

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Joyce Post

Keyboard: Karen Knutson

Praise Team

PRELUDE

PRAISE SONGS: *My Savior, My God*

God Is So Good • Behold Our God

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORY WORK:

Proverbs 22:6 – Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Psalms 100 – 2nd and 3rd Grade

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and Building Fund)

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

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

* DOXOLOGY (page 623)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 2 p. 332

MESSAGE: ***Faith That Risks Everything***

* HYMN: 469 – *Trust and Obey*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 470 – *Take the Name of Jesus with You* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise today. May you experience the joy of the Lord as we worship and fellowship together.

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

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Wayne and Carolyn Tucker

Ushers: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal

Nursery: Shirley Van Duyn and Cade Volkers (for newborns-age 4)

Coffee Servers: Ron and Jodi Koerner

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY:

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.

Daniel Ostrem's class **will not be meeting today**, but all are invited to Pastor Gary's class which meets in the sanctuary and will be discussing Luke 19:28-21:38 through a short video by J. D. Greear.

TODAY you have the opportunity to give to the Volga Trinity Cemetery for upkeep and improvements on the ground. Please use the offering envelopes in the pew and designate on the front – TRINITY CEMETERY.

NEXT SUNDAY (May 10, 2026)

- A mixed quartet will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some well-known hymns.
- Pastor Gary will continue his series of messages on Joshua and the Israelite's entrance into the promised land: *From Promise to Possession*.
- The Congregational Care Team will serve muffins in recognition of Mother's Day.
- A group will be going to Dakota Sun at 11 a.m. to have a short service and fellowship with the residents.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES
FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

WEDNESDAY: 3 p.m. – Men’s Discipleship
4:15 p.m. – Bell Choir practice

7 p.m. - Senior High Youth Group at Wayne and Carolyn Tucker
(512 Marvin Avenue) **PARK AT THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

FUTURE DATES

May 11.....	Consistory
May 12.....	Education Team-6pm
May 12.....	MESA Team-7pm
May 13.....	SV Baccalaureate-7pm
May 14.....	Ladies Bible Study
May 15.....	VCS 8 th grade graduation at FRC-7pm
May 17.....	Sunday School Memorization
May 18.....	Fresh Hope
May 19.....	Worship Team-7pm

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

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, **Marilyn Kleinjan** and **Carolyn Cotton** are at Dakota Sun in Volga and **Adriana Kleinjan** and **Harold Van Hoepen** who are homebound.

Shirley Lathrop was hospitalized last week following recent falls and an increasing weakened condition. On Friday, she was moved to The Neighborhoods in Brookings and will be receiving comfort care.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Larry and Sandi Franklin on the death of Sandi’s brother, Larry Smith. His service was held on Friday. May God comfort and strengthen you in your loss of a loved one.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Jason and Laura Hove extend an invitation to you to honor their daughter, **Olivia Hove** who will be graduating from Brookings High School on Sunday, May 17. The event will be held at 1817 7th Avenue in Brookings from 5-8 p.m.

Justin and Melissa Olson invite you to celebrate **Marcus Olson’s** graduation from Sioux Valley High School with a reception at the Volga Christian School on Saturday, May 16 from 4-7 p.m.

You are invited to an open house graduation honoring **Garrett Vander Wal** on Saturday, May 16 from 3-7 p.m. at the home of his grandparents, Edward and Gina Vander Wal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION WOMEN: *I Am Fortified Women’s Regional Faith Summit* will be held on Friday, May 8 at the Ransom Church in Sioux Falls (700 N. Main Avenue). Doors will open 8 a.m. The event runs from 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. There are four speakers throughout the day along with singing, food and fellowship. The registration fee is \$97; however, the Congregational Care Team will provide \$40 of the fee. If the cost is an issue, contact one of the members of the Congregational Care Team. You must register on-line at <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/womensregionalfaithsummit> Contact Roberta Volkers if you have questions.

SIOUX VALLEY’S BACCALAUREATE will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the PAC. Local pastors will be participating in the service. Pastor Gary will be addressing the graduates. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend and support the 2026 graduates.

GRADUATES AND/OR PARENTS OF GRADUATES: If you will be graduating from the 8th grade or a college/university/technical institute (or if you completed your classes last fall 2025), please contact Susan by Sunday, May 17. The high school graduates have a form in their mailboxes to complete and return to Susan by May 17.

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Tuesday, May 26-Friday, May 29

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE –

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Ages: from age 4 by May 26 to current 6th graders

Where: Sioux Valley School, Volga, SD

Cost: Free – daily offerings will be taken to cover expenses and donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace

How to register or volunteer: Register on-line at myvbs.org/volgavbs2026

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Vande Weerd at

michelle.vandeweerd@gmail.com

Adult volunteer helpers are needed!

NEXT SUNDAY, May 10, 2026

Greeters: Keith and Shirley Van Duyn

Ushers: Kelly and Vickie Vander Wal

Nursery: Susan Vander Wal and Marcus Olson

Coffee Servers: James and Missy Vande Weerd

Offering: General Fund and Volga Christian School

Dakota Sun Assisted Living Fellowship at 11 a.m.: The following are encouraged to attend: Larry & Sandi, Chr., Charles & Ruth, Gary & Gloria, Jerry & Cam, Gene & Lois, Ron & Jodi, Preston Liedtke, Howard & Loretta, Wayne & Chris, Jeff & Sarah, Darin & Megan, Bill & Sherry, Dean & Polly, Kelly & Vickie, Kevin & Kari, Jake & Roberta, Jason & Laci, Kevin & Angie

Even if your name is not on the list, you are welcome to worship with the group!

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VCS Medary Acres Gift Certificate Fundraiser is going on again. If you would like to purchase certificates in any increments (\$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100), please contact Melissa Olson. These gift certificates never expire. VCS gets a generous percentage of every certificate sold. This fundraiser supports students and teachers at the school.

They make great Mother's Day gifts!!