

SERMON NOTES:

Sermon: "Renewed by the Word"

Scripture:

2 Kings 23:1-5, 21-25	(Pew Bible Pg. #556)
Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 9-12	(Pew Bible Pg. #693)
Acts 2:14-24, 32-41	(Pew Bible Pg. #1551)

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



Contact Us:

Allen Avenue Christian Reformed Church
695 Allen Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442



(231) 722-6411



www.allenavechurch.org

pastor@allenavechurch.org



susan.vanderlaan@allenavechurch.org

PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
NOVEMBER 2, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Pastor Mark Hofman

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its
waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

People: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Song of Praise *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* LUYH 776:1,3,4

(Luthers' famous hymn is the most powerful one of the Protestant Reformation. It became the battle cry of the people, a great source of strength. This hymn has been translated into practically every known language and is regarded as one of the noblest and most classic examples of Christian hymnody.)

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Children's Message

Deb Vlasma

Children's Blessing

This is a time for joy:

a time to praise,

a time to sing,

a time to thank,

a time to love.

Honor Jesus as you worship him.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Mark

We Listen to God Speak

Scripture 2 Kings 23:1-5, 21-25 (Pew Bible Pg. #556)

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

Song *Ancient Words* LUYH 762

Scripture Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 9-12 (Pew Bible Pg. #693)

Song *Holy is The Lord* LUYH 597

Scripture Acts 2:14-24, 32-41 (Pew Bible Pg. #1551)

Song *This Holy Covenant Was Made* LUYH 847:2,3

Message "Renewed by the Word"

Prayer

We Are Nourished at God's Table

*Song *Keep the Feast*
*[after the song, the congregation is invited
to gather in groups to receive the bread and cup]*

We Are Sent Out to Serve

Offering: General Fund & World Renew
*(offerings may be given online or placed
in the baskets at each entrance)*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* LUYH 936

*Postlude

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

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



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



11/2: Nursery: Toni Schuitema & Asher Hofman
Children in Worship: Barb Malda and Melisa Vlasma
Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Elaine Holwerda
11/9: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Deb Anderson
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: John & Sue Sytsema
11/16: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Addie Maat
Children in Worship: Sherrie Wolffis and Dale Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Ron F. & Sandy V. & Judy Vaandering
11/23: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Mary Maat
Sunday School/Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Laurie DeJonge

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



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

Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization

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

Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church
Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa
Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

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

*Please call or send a card to Care List Member, Jim!
1900 Surrey Place, Apt. 11, 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!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worshipping our amazing Lord of the Harvest! Today we celebrate Reformation Day honoring Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the Castle Church doors in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. His desire was to spark theological discussion over the medieval practice of selling indulgences. The spark he set off ignited a flame that spread across Europe and became known as the Protestant Reformation. By challenging the church's authority and its doctrine, Luther reclaimed for Christianity the central doctrine of salvation-justification by faith alone. We pause to give thanks to God for Martin Luther and for the recovery of the gospel truth that we are declared righteous in the eyes of God solely based on what Jesus Christ accomplished for us in his bloody death and victorious resurrection. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together this morning.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

This Sunday November 2, the special offering will be for World Renew.

World Renew is compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, joining communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

Upcoming Dates from the Council:

1) November 9, immediately after the worship service: Members of Allen Avenue will vote to select two new elders and two new deacons for the 2026 Council. Elder

nominees are Bob Botting, Bob Holwerda, Gord Peterman, Steve Rop, Sue Sytsema, Beth VanRees, and Dave VanRees. Deacon nominees are Karen Alphenaar, Deb Anderson, Kelly Dauser, Becki Fisher, Dale Johnson, Denise Koetje, and Dave Rop.

2) If you are voting absentee, you must write your choices on a blank sheet of paper, seal it in an envelope, and write your name outside the envelope. Absentee votes must be for no more than four people for each office. Ballots must be received at church prior to the November 9 worship service.

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS (continued...)

3) November 9, during coffee hour: A town hall meeting will be held to review the year and provide answers for any questions regarding the proposed 2026 budget.

4) November 16, immediately after the worship service: Our annual congregational meeting will include voting on the budget and selecting the names of the new elders and deacons who will serve during 2026-2028.

AACRC's Thanksgiving Service will be Thursday, November 27, at 10:00am. We have welcomed Angel Church to join us in this service of gratitude to God!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Today is the last day to turn in any items you purchased for Operation Christmas Child. The GEMS will be putting the shoeboxes together Wednesday. Thank you all so much for your participation in this service ministry.

Muskegon Christian School has been very blessed with members from AACRC watching staff kids in the past during Monday staff meetings and faith integration training. We are prayerfully looking for volunteers on the following dates from 2:50-4:30pm: November 3 & 10, December 1 & 8.

The AACRC Cadets are collecting boxed potatoes for the Muskegon Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Food Drive. There will be a blue barrel in the fellowship hall through Sunday, November 2. The goal is to collect 225 boxes to put in the holiday baskets. Thanks for the help in giving our neighbors a meal to celebrate this Thanksgiving!

Attention Men's Bible Study: Our next meeting will be Monday, November 3, at 6:15 at church. Study Lesson 9 in our books.

GEMS will be meeting in the basement of church on Wednesday, November 5 from 6:15 - 8:00pm. We will be putting together the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We will also work on a badge, so please bring your badge book and your Bible with you.

"Hearts on Fire" Ladies Bible Study will meet on **Thursday, November 6, from 1:30-3:00pm.** Complete Session 3 pages 47-77 in your "When You Pray" study book. We look forward to growing in the Word together! Ladies of all ages are warmly invited...bring a friend! See Susan Vanderlaan for more info.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Save the Date: District 2 & 4 will be having a potluck all together on Sunday, **November 9**, after coffee time in the fellowship hall. The main course and beverages will be provided...you just need to bring a dish to pass! There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for you to RSVP and what dish you would like to bring.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Anita Ward would like to thank the congregation for your many acts of kindness shown to her after her fall that resulted in broken ribs. She also has a new address she would like to share with the congregation:

Anita Ward, 668 Terrace Point Dr., Muskegon, MI 49440, 231.719.8017.

Sandy Volkers gives thanks that her brother-in-law Steve's cancer surgery to remove his prostate went well on Monday. Continued prayers for healing.

Jack DeJonge is still dealing with the blood clots in his leg. May the medication prevent any further clotting.

Carol Dirkse: May her family be filled with the love and peace of Christ as they celebrated her life this week and now move forward without their dear mom.

Ron Vlasma: We continue to lift Ron and his family up as next week he starts radiation/chemo—please pray this goes smooth with little side effects.

Patti Steigenga: Continued prayers for comfort and for her and her family as she goes through the process of chemo and cancer. May God bring her peace.

Gloria Price: continued prayers for healing from a procedure she had recently.

Emma Pecklar: prayers for her friend Bryton who is 18 and recently diagnosed with a rare aggressive cancer. Prayers for his next surgery which involves removal of lymph nodes.

Pastor Mark's Uncle Jim who has been diagnosed with cancer in his esophagus.

Peg & Stan Rop: please pray for our friend Diana who has pneumonia.

November prayer challenge...pray a blessing of thanks over each of our church families mentioned in the church directory and for our new visitors & friends!