

SERMON NOTES:

Passage: Exodus 15:22 - 16:36

Sermon Title: *Devised : From Gluttony to Enough*

ALLEN AVENUE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



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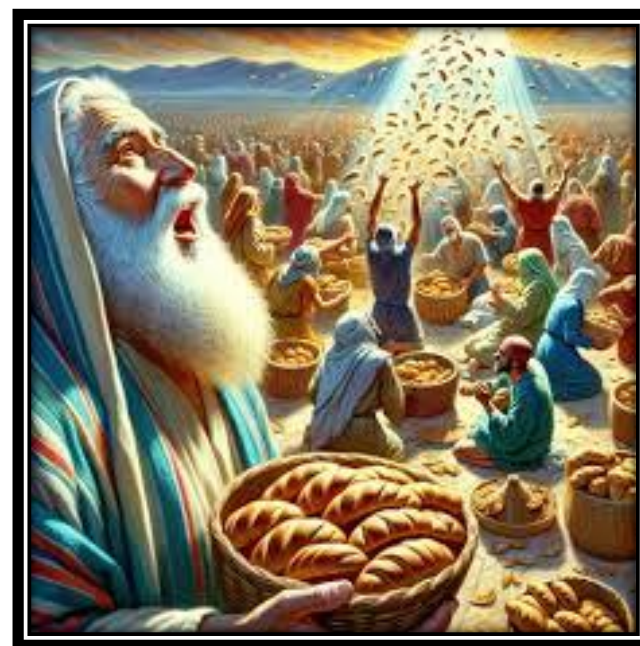


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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN
JANUARY 19, 2025
WORSHIP 10:00AM

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

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January 19, 2025 – 10:00am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship - from Psalm 105

Leader: Give praise to the *LORD*, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

**People: Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: He spread out a cloud as a covering,
and a fire to give light at night.

**People: They asked, and he brought them quail;
he fed them well with the bread of heaven.**

Leader: He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed like a river in the desert.

**People: For he remembered his holy promise
given to his servant Abraham.**

*Opening Songs of Praise *How Great is Our God* *LUYH 574*
 How Great Thou Art *(chorus only)*

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Call to Confession – from Psalm 78

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, sometimes our lives get so busy, we forget our every breath
depends on you. We have so much to do, we possess so much stuff;
we're driven by the need for still more---and it easily seems to control us.

**People: We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we've become
and for losing our way without even realizing it.
Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

²³ Yet he gave a command to the skies above
and opened the doors of the heavens;

²⁴ he rained down manna for the people to eat,
he gave them the grain of heaven.

²⁵ Human beings ate the bread of angels;
he sent them all the food they could eat.

Song *What Feast of Love* *LUYH 96*

Children's Blessing

**The Lord loves you.
He promises to go with you.
Praise him for being so good.
May he bless you as you worship him.**

Prayers of the People Susan Vanderlaan

God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation *Break Now the Bread of Life* *LUYH 764 :1,4*

Scripture Passage Exodus 15:22 - 16:36 Pew Bible pg. 98
(Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord."
People: Thanks be to God.)

Message *Devised : From Gluttony to Enough*

Prayer of Application

We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings
*[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*Song *Break Now the Bread of Life* *LUYH 764:3*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication *Jesus, All For Jesus* *LUYH 738*

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

1/19: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Maelin Vlasma
Sunday School & Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Jack & Sherrie Wolffis
1/26: Nursery: Amber Johnson & Becki Fisher
Children's Church: Beth VanRees, Bob & Susan Vanderlaan
Coffee Fellowship: Freezer Ministry Ladies
(Refreshments by Marijean Schuitema Smith in honor of Michael)
2/2: Nursery: Susan Vanderlaan & Addie Maat
Sunday School & Catechism
Coffee Fellowship: Bob & Susan Vanderlaan
2/9: Nursery: Charry Snyder & Karen Alphenaar
Children's Church: Judy Vaandering & Amber Johnson
Coffee Fellowship: Congregational Life-Hot Chocolate Bar!



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 – Philippines



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

- 1) Betty TenBrink
- 2) June Walcott
- 3) **Wilma Doctor**
- 4) Lois Grinwis
- 5) Ro VerHeul
- 6) Jim Doornbos
- 7) Joel Stefanits

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

3637 Whispering Woods Dr. Muskegon, MI 49444

Psalms 71:17-19 – "O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." We love our Care List Members!



A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests, & Members!

We are rejoicing that you have come to join us in worship this Sunday as we eagerly serve the Babe of Bethlehem and the King of Kings! During the months of January & February, we're going to learn from the story of Israel in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. And their vices will be on full display, revealing to us our own. We'll look at how "these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did...and were written down as warnings for us." (I Cor. 10: 6 & 11) Join us after the service for a time of gathering in the lower level with the family of God as we do life together and get caught up on one another's lives and the week! The new church directories are downstairs!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The 2024 Giving Statements have been sent out via email. If you did not receive yours or have any questions, please contact Jean or Amber. Thank you for your faithful support of Allen Avenue.

Full council will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Kids Corner: Word Power MLK Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know words have power? Your words. Your neighbor's words. Everybody's! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that. He used his word power to help people see each other as equals, no matter their skin color. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Today! Thrive has developed materials to observe this special Sunday in a way that affirms the value of every human life-- and at all stages of development. Learn more and discover other resources now at this website: crcna.org/life

Muskegon County Right to Life is reorganizing to ensure future success!

If you have a heart for the pro-life movement, please consider attending this informational meeting to discuss plans to grow our affiliate. Join us on: Thursday – January 30 – 6:30 pm -- 433 Seminole Road – East Entrance Lower Level. RSVP/Questions – dbennette@rtl.org or text 231-690-0363.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

GEMS will meet in the church basement on Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 -8:00pm. Remember to bring your sub and croissant order forms and the money to the meeting tonight. This is the final turn in date for orders. Also, take your Bible and highlighter with you for our meeting.

Don't forget to get your order in for subs and croissants! There is an order form in the basement or get in touch with one of the GEMS. Orders must be in by Wednesday, January 22. Sandwiches are only \$3.00, so go crazy with your orders!! If you have any questions, please see a GEMS counselor. Thanks for supporting our GEMS in this way!

New here, new to council or just want to help others through prayer?

Often, the only updates you get will be on Sunday, but many prayer requests need to be met earlier in the week. Become part of our prayer texting and email group. Each Tuesday, Peg or Pastor Mark will send out a request for prayer requests, updates and thanksgivings. These are compiled into a prayer outline and emailed before 6pm that night. These outlines may be used as a prayer guide for you at home. We also have a 7 pm Google Meet online prayer meeting in which we pray through this outline, add other requests and pray for private or anonymous prayers. We follow the A.C.T.S. format. We currently have 4 groups of up to 14 people, including a group which is only informational. This is particularly nice for those who work. For more information please contact Peg Rop @ pjrop@yahoo.com or Pastor Mark.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Sally Mokma – “I have not been feeling well for a few months. My anxiety had been exasperated recently, hence, my insomnia has been increasing. I've been waking to anxiety attacks making mornings difficult. Yours prayers would be wonderful!”

Judy Vaandering - Son Eric had an emergency appendectomy after it ruptured this week and spent some days in the hospital in Chicago dealing with the infection. He came home on Thursday.

Carol Schuitema - was transferred from Grand Haven to Trinity Muskegon last Sunday evening. She has undergone testing and procedures addressing an upper GI issue and for some breathing problems. Please pray for Carol & John and for clear results and treatment going forward.

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Sue & Jim Secord - After meeting with three doctors on Tuesday, they decided he wasn't a good candidate for lung transplants. They are still processing the decision, but both feel somewhat relieved that they don't have this big decision to make. “We know God is with us on the path He has chosen. So thankful for our church family that is with us on our journey.” Jim & Sue are still waiting for new medication to be delivered that is supposed to help reduce the scarring from progressing. They were also asked if Jim would be in a clinical trial for a promising new drug. We continue to pray alongside you and for you both!

Alan Wolffis – continues to wait upon the Lord as to when He will come to take Alan home. Lift his family up and that Jesus will come in His perfect timing.

Praying for peace in our Justice and Political systems, for Tim Maat and DJ Hilson, and for no murders in Muskegon.

Betty Tenbrink - She was at Trinity with Influenza A and then had a heart setback this week and was in the Cardiac unit. She returned home on Wednesday, and she thanks us for our prayers, cards, and calls.

June Walcott has been battling Covid at her facility in Holland. She seems to be on the mend but pray for an end to her symptoms and healing in her home.

Lift up our MCS, WMC, our public schools, home schools, & colleges:

Students: Simon, Nora, Serenity, Yeabsira, Maelin, Taylor, Luke, Addy, Kayla, Devin, August, Aethan, Jalen, Leona, Phoenix, Joey, Hope, Violet, Myles, Natalie, Melanie

College Students: Emily Snyder, Devin Snyder, Yeabsira Vlasma, Danny Maat, Kayla Johnson, Emma Pekar.

