages.

Pre-school -5th grade will meet in the large northeast Sunday School room at **10:45 a.m.** to worship. After worship, the children will be dismissed to their classrooms with their teachers.

Instruction in the classroom will be from 11-11:45 a.m.

There are two adult classes. 1) Ron Koerner's class meets in the sanctuary. This class is walking through the first half of Luke through a short video by J. D. Greear followed by discussion. (Luke 8 this week.)

2) Daniel Ostrem is leading a study on the prophets in the consistory room.

PASTOR APPRECIATION/RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS DINNER

Today we will be recognizing Pastor Gary and Robyn and new members at a 'potluck' dinner at noon. You are asked to bring a hot dish AND salad OR dessert. Tableware and beverage will be provided. The entire congregation and any visitors are invited to come and honor Pastor Gary and Robyn and welcome new members.

3p.m. – Women's Discipleship Group - Proverbs

5 p.m. – Prayer Time

Men's Discipleship Group – 1 Corinthians

NEXT SUNDAY (November 9, 2025)

A mixed quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some praise hymns.

Pastor Gary will continue with his sermon series on the book of Ruth.

Worship service and meal served at Freedom's Gate. (see details in announcements)

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. - MESA

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group
 4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice
 6:30 p.m. – Cadets at CRC
 7 p.m. – Senior High Youth
 8:30 p.m. – Men's Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 3:45 p.m. – GEMS at CRC (Note change of week.)

FUTURE DATES:

November 10	Fresh Hope
November 12.....	Junior High Youth
November 13.....	Ladies Bible Study
November 19.....	Senior High Youth
November 26.....	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Offering for Food Pantry in Brookings
November 30.....	Advent Begins
December 6.....	Bake Sale at Beta Psi Gallery of Gifts
December 7.....	Congregational Meeting
December 21.....	Christmas program during the morning service

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Whitney Goetsch, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Marion Read, Joel Schonewill, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, and Amy Vandermeer.** Amy and Ava Vande Weerd have returned to their home after their accident and surgeries.

Carolyn Tucker had knee surgery on Monday and is recuperating at home. **Lois Kleinjan** was in the Brookings Hospital with an infection and weakness.

Also continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at United Living Community in Brookings, **Donald Langland** who is at the Estelline Nursing and Care Center, and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Bob Olson who was called to his eternal home on Saturday, October 25. A funeral service was held on Thursday, October 30. May the God of all grace and comfort be near to the family.

MANY THANKS for the kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of our sister, Gert Dykhouse. May her memory remain in all of us. – Jan Clapp, Bill and Sherry Van Beek

THANK YOU to the family of Bob Olson for the flowers that grace the front of the sanctuary today.

OUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND our heartfelt thanks for the many prayers, kind words, and support we have received following the loss of our dad. Your love, messages of comfort, and continued prayers have meant so much to us during this difficult time. We are deeply grateful for this faith community and for the strength and peace your support has provided.

- The family of Bob Olson

CONGRATULATIONS: Ron and Jodi Koerner are excited to announce the birth of a granddaughter, Nora Fae, born to parents, Foster and Ellie Popken on Friday, October 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK PEWS: As our church continues to grow, we want to remind you that the back pews are reserved for families with small children. This allows them easy access to the nursery and a more pleasant environment for all. As your children grow older, would you consider moving forward to create space for those with a greater need. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES are available for you to pick up and fill it with suggested small gifts for a child in need somewhere around the world. Boxes need to be returned by **November 16**.

FREEDOM'S GATE: The MESA Team is inviting everyone to join them as they worship with the Freedom's Gate congregation **NEXT SUNDAY, November 9 at 5 p.m.** This is a ministry that we support which is designed to give those exiting prison a church home and a welcoming congregation. The MESA team will be providing a meal for all those in attendance. If you are willing to donate a pan of bars, or help prepare food (on-site) or serve the meal, please sign on the sheet provided in the fellowship hall. Tim Goetsch has more details.

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR FUNDRAISER: The 2026 calendars are for sale at a table in the fellowship hall. The proceeds from this fundraiser help support youth group trips. Calendars are priced at \$10 each or if you are buying Christmas gifts, you may purchase 5 for \$40. Magnetic notepads are available for \$5.

OUTSTANDING BILLS: Please present any outstanding bills you may incurred this year to our treasurer, Karen Kntson by **November 24**. The church fiscal year ends on November 30. Thank you!

THE 62ND ANNUAL VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL will be held on November 8 at Gracepoint Church in Brookings. The lunch will begin at 11 a.m. The auction begins at 12:30. Check the bulletin board for more details.

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Ushers: Bill and Sherry Van Beek

Nursery: Dori Ohm and Eli Sapp

Coffee: Charles and Ruth Sapp

Offering: General Fund and Volga Christian School

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