Sermon Notes

Scripture: Numbers 9:1-14 Pew Bible Page #201
Message: "Remembering the Rescue"

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~~Remember the Passover Rescue~~

Pastor Carl Bergman

July 19, 2026

Worship 10:00AM

Come Now is the Time to Worship!

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We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship (Zeph 3:17)
Leader: The LORD your God is with you,
People: the Mighty Warrior who saves.
Leader: He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.
People: Let us worship the LORD our God!

*Hymn of Praise *Mighty to Save* *LUYH 611*
He Knows My Name *LUYH 339*

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we cry to you to heal our wounds.
We call to you in distress and plead for your salvation.
People: We have sinned against your law and failed to do your will; we confess that we've disobeyed your holy Word. We pray, purge our lives of selfishness and our hearts of bitterness. Lead us back to righteousness; save us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—based on a text of Ulrich Zwingli (1529)

Our Assurance

Song *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Children's Blessing

God is good.
He loves you. He cares for you.
He promises to be with you.
Gladly worship him today.

Prayers of the People Peg Rop

We Listen to God Speak

*Song of Preparation *Shine on Me*

Scripture Numbers 9:1-14 Pew Bible Page #201

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

Message "Remembering the Rescue"

Prayer of Application

We Respond to God's Word

Offerings ~ General Fund
[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org or in the baskets at each entrance}

*Song *I Am Not My Own*

We Are Sent Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *To God Be the Glory* *LUYH 956*

*Postlude

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

***B**elieve. **L**ove. **E**vangelize.*

***S**upport Christian Instruction. **S**erve.*

NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

7/19: Nursery: Maelin Vlasma & Toni Schuitema
Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman and Sue Sytsema
Coffee Fellowship: Theresa Mason, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan
7/26: Nursery: Becki Fisher & Serenity Alphenaar
Children in Worship: Judy Vaandering and Barb Malda
Coffee Fellowship: Devin Snyder & Annabell Ogle
8/2: Nursery: Karen Alphenaar & Addie Maat
Children in Worship: Kristen Vlasma and Jill Schuitema
Coffee Fellowship: Randy & Becki Fisher
8/9: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Toni Schuitema
Children in Worship: Mary Wolff and Amber Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Kristen Vlasma

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) **Wilma Doctor**
2) Ro VerHeul
3) Joel Stefanits

*Please call or send a card to Care List Member, **Wilma**!
3637 Whispering Woods Dr.
Muskegon, MI 49444

Heavenly Father, thank you for your great care for our loved ones on the care list. Today, we come to you and ask you to shine Your light into the lives of these dear people. Reveal Yourself as their Protector, Provider, & King. You overcame sin and death on the cross, and we pray that your victory will surround our loved ones and offer them hope and peace and Your love! Amen!

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, Members, And Pastor Carl Bergman!

We are so grateful you are here worshiping with us this morning as we celebrate the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!!! Please join us in the lower level for refreshments after the worship service with the family of God and check out the King's Kids display, Ashly's Shower poster, and to sign up for the church picnic!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

This Sunday, July 19, Pastor Carl Bergman will lead us in worship. Pastor Carl grew up in Holland, MI, graduated from Calvin University, and Calvin Seminary. He served as Pastor in CRC churches in Bakersfield, CA, Grandville, MI, and South Windsor, CT. After planting a CRC church in Bangor, ME, he retired and moved back to West Michigan in 2012, and is presently attending Calvin CRC in Muskegon, He began as Pastor Mark's mentor in 2024. Welcome, Carl!

Annabell Ogle has expressed her desire to be baptized. She professed her faith to the elders on Sunday July 12, and the elders joyfully accepted her request and spent time in prayer with her. Her professing baptism is scheduled for July 26. We rejoice in God's work in her life and eagerly look forward to this exciting day!

Dear Congregation of Allen Avenue CRC,
Thank you for your generous gift(s) to Resonate Global Mission in May and June. The partnership of your church strengthens the work of missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and local leaders serving in communities around the world .Because of your faithful support, new churches are being planted, emerging leaders are being trained, and communities are hearing and experiencing the good news of Jesus. From global cities to rural towns, God is at work through people who are called and sent and your generosity helps make that ministry possible. As summer unfolds, many opportunities for growth and service take shape—youth gatherings, community outreach events, mission experiences, and leadership development efforts that nurture faith and encourage connection. Your giving helps ensure these moments are well supported, impactful, and rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ.
We are deeply grateful for your commitment to God's mission and for the encouragement your partnership brings to those serving in the field.

~With sincere thanks, Kevin DeRaaf, Director, Resonate Global Mission

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

From Our Synod 2026 Delegates:

- On behalf of Synod 2026, your Classis Muskegon delegates were absolutely overjoyed to witness—and unanimously approve—a monumental ten-year church-planting vision for our denomination. The five-year milestone alone is HUGE! 150 new church plants in five years
- With roughly 50 classes across the CRC, that's **three new church plants per classis**. This is bold. This is ambitious. And this is the kind of Kingdom-sized vision that depends entirely on the Spirit's leading, the passions of local congregations and classes, and the faithful prayers of God's people.
- With the New Era Latino church plant in process, that leaves us two more to consider. How might your congregation and Classis Muskegon take up this work?
- More communication will be coming soon, but it is vital to share this with you now. Color versions and accessible links will be mailed out to every church. The first-stage goals are designed to move quickly—and, Lord willing, many of them will be underway or completed before our Fall 2026 Classis Muskegon meeting. God is on the move. Let's join Him with joy, prayer, and expectation!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

The Church Picnic on Sunday, August 2, at Systema's will be here before you know it! We need to get a head-count for planning purposes, so make sure you **sign up TODAY on the sheets around church that you would love to attend and what side dish you will bring to share!** The committee will provide the main dish, lemonade & water, and table service. Join the fun & remember to wear **red-white-blue!**

Attention All Sportsmen: the Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting the twelfth annual Sporting Clay Shoot to benefit the Cadet Ministry. The event will be held on Saturday, August 15 at Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the corps office at 616-241-5616, or check out the cadet website under the "events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration is available at our website: www.calvinistcadets.org. Lunch will be served at 11:30am. Join us for a fun filled day! If you can't make it out for the day but still want to be involved, we are looking for businesses or individuals willing to sponsor stations or pledge for a participating shooter. For more information on these giving opportunities, follow the sponsor link on the online event page or contact Kim at the Corps office at the number listed above.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

Women and girls, come to celebrate "around the clock" at Ashly Schuitema's bridal shower luncheon at 11:30am on Saturday, August 8. When you arrive, please tag your package with the time of day your gift will be used. You're welcome to search the zola.com registry for suggestions. RSVP on the poster in the fellowship room.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

*****If you have exciting news to share, have something to praise God for, or would like the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Secretary Susan Vanderlaan, so it can be added to our weekly bulletin!**

Only one week and it's King's Kids!! We're so excited for our VBS with Angel Church which begins July 27! Please keep praying for this ministry as staff gets ready to share the love of Jesus with our neighborhood kids. Also, please pray for the kids who will be coming. May they be overwhelmed and over-joyed with the things they will hear and learn during King's Kids. Pray for God's kingdom to grow through this ministry.

The Johnson family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love and support you showed us during this difficult time. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and kind words. Thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral service and all those who worked behind the scenes to make everything so meaningful and beautiful. We are grateful to be part of such a caring church family.

Pray for Pastor Mark, August, & Aethan as they attend the Cadet International Camporee at Kamp Longview in Alberta, Canada and will be gone from July 10-24. Pray, also, for **Stephanie and Asher** at home! 😊

Ron Vlasma had a successful procedure done on Wednesday to attempt to help with the opening of his esophagus. We give thanks for this news!

Jennifer Darling gives thanks that her two-month-old grandson **Asiyah** had successful eye surgery this week at DeVos Children's Hospital and are anticipating the same surgery on the other eye in August.

Ro VerHeul (at of the printing of the bulletin) is resting peacefully at Christian Care waiting to transition to her heavenly home where she will meet her Savior face-to-face after serving Him for over 100 years on her earthly home! XOXO