

## SERMON NOTES:

**Sermon:** *"Pleased to Give You the Kingdom"*    **Scripture:** *Luke 12:22 - 34*

# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN  
JUNE 1, 2025  
WORSHIP 10:00AM

## Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, June 1, 2025  
Pastor Mark Hofman

### We Gather to Worship Our Ascended Lord

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ has arisen from the grave!

**People: He died and rose that we might have eternal life.**

Leader: Christ has ascended to the Father!

**People: He ascended that we might experience God's presence and power.**

Leader: Today, we celebrate the ascension of our Lord.

**People: Let us worship and glorify Christ the King.**

\*Hymns of Praise      *We Will Extol You God and King*      LUYH 562 v. 1 & 4  
   *In Christ Alone*      LUYH 770 vs. 1-4

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

### We Celebrate and Profess Our Faith

Graduate Recognition ~ **Tekalegn Vlasma**

Profession of Faith ~ **Asher Hofman**

Apostles' Creed

Song:      *My Only Comfort*      LUYH 781 vs. 1-3

Children's Message      Peg Rop

Children's Blessing

***You are a gift from the Lord. He planned you. He formed you. He gave you life. He loves you. As his precious children, go and worship him.***

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

### God Speaks, We Listen

\*Song of Preparation      *Keep What You Have Believed*      LUYH 769 vs. 1-2

Scripture      Luke 12:22 – 34      Pew Bible Pg. #1484  
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."  
**People: "Thanks be to God"**

Message      *"Pleased to Give You the Kingdom"*

Prayer of Application

### We Respond to God's Word

**Lord's Day 50**

Q. What does the fourth petition mean?

**A. "Give us this day our daily bread" means: Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that you are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor your gifts can do us any good without your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in you alone.**

Offerings      **General Fund & Muskegon Rescue Mission**  
*[offerings may be given online at [allenavechurch.org](http://allenavechurch.org)  
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

### We Are Sent Out to Serve

\*Song:      *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*      LUYH 534 vs. 1-2

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Praise      *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*      LUYH 534 vs. 3

\*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



## NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

6/1: Nursery: Sherrie Wolffis & Asher Hofman

Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Justin Wilson

Coffee Fellowship: Congregational Life Cake Reception

6/8: Nursery: Laurie DeJonge & August Hofman

Children in Worship: Sue Sytsema & Bob and Susan VDL

Coffee Fellowship: Congregational Life Cake Reception

6/15: Nursery: Beth VanRees & Aethan Hofman

Children in Worship: Barb Malda & Deb Anderson

Coffee Fellowship: ???

6/22: Nursery:

Children in Worship:

Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elain Holwerda



## 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

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," Joel!**

SKLD, 1061 W. Hackley Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441

*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!*

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship on this Ascension Day Sunday. Ascension Day is the celebration of Christ ascending into heaven 40 days

after His death, burial and resurrection. Pastor Mark will continue his sermon series on The Lord's Prayer. 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**

This Sunday, June 1, we will honor and celebrate our graduate, **Tekalegn Vlasma**, who graduated from Western Michigan Christian High School on Thursday, May 22. Also, we will witness the Profession of Faith of **Asher Hofman** and as is our tradition, we will celebrate with Asher's family with a cake reception in honor of this milestone in the lower level after the worship service!

**Our special offering this Sunday, June 1, will be for the Muskegon Rescue Mission.** The Rescue Mission provides Christ-centered programs and services for the homeless and those in need. Their services take a holistic approach to our local homelessness community by providing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual help.

### **May Council Meeting Notes:**

1. Pastor Mark, Ron Vlasma, and Judy Vaandering will serve as our delegates to the June 3 classis meeting at Reeman CRC.
2. New procedures were approved for increased safety and security on Sunday mornings.
3. Progress has been made in transitioning from One Call Now to a new messaging system.
4. Correspondence from Spring Lake CRC was received on the transfer of membership of Ron Bol to our congregation. Welcome to Muskegon and to Allen Avenue, Ron!
5. The next council meeting is scheduled for June 25. Thank you for your prayers for Pastor Mark and the council...they mean so much!

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

Our council met this past 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). More details about possibly carpooling and if chairs are needed will be forthcoming. \*\*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

**Advanced Notice:** Ladies Bible Study will have their final meeting of the year on Thursday, June 5. We will meet at Laurie DeJonge's home on West Lake at 11:00am to finish Lesson 9 in our Proverbs book. **Bring a sack lunch** for afterwards, so we can enjoy a picnic by the lake and one another's company! Please RSVP to Laurie if you are able to join us!

**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.

**This is the LAST DAY to sign up for your UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL tickets!!** Don't miss this great praise and worship time! Get your name on the signup sheet in the basement and pay Jill when you see her next. A 1-day pass is \$40.00, and a 3-day pass is only \$75.00!! For more information, see Jill Schuitema or go to [www.UnityMusicFestival.com](http://www.UnityMusicFestival.com).

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

It is with great joy to share with the congregation that **the elders had the sincere privilege of hearing the professions of their faith of both Asher Hofman and Maelin Vlasma** this past week. Having heard their testimonies and their desire to become full members of Christ's church, we will witness their public professions these next two Sundays. Please warmly welcome our these two new members & remember to pray for their Christian walk in the days ahead. To God be the glory!

Warmest congrats to all our **AACRC 2025 graduates**...may God bless you as you continue to make a difference in God's Kingdom and His world...be BOLD for Him!

**Charry Snyder** continues the long recovery after her foot surgery. Continue to pray for her journey as days and nights are neither easy or pain-free bringing some changes and set-backs. From Charry herself: "Thank you to everyone who prayed, brought meals, sent cards, or just simply thought of me during my last surgery. It is truly appreciated and heartwarming to be lifted up by so many! The family here at Allen Avenue is such a special GEM!"

**The end of the 2024-2025 school year is fast approaching.** Please pray for our staff and students to finish the year with excellence. May the summer be filled with rest, relaxation, precious family time with wonderful memories, safety, and give creative ideas to the parents and care-givers to fill up the summer months with meaningful activities and God-filled spaces.

Preparations for our **annual King's Kids VBS** to be held in partnership with Angel Community Church at our location are well underway. July 14-18 will soon be here, and we need many helpers. Please prayerfully consider answering the call to serve and B.L.E.S.S. our precious neighborhood children when the invitation is extended in the next few weeks. Watch for more details...

**Heartfelt thanks** to our Sunday School/Catechism teachers, Children in Worship assistants, GEMS leaders, Cadet counselors, Bible study leaders, small group facilitators, nursery workers, coffee fellowship volunteers, King's Kids helpers, and all those who serve this congregation tirelessly and behind the scenes. God's church could not function so beautifully if they were not using their gifts and talents for Him! **If you are new to Allen Avenue**, have been blessed by these members as they ministered and served you, and would like to help out or volunteer in any way, please contact Pastor Mark or any member of council to discuss the many areas God could use YOU!