

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Men's Praise Team

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS: 51 – *God of the Ages*

495 – *I Don't Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

* 492 – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

If you feel more comfortable during the cold/flu season not shaking hands, you may greet someone with a 'soft' fist bump, wave of the hand or just a verbal Good Morning!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* APOSTLES' CREED

PRAISE MINISTRY: Piano solo by Carol Kleinjan

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)

CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child – Nelly and Raj)

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

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR CROPS AND INDUSTRY

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 7:11-16 p. 684

MESSAGE: *When the Rains Stops....*

* HYMN: 597 – *We Gather Together*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 594 – *We Are So Blessed*

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise on this fourth Sunday of Lent. We will be praying for crops and industry as well as hearing a message 'When the Rain Stops'. Then what do we do?

We welcome **Jason, Darcy and Madi Kasdorf**, and **Sarah Sneed**. into the FRC church family.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and conversation.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Howard and Loretta Lindberg

Ushers: Dori Ohm and Chris Mans

Nursery: Susan Vander Wal and Kinsley Sapp (for newborns-age 4)

Coffee Servers: Kevin and Angie Warne

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

We have classes for all ages. The children (Pre-primary-5th Grade) will have a time of singing in the large northeast Sunday School room at **10:45 a.m.**

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

There are two adult classes 1) A class studying the prophets (Zechariah) meets in the consistory room 2) Pastor Gary's class meets in the sanctuary and will begin studying the second half of the book of Luke (Chapter 12:1-48) through a short video by J.D. Greear.

THIS EVENING: The combined Lenten service will be held at the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is "God's Story of Redemption". Pastor Gary will bring a message from Romans 5:12-19, *The Second Adam.*

NEXT SUNDAY (March 22, 2026)

March 22 has been designated as Cadet Sunday where the Volga Cadet Corp will be worshipping with us and presenting a brief report of the activities of the Volga Cadets.

At the beginning of the service, the Worship Team will lead the congregation in singing some hymns.

Hattie Clapp will provide praise ministry.

(Next Sunday – continued)

You are encouraged to attend the combined Lenten service to be held at the Christian Reformed Church at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Kelle will bring the message from Galatians 3:10-14 *Bearing the Curse*.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7 p.m. Fresh Hope

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: 2 p.m. – Dakota Sun Fellowship
Leader – Jan Refreshments – Susan

FRIDAY 9 a.m. Step into Spring! The Christian Reformed Church has extended an invitation open to everyone) to get out and enjoy the changing of the seasons. Meet at the Christian Reformed Church at 9 a.m. for a 1-mile walk followed by a breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Feel free to join the group for breakfast even if you are unable to go on the walk.

FUTURE DATES

March 24..... MESA Team
March 25..... Jr. High Youth
April 2..... Maundy Thursday Service
April 5..... Easter Sunrise Service/Breakfast Easter Worship Service

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please be in prayer for **Nick Vande Weerd** as he goes on a mission trip to Guatemala leaving tomorrow, Monday, March 15 and returning on Sunday, March 22. He will be building houses (with a group from Faith Reformed

Church in Brookings) through the Casas por Cristo organization. (casaporristo.org)

Gina Vander Wal has a lung condition including shortness of breath. Please pray for a solution to her concerns.

Sandi Franklin had surgery last week to install a nerve stimulator implant to reduce the pain in her back. Please pray for healing and the effectiveness of this pain management technique.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Gary and Gloria Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Gene and Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Joel Schonewill, VernaMae Van Maanen, Lee Vande Weerd, Harold Van Hoepen, Amy Vandermeer, Gina Vander Wal and Kevin Warne.**

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, **Bill Van Beek** is in the Good Samaritan home in De Smet, **Marilyn Kleinjan** is at Dakota Sun in Volga and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

THE FAMILY OF ADRIANA KLEINJAN is requesting a card shower for her 102nd birthday on March 22. Cards may be sent to 703 Astrachan Avenue, Volga, SD 57071

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

The children will help us celebrate Palm Sunday by going through the sanctuary waving their palm branches. Please have your child(ren)in the fellowship hall by 9:20 to receive their instructions. They will also present the ministry of praise.

COMBINED LENTEN SERVICES are 6:30 p.m. The Lenten series this year will focus on “God’s Story of Redemption”.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosting Church</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Scripture/Theme</u>
March 22	CRC	Pastor Kelle	Bearing the Curse Galatians 3:10-14
March 29	FRC Host Fellowship Time	Pastor Joshua	Glory Thru the Cross John 12:23-33

SERVICE PROJECT FOR MARCH

Option 1's mission statement is to assist women in the Brookings area and SDSU who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies to explore choices by providing appropriate resources and support including counseling, education programs and mentoring.

How can you help? You are invited to take a little card from the pockets on the display board in the fellowship hall, purchase the item(s) and return the card and item(s) to the tote provided. **Deadline is March 24.** Thank you in advance for your support.

MEALS FOR YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS: If you are willing to serve a 'quick meal' for the Wednesday night youth groups, please sign the sheet on the small table under the south bulletin board. The last Wednesday in March is open as well as some dates in April and May. Please check it out and thank you to those who have willingly served in the past.

THE REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL band invites you to attend their concerts while they are touring in the local area. All concerts are free to attend with a free-will offering received.

March 26 -Shalom CRC in Sioux Falls – A Navajo Taco Meal will be served from 5-6:30 p.m with the concert beginning at 7 p.m.

March 27 – Dordt University, BJ Haan Auditorium – 7 p.m. concert

March 28 – Calvary CRC, Orange City, - A Navajo Taco Meal from be served from 5-6:30 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7 p.m.

March 29 – Trinity CRC, Rock Valley at 9:30 a.m. with service participation

March 29 – Luverne CRC – 6:30 p.m. concert

Check out the poster on the bulletin board.

THE VOLGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is hosting an open house on March 30 from 4-6 p.m. at the school. This is a great opportunity for interested families to tour the school, meet the teachers, and learn more about the Christ-centered education provided for students from KPrep through 8th grade. Information will be made available about scholarships and opportunities for families who may be considering Christian education.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 22, 2026

Greeters: Cadets

Ushers: Chris Mans and Dori Ohm

Nursery: Betty Beukelman and Olivia Hove

Coffee: Marv and Kayleen Bleeker

Offering: General Fund and Building Fund

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