SERMON NOTES:

Passage: Exodus 17:1-7, Numbers 20:1-13

Sermon Title: Deviced: Unrighteous Anger and Holy Meekness

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PASTOR MARK HOFMAN JANUARY 26, 2025 **WORSHIP 10:00AM**

Come...Now is the Time to Worship!

Pastor Mark Hofman January 26, 2025 – 10:00am

We Gather to Worship

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship - from Psalm 95:1-5

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Now with Joyful Exultation

*We Greet One Another

*Opening Songs of Praise

*God's Greeting

Call to Confession - from Psalm 95:8-11

Psalm of Lament

Leader: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. *People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?*

Leader: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

---Psalm 42:1-6, NRSV

LUYH 512:1.4.3

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our Rule for Grateful Living - Ephesians 4:25 - 32

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Song W

We've Come This Far By Faith

LUYH 341

Children's Sermon

Stephanie Hofman

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

Pastor Mark

God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation

Meekness and Majesty

LUYH 157

Scripture Passage

Exodus 17:1-7, Numbers 20:1-13

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

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Prayer of Application

We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings: General Fund

[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org

or in the baskets at each entrance]

*Song

Living Waters with As the Deer

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Dedication

*Postlude

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

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

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!

2/16: Nursery: Renee Vlasma & Toni Schuitema

Sunday School & Catechism

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
- 4) Lois Grinwis

7) Joel Stefanits

- 2) June Walcott
- 5) Ro VerHeul
- 3) Wilma Doctor
- 6) Jim Doornbos

*Please call or send a card to "Care List Member," Lois! Christian Care #212, 1530 McLaughlin, Muskegon, MI 49442

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! Today we continue our sermon series on vices focusing on Exodus 17 and Numbers 20 – Anger & Meekness. 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!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

The full council meeting was rescheduled to January 29 due to the weather.

Valentine bags will be available for our college students beginning Sunday, 1/26 through Sunday, 2/9 in the basement of church. Please feel free to fill with goodies and cards, so we can show our love and support. Our current college students are:

- **▼ Kayla Johnson** is in her final year at the University of Michigan and will graduate this spring with her bachelor's degree in Sport Management.
- ♥ Emma Peklar is in her 3rd year at Michigan State University majoring in Human Development & Family Studies with a minor in Women's Study.
- ▼ Yeabsira Vlasma is a junior and is studying Finance at Saginaw Valley State University.
- **▼ Emily Snyder** is in her sophomore year at Grace Christian University studying Human Services.
- **▶ Danny Maat** is in his freshman year at Cornerstone University and is pre-seminary in the Ministries Program.

The special offering for next Sunday, February 2, will be for Cadets International. Cadets is helping boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life all over the world with clubs in Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, and Ukraine. Come ready to give and celebrate Cadet Sunday on this day with the boys!

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES

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

Often, many of the 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. For more information please contact Peg Rop @ pjrop@yahoo.com or Pastor Mark.

Deadline for the Allen AveNews is Sunday, February 16. Please get all your newsworthy items to Sandy Volkers by then.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

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

Students: Simon, Nora, Serenity, Maelin, Tayla, Tekalegn, Luke, Addy, August, Aethan, Asher, Jalen, Leona, Phoenix, Joey, Hope, Violet, Myles, Natalie, Melanie, Emily.

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

Sherrie Wolffis' sister, Nancy, received a promising report after a CAT scan on her liver. Some of her lesions have shrunk!!! We sing praises of joy, hope and thanks to Jesus!

Eric Vaandering had successful emergency appendectomy and is recovering well. Judy is so thankful for our prayers for Eric, Stacy, and her!

Sue & Jim Secord - For answers to not go ahead with a lung transplant but for a new treatment plan including a clinical trial and new medication. Sue said last week was pretty hard on Jim and that he is doing better this week. So very thankful for this!

Betty Tenbrink – is home from the hospital. May she continue to be stronger every day. Sending our prayers of thanks to God for healing her.

Jennifer Darling-We thank God for keeping Jennifer safe during this ice storm in TX. Continued prayers for her and her work situation. We pray for all who are in areas of unexpected weather conditions.

Nate Schout's Father, Gary and family - We pray for Gary as he was admitted to Trinity Hospital earlier this week. At of the writing of the bulletin, he was doing better and they're planning on him staying through the weekend.

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.

Praying for our new president, new advisors, cabinet members and congress.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

Carol Schuitema- is home but prayers for continued healing. John said she is coming along slowly. We are thankful she is home and thank God for each step of progress. May the nourishment of breath and nutrition fill her and prayers of healing touch her each moment.

Please lift those at Allen Avenue fighting off bugs right now including **Mike Fongers** who is fighting an upper respiratory infection and cough, which is hard on him. Plus, everyone in his house is sick. May **Carol, Mike,** and the others find strength from God each day to fight these illnesses and be restored.

Thankful for those newly coming to our church services and for activities such as Cadets, Gems, Bible Studies and Small Groups! We lift them and pray for God's blessing on them as they interact with us. May they behold the Spirit in our church.

Loving our council:

Pastor: Mark Hofman

Officers: President: Jack DeJonge, Vice President; Scott Schuitema Clerk: Barb Malda, Assistant Clerk: Mary Kortman Treasurer: Amber Johnson Assistant Treasurer: Cam Vlasma

Elders: Jack DeJonge, Mary Kortman, Barb Malda, Scott Schuitema, Judy Vaandering, Susan Vanderlaan

Deacons: Amber Johnson, Nate Schout, Charry Snyder, Cam Vlasma, Russ Vlasma

AgeWell Services is urgently looking for Volunteers to drive for Meals on Wheels. Muskegon area routes leave from Tanglewood Park on Seminole Road and deliver Monday-Friday between the hours of 10:00am-1:00pm. You choose the day and time you are available to volunteer. If you have questions or would like to start volunteering, please contact Jessica at jessica@agewellservices.org or 231.559.0476. Informational posters are located around church regarding other opportunities to B.L.E.S.S. our neighbors around us...Let's do it, AACRC! (Just in: you may drop off signed Valentine Day cards to Jessica by 2/10 to be included in the 1400 meals to be delivered on Valentine's Day.)