

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: Stand By Me **Scripture:** Luke 22:24-34

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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JUNE 15, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, June 15, 2025
Pastor Mark Hofman

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Lord's Day 52: Q & A 128)

Q. What does the conclusion to this prayer mean?

A. "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever" means, We have made all these requests of you because, as our all-powerful king, you not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever

*Hymn of Praise	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	<i>LUYH 538</i>
	<i>You Are Holy</i>	<i>LUYH 598</i>

*God's Greeting *We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Sung Call to Confession *Lord, I Need You*

Prayer of Confession Leader: Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.

People: We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word.

Leader: Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.

People: Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Song	Rock of Ages	Roger Slorf
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Children's Message	Pastor Mark
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Children's Blessing

As you worship the Lord, may he go with you, may his Spirit live in you, and may his love fill you. Praise him with thanksgiving. Go in peace.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

We Listen to God Speak

Song of Preparation	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	<i>LUYH 898:1,2</i>
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Scripture: Luke 22:24-34

Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."

People: "Thanks be to God

Message: Stand By Me

Prayer of Application

We Respond to God's Word

***Lord's Day 52: Q & A 127**

Q. What does the sixth request mean?

A. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" means, By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies— the devil, the world, and our own flesh— never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory

We Are Sent Out to Serve

Offerings ~ General Fund

*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*Song	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	<i>LUYH 329</i>
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*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	<i>LUYH 964</i>
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*Postlude

We Live to B.L.E.S.S.

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

6/15: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman
Children in Worship: Barb Malda & Deb Anderson
Coffee Fellowship: Ron Friday & Sandy Volkers
6/22: Joint Service in New Era w/ Angel Church 10:00am
6/29: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Serenity Alphenaar
Children in Worship: Brian Schuitema & Judy Vaandering
Coffee Fellowship: Scott & Toni Schuitema
7/6: Nursery: Sue Sytsema & Maelin Vlasma
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma and Amber Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elaine Holwerda
7/13: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Hope
Children in Worship:
Coffee Fellowship: Justin & Carolyn Wilson

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



***Pray for the * Missionary this Week**

Stephan and Alicia Lutz – Kenya

****Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries**

Angel Community Church – Muskegon

Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa

Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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| 1) Betty TenBrink | 4) Lois Grinwis |
| 2) Joel Stefanits | 5) Ro VerHeul |
| 3) Wilma Doctor | 6) Jim Doornbos |

***Please call or send a card to "Care List Member," Lois!**

Christian Care #212, 1530 McLaughlin, Muskegon, MI 49442

Dear Care List Members, Every time we think of you, we say a prayer that the day will be a gentle one for you...a day that brings you plenty of comfort, reasons to smile, and lots & lots of reminders how very loved you are!



***A Warm Welcome to
Our Visitors, Guests, &
Members on This
Father's Day Sunday!***

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship on this beautiful summer Sunday. Pastor Mark will continue his sermon series on The Lord's Prayer—Lead Us Not Into Temptation But Deliver Us From Evil. After worship, please join us in the lower level for a time of gathering, celebrating, and conversation as we live to B.L.E.S.S. and share life as brothers and sisters in Christ!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Today is Trinity Sunday, which comes each year on the Sunday after Pentecost. We often hear the words "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" as a part of God's greeting in worship, during baptisms, or during other important times in our lives such as funerals or weddings. These words remind us that we belong to God and that he is with us in all the moments of our lives. (Celebrate the Trinity by searching online for a video of "Trinity Song by Sandra McCracken" and singing along. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive)

Our council met Wednesday evening, May 28, and have decided to institute a policy regarding worship services and safety in the church building.

Beginning on subsequent Sundays, we will be locking BOTH the east side door near the parsonage AND the Allen Avenue doors shortly after the service starts at 10:00am. We will soon post a sign that encourages any latecomers to still come through the Allen Avenue doors, but they may have to be let in by the elder posted in the narthex (back of the sanctuary). This locked-door policy is being implemented to enforce our Safe Church policies as well as to prevent distractions during service times. Thank you for your prayerful support of keeping our church a safe place for all to worship.

An invitation to joint worship: New Era CRC has invited Angel Community Church and Allen Avenue to join them for worship on Sunday morning, June 22 **at their church in New Era**. Their normal service time of 9:30AM is being adjusted so that we can all join together at **10:00am**, possibly outdoors (weather permitting).

There are sign-ups around church if you need a ride or would like to carpool.

****Please note that we will NOT be having morning worship that Sunday morning, June 22, here at Allen Avenue. All are being invited to attend up in New Era****

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Kids Corner Devotions: Let's Dance - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Let's Dance" at www.kidscorner.net. Worshiping God isn't just about singing—it's about dancing, clapping, and celebrating Him with your whole self! Want to have fun praising God like King David did? Read on to find out how! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like The Summertime Collection, full of coloring pages, crafts, and activity books.

Now's the time to let Jill Schuitema know if you are available to serve at King's Kids VBS. We're partnering with Angel Church at our location on July 14-18 at 6:00-7:30 pm. See our display in the fellowship room and sign up today!

Our annual Angell neighborhood picnic will be held at 4:30-6:30 pm on Thursday, June 26, at McCrea park. All are invited to come and help promote our GEMS, Cadets, and King's Kids VBS. Call Barb for details.

To everyone who ordered Unity Christian Music Festival tickets: Please check your email. You should have received your tickets on Friday (or so). Check for them under noreply@itickets.com. If you have not received them, please let Jill Schuitema know as soon as possible so we can correct any errors and get your tickets to you. Also, if you still owe for your tickets, please see Jill as soon as you can. Thanks.

Joshua Alviar, the Development Director for Love, INC shared the following opportunities for us to carry out our mission statement that we "Live to B.L.E.S.S.: If there's anyone in your congregation who is looking for work, interested in personal growth, or has a heart for the culinary industry, we'd love for them to consider applying. The apprenticeship is a one-year paid program where participants will train directly under Chef Eric, learning valuable skills and gaining real experience to help launch them into the Muskegon culinary scene. Please feel free to share this link with any potential candidates so they can register and apply:



[Click here to apply for the Love Café Apprenticeship](#)

PS: Looking for Volunteers to help Pastor Barry paint Second Timothy Missionary Baptist Church on June 18, at 1:00pm. The church is located at 1341. S. Getty Street, Muskegon. Talk to Pastor Mark for more details.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Prayer time will not be held on Tuesday, June 17, but will resume again on Tuesday, June 24. Prayer requests and thanksgivings will still be texted.

Advanced Notice: Connect Group will not meet on June 15...Father's Day!

Connect Group is a "come as you are, whenever you can" care group. Perfect for new comers, visitors and singles looking to casually meet new friends or check out what the church has to offer. In this small group, we build connections within the church and each other. We have a social time, Bible study/discussion, coffee and dessert...Sundays from 4:00-5:45pm. Contact Denise Koetje (231-375-9417) or Charry Snyder (231-728-5170) for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Beth and Dave VanRees are celebrating a new granddaughter, Charlotte Olivia Donkersloot, who was born to Liz and Nick early Tuesday morning. Praising God for this precious gift! They are also grateful for all the kind and caring words that their fellow Allen Avenue members have shared in person and through all the amazing cards at the time of Dave's dad's passing. They are extremely blessed by all the prayers lifted on behalf of their family. They were palpable.

Justin & Carolyn Wilson also welcomed a new little grandson, Luca Bradley, on Tuesday! We praise God for a healthy delivery and for this new life! "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."

Re'nee Vlasma's nephew, Grayson, is currently on a 28-day mission trip in Africa. First, spending 5-6 days ministering to bush people in Namibia. And then 2 1/2 weeks in Angola to the most remote area of unreached people. Prayers for safety and that many hearts will be touched by Jesus.



We rejoice with Ro VerHeul and her family as she celebrated her 99th birthday on June 11! We give thanks for her life and the many years God has given her to make the difference she has in God's Kingdom, still living on her own, and doing remarkably well! We love you, Ro, and Happy Birthday!!!