

## SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: **"Walk with God"** Scripture: **Genesis 5:1-32**



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# ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



**PASTOR DON BYKER**  
**JULY 27, 2025**  
**WORSHIP 10:00AM**



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

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Pastor Don Byker

### We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship\_(Psalm 84 responsively)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

**People: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

**People: As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.**

Leader: They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

**People: Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.**

Leader: Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

**People: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

**People: LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.**

\*Songs of Praise                      *God Himself is with Us*                      LUYH 565

*Behold Our God*

\*God's Greeting

\*We Greet One Another

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: Psalm 130:1-3

Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have Failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your Commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 130:4-6

Song                      *Lord, I Need You*

Children's Message

Deb Vlasma

Children's Blessing:    ***May God go with you. Love him with all your heart. Serve him with gladness. Sing to him with joy. Bring him the glory.***

Prayers of the People

Sue Sytsema

### We Listen to God Speak

\*Song of Preparation                      *Ancient Words*                      LUYH 762

Scripture:                      Genesis 5:1-32                      Pew Bible Page #6

Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message:                      "Walk with God"

Prayer of Application

### We Respond to God's Word

Offerings ~ General Fund

(offerings may be given online at [allenavechurch.org](http://allenavechurch.org)  
or in the baskets at each entrance)

\*Song of Response                      *O, For a Closer Walk with God*                      LUYH 324:1-3,5

### We Are Sent Out to Serve

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Song of Dedication                      *Step by Step*                      LUYH 743

\*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.*

*Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*



## NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

7/27: Nursery: Becky Schout & Karen Alphenaar  
Children in Worship: Beth VanRees & Laurie DeJonge  
Coffee Fellowship: Phil & Charry Snyder  
8/3: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Serenity Alphenaar  
Children in Worship: Sue Sytsema & Sherrie Wolffis  
Coffee Fellowship: Karen Alphenaar & Sonia  
8/10: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Becki Fisher  
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema & Dale Johnson  
Coffee Fellowship: Pastor Mark & Stephanie Hofman  
8/17: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Addie Maat  
Children in Worship:  
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis

## 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) <b>Wilma Doctor</b> | 6) Jim Doornbos |

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

3637 Whispering Woods Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444

*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, and Pastor Don & Donna Byker!***

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship on this beautiful summer Sunday! Our guest pastor,

Rev. Don Byker, is a retired pastor who has served in a variety of church, educational, and institutional ministry settings. Don is married to Donna (49 years and counting!) and together they are the parents of four children, three in-laws, and grandparents to five grandchildren. Don and Donna recently moved to a senior living community in Grand Rapids. Don counts it as a privilege to serve as a delegate to the World Renew Board. 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! Then please get your refreshments and come as quickly as possible back up to the sanctuary to re-join Pastor Don for a conversation about the worldwide ministry of World Renew. Informational material will be discussed and made available so that you can become more connected to and involved in this ministry of "acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with God."

## **COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS**

**Pastor Mark, Stephanie, and the Triple A's** will be on vacation to Neskowin, Oregon with the rest of the Hofman Clan from July 27 through August 3. If a need arises, please contact your district elders and deacons.

**The Council and Building Committee** is grateful for the crew and their expertise in removing the old carpet and installing our new carpeting this week. We are grateful to those who facilitated this and that God provided the monies to fund this project! *"So those who were engaged in the work labored, and the repairing went forward in their hands, and they restored the house of God to its proper condition and strengthened it."* --2 Chronicles 24:13

**A "Council Appreciation Picnic" is being planned by the Congregational Life Committee** for our council members (& spouses) on Wednesday, August 20. Arrive any after 3:00pm/Supper at 6:00pm. The event will be held at Randy & Becki Fisher's Cottage – 2000 West Lake Rd., Twin Lake, MI 49457. Please sign up on the clipboard in the council room if you are able to attend. We look forward to showing you our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for your selfless hours of service to our congregation and our Lord! More information to follow...

## COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The congregation is invited to plan ahead for our four-week series in August on **"Spiritual Composting"** (The Parable of the Sower, Seed & Soils).

August 10 - Matthew 13:1-23 "Satan's Target: Trampled On & Eaten Up" (The Road)

August 17 - Mark 4:1-25 "Happy, But Rootless: Scorched and Shallow" (Rocky Soil)

August 24 - Luke 8:1-21 "Wealth & Worry: Choked by Thorns" (Thorny Soil)

August 31 - Matthew 13:16-30 "Fruitful Harvest: 30-60-100 Fold (Good Soil)

Our theme verse for the whole parable series will be **Matthew 13:16 --**  
**"But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear."**

Pastor Mark has made a Spotify playlist for your inspiration and enjoyment as we prepare: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0OsJ8hB7orBpBzBagtBNYy?si=d538ffe4a0f64884>

## PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

We welcome **Ron Bol** to the family of God here at Allen Avenue! Here is Ron's information for you to add to your church directory:

**Address:** Ron Bol, 1764 E. Apple Ave., Apt. 913, Muskegon, MI 49442

**Phone:** (616) 215-8152. **Email:** ronbol12006@yahoo.com

### King's Kids-

**We praise and thank God for the beautiful gift of Jesus.** Not only did He show up on Christmas day, but He was here at Allen Avenue, walking, listening, teaching, gifting, loving and caring through each one involved in King's Kids. It is always so meaningful when the congregations of Angel Community and Allen Avenue join together in serving Jesus through this beautiful ministry. Thank you!

### Mike Fongers-

Please tell everyone that I'm feeling pretty good right now. Thanks for praying.

### Stan & Peg Rop-

Sister's family is navigating many changes at work, home, and in a friend's cancer.

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### Randy & Becki Fisher-

Becki is praising God for a successful removal of a skin cancer by her eye and a good recovery.

### Bob & Susan Vanderlaan-

Dr. Simmons (the surgeon who God used to save Bob's leg from amputation six years ago) said Bob's yearly test results for circulation were GREAT!!!! Pressures in both legs/feet are all normal!!! Thank you, Jesus!

### Bob & Elaine Holwerda-

Lots of praises all around! Thank you God for pouring out your blessing and a church full of thankful hearts.

### Judy Vaandering-

Met a young woman recently who struggles with dependency of alcohol. Please pray for her as she tries to resist this.

### Jennifer Darling-

My Co-worker and her family as she vacations to the national parks (western) and an Ironman in Idaho. She will be gone till August 3rd. I get the joy of covering two campuses for two weeks.

### Sandy Volkers and Ron Friday:

Continued prayers for **Ron's nephew TJ** as his body heals from recent MRSA removal surgery, for the string of antibiotic beads that were placed on his vertebrae as well as the physical therapy that will take place after a second MRSA removal surgery is done.

### Pastor Mark, Stephanie, Asher, August and Aethan:

Prayers as they go on vacation this week. May God bring them safety, joy and fun. May they see new things and appreciate this time spent together as a family.