

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026 9:30 A.M.

Pastor: Gary Mulder

Organ: Carol Kleinjan

Keyboard: Michelle Vander Wal

Mixed Quartet

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMNS: 368 – *Whiter Than Snow*

372 – *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*

* 383 – *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

* OPENING PRAYER

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRAISE MINISTRY: *I'll Fly Away* - Paisley Raml

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING (General Fund and the 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

SCRIPTURE: John 1:29

p. 1647

MESSAGE: ***Behold the Lamb***

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

* HYMN: 264 – *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING HYMN: 254 – *O How He Loves You and Me!* (both verses)

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY

WELCOME to all who have come to join us in worship and praise today. As we gather as a body of believers, may the Lord richly bless us as we worship and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Please join us in the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments and conversation. Sally Vander Wal's family is serving cookies in recognition of her 80th birthday!

SERVING THE LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Marv and Kayleen Bleeker

Ushers: George and Bev Cotton

Nursery: Melissa Olson and Landon Sapp (for newborns-age 4)

Coffee Servers: Jacob and Paisley Raml

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume in September.

Dakota Sun Assisted Living Service at 11 a.m.: The following are encouraged to attend and worship with the residents: John & Linda, Chr., George & Bev, Harold & Betty, Nic and Kim, Sue Feltis, Jason & Laura, Shirley Int Veld, Dar Ludwig, Marion Mulder, Marv & Joyce, Kaleb & Erika, Allen Van Hoepen, Edward & Gina, Lawrence & Sally. Even if your name is not on this list, you are welcome and encouraged to worship and visit with the residents there.

NEXT SUNDAY (August 16, 2026)

- The men's group will begin the service by leading the congregation in singing some well-known hymns.
- The youth will be sharing about their time at Rocky Mountain High and Pastor Gary will give a short message on the theme.
- There will be a short training session at 11 a.m. for anyone who hasn't been involved in the Prayer Walk or those that want a refresher session.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

MONDAY: 7 p.m. - Board of Elders
7:15 p.m. – Deacon's Meeting
7:30 p.m. – Consistory

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – MESA Team

WEDNESDAY: 7 p.m. – Worship Team Devotions - Bev

THURSDAY: 2 p.m. – Ladies Bible Study
Romans 15 – Leader – Marion; Refreshments – Susan

(SATURDAY) – The fellowship hall and kitchen will be used for a family reunion.

FUTURE DATES

August 16.....	Short training for Prayer Walk
August 19.....	Senior High Youth Group Kick Off
August 22.....	Prayer Walk
August 23.....	Outdoor Worship Service
August 25.....	Buildings & Grounds Team
August 26.....	Junior High Youth Group Kickoff
September 14.....	Serve a meal at Harvest Table in Brookings

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, Gary Egeberg, Whitney Goetsch, Lois Kleinjan, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, Tammy Mullett, Joel Schonewill, Harold Van Hoepen, 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.

Ken Pederson's procedure last week went well. Pray that the pathology reports would be clean and free from cancer. Ken will also be having vascular surgery tomorrow to increase blood flow to his leg. Pray that the surgery will be effective and without complications.

DEAR FIRST REFORMED CHURCH: *I thank God every time I remember you...* Philippians 1:3-6 Thank you so much for your faithful partnership in my ministry with FCA. It's been an awesome summer filled with camps, vacations, fundraising and recruiting. Please pray for another year of thriving huddles and spiritually healthy leaders. Thanks for trusting me. Thanks for investing in FCA. Most of all, thank you for being a light for Jesus in Volga and surrounding communities.

- Blessings, Collin Vander Wal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER WALK: On August 22, we have an opportunity to make a difference and show our community that we care. There is no greater gift you can give a person than to lift them up in prayer. We will have teams going to doors and praying for the needs of each home. It's a powerful display of Christ's love in action. We need people to pray, to serve as support people, and to pray at church. There is a spot for everyone. Plan ahead and keep the morning of August 22 free. God will show us amazing things when we are faithful.

We will have a short training session on August 16 at 11 a.m. for anyone who hasn't been involved or that wants a refresher course.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and subs are still needed for the upcoming Sunday School season specifically someone to co-teach the 2nd and 3rd class and possibly the high school group. Sunday School will begin with a kick-off on September 13. If you feel called by God to teach, please contact Nicole Vande Weerd.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP – On August 23, we will have our annual outdoor service in the park at **10:30 a.m.** We can praise God in His creation, share a meal in the great outdoors, and invite friends and neighbors to experience our church family without the constraints of church walls. Please plan to join us!

THE SERVICE PROJECT FOR JULY/AUGUST is gathering items on a wish list for the Volga Christian School. Please take a slip(s) provided on ‘the Ladder’, purchase the item(s) and return to the tote by August 16. Thank you in advance for your participation.

LINK TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH: If anyone is interested in seeing what happened at Rocky Mountain High this past week, here is the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@cultivate-co>

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Ushers: George and Bev Cotton

Nursery: Deb Ulvestad and Eli Sapp

Coffee Servers: Rollyn and Beth Clapp

Offering: General Fund and the Building Fund

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