

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: *"Satan's Target: Trampled On & Eaten Up"*

Scripture: *Matthew 13:1-23*

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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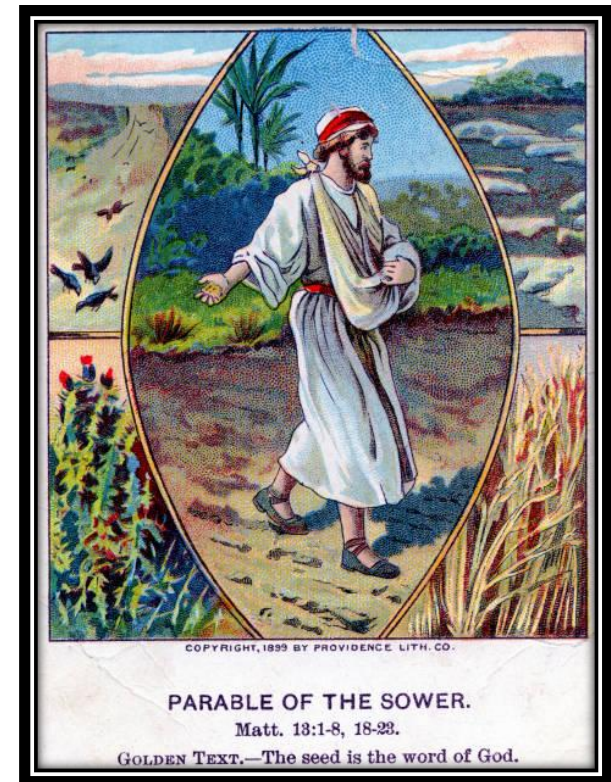
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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
AUGUST 10, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, August 10 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 119:

Leader: Your word, LORD, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.

**People: How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Leader: Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

**All: Great peace have those who love your law,
and nothing can make them stumble.**

*Hymns of Praise *Thy Word* *Sing! 86*
 How Shall the Young Direct Their Way *Blue PsH 237*

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession ~ Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Sung Prayer *Change My Heart, O God* *Sing! 56*

Responsive Prayer *A Prayer for the Mission of the Church* *LUYH 265*

Children's Message

Peg Rop

Children's Blessing

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

May his blessing be upon you.

May his love surround you.

May his joy fill you.

Go in Peace!

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

We Listen to God Speak

Sung Prayer of Illumination *Speak, O Lord* *LUYH 755*

Scripture Matthew 13:1-23 Pew Bible Page #1392
Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

Message "Satan's Target: Trampled On & Eaten Up" (The Road)

Prayer

Song *I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart* *LUYH 761*

We Are Sent Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication *We Receive Your Blessing* *LUYH 947*

*Postlude

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

*Believe. Love. Evangelize.
Support Christian Instruction. Serve.*

NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

8/10: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Becki Fisher
Children in Worship: Jill Schuitema & Amber Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Pastor Mark & Stephanie Hofman
8/17: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Addie Maat
Children in Worship: Judy Vaandering and Kristen Vlasma
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis
8/24: Nursery: Mary Maat & Renee Vlasma
Children in Worship: Deb Anderson & Dale Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Sue Secord and Russ & Deb Vlasma
8/31: Nursery: Kristen Vlasma & Beth VanRees
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Carol Peterman
Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema



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," Ro!**
1249 Lakeshore Dr., Apt. 339, 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—
and Welcome Home,
Hofman Family!!!*

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship on this beautiful summer Sunday as we begin our four-week series 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:
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/00sJ8hB7orBpBzBagtBNYy?si=d538ffe4a0f64884>

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

Giving statements through the second quarter have been emailed to members. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Amber Johnson.

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!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The [Acts of Synod 2025](#) is now available on the [Synod Resources](#) page of the Christian Reformed Church in North America website ([crcna.org](#)). This year the *Acts* is combined with the *Agenda for Synod* in one PDF for convenient searching and file handling. "I am thankful for the way in which God worked through Synod 2025," said Zachary King, general secretary of the CRCNA. "There were challenging moments and things to learn, without a doubt. However, I was regularly reminded and encouraged that God was, and is, at work in and through our denomination. Our delegates, advisers, and guests experienced the grace and guidance of the Spirit in their conversations and deliberations. The *Acts of Synod 2025* provides a witness to this reality. With thanks to all involved, we offer this record of synod's deliberation to the CRCNA congregations.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED: Currently there are 12 people who help on Sundays with Children in Worship. Each Sunday morning, the curriculum is ready in the Children's Church room with very detailed instructions. No preparation is necessary for the volunteers except a heart for sharing the love of Jesus with kids. Please consider helping out with this ministry. If you think you'd like to add your name to the list, please let Jill know. If you'd like to observe before committing, we can make that happen too. There are always 2 people scheduled to help each Sunday. Usually, your commitment will be once every 2-3 months. So, please call or text 740-2747 and Jill will be happy to answer any questions and/or get you on the schedule to help. Thanks!

John and Carol Schuitema are re-offering an open invitation for a pontoon boat ride up the Grand River (weather permitting) on Tuesday, August 26, from 11am-2pm or 3pm. Please bring your own lunch or snacks, and we will furnish beverages. We have room for 10 passengers and will leave from Spring Lake. Info as to where to meet will follow. Please call John at 231.557.9829 to put in your reservation by August 24.

Calvin University 150th Anniversary Events - Calvin University is celebrating its 150th anniversary and you're invited to join us in marking the occasion all year long! Check the [calvin.edu/150](#) website for details on many events going on at Calvin throughout the anniversary year. Some ways we're celebrating include Celebration Weeks on campus, Calvin On-the-Road events to 30 cities, an Anniversary Worship Celebration in March 2026, and a 150th Anniversary Hymn Text Contest.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

"Connect" Care Group will not meet in August but will resume in September.

Calvin Hymn Sing - On Sunday, September 21, 2025, join us at LaGrave CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for a 6pm Hymn Sing, featuring the Calvin Alumni Choir.

Kids Corner Devotions: God's Grand Story: Josiah Reads the Bible –

Check out this week's kids' devotion, "God's Grand Story: Josiah Reads the Bible" at [www.kidscorner.net](#). Open the Bible today and see how God wants us to live. Talk together as a family about how the Bible offers guidance for real life—at home, at school, and with friends. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](#), like the Kids Corner Bible Story Podcast Series.



We did it! Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've officially reached our annual fund goal for the 2024-25 school year.

Your support is a testament to the power of our community and helps us continue to provide a Christ-centered education for our students.

Every donation, no matter the size, has a direct impact on our ability to offer exceptional academic programs, enriching extracurricular activities, and a supportive learning environment.

Thank you for partnering with us in this mission. We're so grateful for your prayers and financial support.