

## *Goodness of God*

*I love You, Lord*

*For Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

*And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

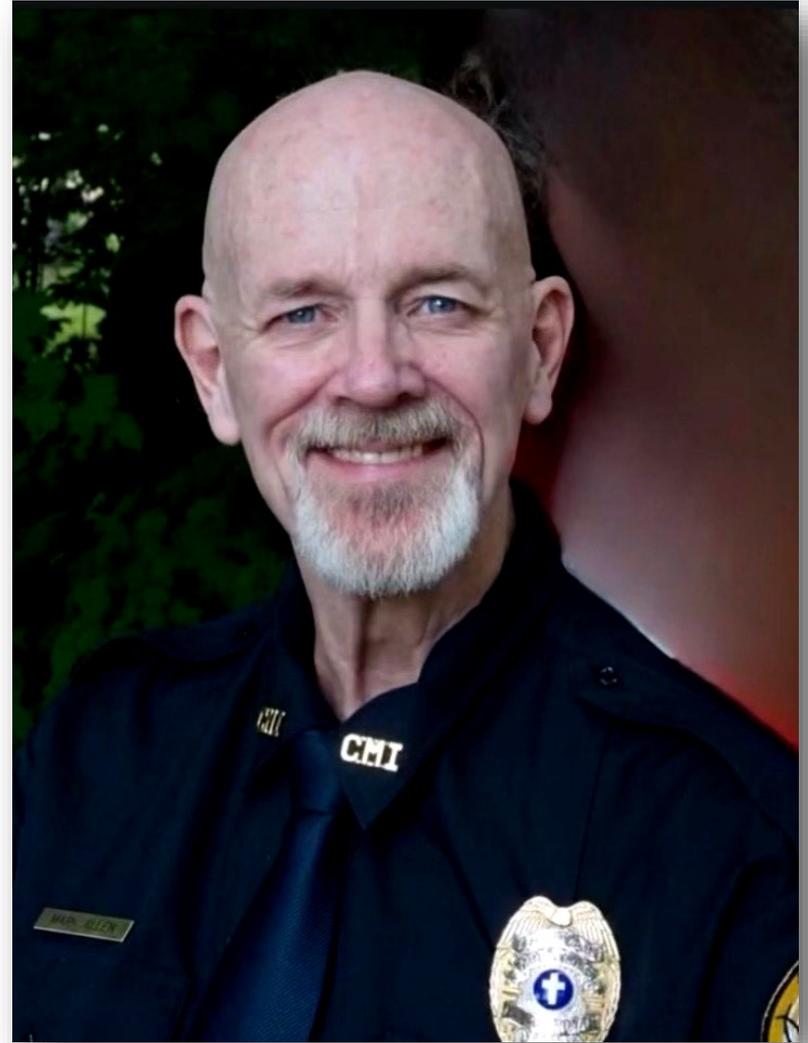
*I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In the darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a Father  
I've known You as a Friend  
And I have lived in the goodness of God*

*And all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

*'Cause Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
'Cause Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me*

*'Cause all my life You have been faithful  
And all my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God*

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*The Celebration of Life Service of*

Mark Douglas Allen

Saturday September 17, 2022 11 a.m.

Kost Evangelical Free Church,

North Branch, Minnesota

**Psalm 34:4-7**

*I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.*

**Psalm 121**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.*

**John 14:1-6**

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

**Philippians 1:21**

*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

Order of Service

Prayer and Welcome *Pastor Josh Jensen, Kost Church,  
North Branch, MN*

Special Music *I'll Fly Away* *Amy Pang & Jeff Radich  
& Kost Church Worship Team*

Scripture *Pastor Tom Mason, First Evangelical Free Church,  
Boone, Iowa*

Congregational Song *There's Something About That Name*

Family Memories *Theresa Allen, Keith Allen, Milo Allen*

Slide Presentation *The Goodness of God*

Reading of the Obituary

Message *Pastor Lee Scheumann, Oxlip  
Evangelical Free Church, Isanti, MN*

Congregational Song *How Great Thou Art*

Prayer

Benediction

*Graveside Service*

*The family asks you to join them for a light meal and time of socializing and remembering together following the graveside service.*

Kost Worship Team

Maia Hinderman, piano, worship leader  
Chris Langevin, electric guitar  
Liam Jensen, drums  
Kevin Grinnell, bass guitar  
Janine Schifsky, vocals  
Josh Jensen, acoustic guitar, vocals

Kost Worship Tech Team

Aidan Jensen, sound  
Aaron DeVall, projection  
Cooper Jensen, cameras

# *Gone Fishing*

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,  
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,  
To fill your heart with every wish.  
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,  
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see,  
Till we're together you and me.

To all those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin'  
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'



# *Mark Douglas Allen*

*September 30, 1954 - July 31, 2022*

Mark Douglas Allen, a longtime resident of Lindstrom, Minnesota passed away on July, 31, 2022 in Canete, Peru. He died peacefully with a smile on his face while serving the Lord in the mission field.

Mark was born on September 30, 1954 at the Fort Campbell Army base hospital in Kentucky to Paul and Marcia Allen, where Paul was stationed. After his father's discharge, they moved back to St. Paul, MN where he was raised. He graduated from Highland Park Highschool in St. Paul. Mark started his career as a paramedic after highschool and soon met his wife, Christine. They were married November 5, 1977. Mark

and Chris moved to Lindstrom, MN in 1980 and raised 4 boys; Ira, Milo, Elijah and Zacharia. The highlight of his life was raising his four boys. He was extremely proud of them and was always sure to tell them that he loved them and give them a hug.



Mark had a long career working in paramedicine and then management for Allina Health for 30 years. In December 1983, Mark became a born again Christian and started his faith walk with Jesus Christ. This was his passion for the remainder of his life. Mark went on his first mission trip with Kost Evangelical Free Church to Lublin, Poland in 1994. After that Mark and Chris and their sons got involved in missions and took several mission trips outside of the country. This became Mark's full time work when God put a drive within him to serve in the mission field in 2006. Mark worked for many years to become an ordained pastor through the Evangelical Free Church of America. This gave him credibility as he started the ministry of Chaplain Ministries International, which worked to bring the gospel to people in 2nd and 3rd world countries through emergency services.

He helped to train and equip pastors to minister to people in those services (fire, police, paramedics).

Mark became sick with throat cancer in 2008. He recovered from cancer but years later, lost his ability to eat and speak due to radiation treatment. Through the years he never allowed this to stop his ministry. Many people were encouraged through his tenacity to continue to serve the Lord even with difficulties. This was an encouragement especially in other countries during his mission work.



Mark enjoyed fishing, woodworking and spending time with his sons and friends on the lake. He took great joy in his 12 grandchildren and loved watching them grow. He had 4 sons but loved the 4 daughters that the Lord gave him when his sons married as well. He leaves a legacy of living a full life for Jesus.

If he was here today to speak to you, he would encourage everyone to make a commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and learn how to walk with him to have peace and joy in your life. This would be the legacy that he would want to be known for.

Mark is survived by his wife of 44 years, Christine Allen; his mother Marcia Allen, sisters Barb Allen and Paula (Greg) Merth; his sons Ira (Heidi) Allen of Chisago City, Milo (Kelly) Allen of Sartell, Elijah (Teresa) Allen of Grand Rapids, and Zacharia (Megan) Allen of Ceder; twelve grandchildren Peyton, Carter, Oliver, Henry, Grace, Emily, Marshall, Milo, Ira, Avery, Keith and Nathan.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Paul Allen.