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9:00 am Adult study

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

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with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"God Alone is My Rock and Salvation"

It is in God alone whom the psalmist finds strength, protection, and deliverance from evil and evil men.

[Psalm 62](#) is, perhaps, like no other psalm composed in the Book of Psalms. This psalm has three stanzas with four verses each and they are separated by Selah. David is painfully aware of the ill and treacherous threats and behavior of his revolting son, Absalom, with his rebel army; but his trust is Jehovah alone. H. C. Leupold says in his Exposition of The Psalms, "**There is scarcely another psalm that reveals such an absolute and undisturbed peace, in which confidence in God is so completely unshaken, and in which assurance is so strong that not even one single petition is voiced throughout the psalm.**" The bitter hostilities of man do not distract him from the object of his faith; in trust he is triumphant over the riches, power and vanity of human strength, he remains unshaken in trusting God only.

Isaac Leiser, Hebrew scholar, renders 62:2 this way, "**Only in God my soul trusted in silence: from Him cometh my salvation. Only He is my rock and my salvation.**" The Hebrew "ak", we are told by scholars, is almost untranslatable into English, but that our words only or alone best serve the meaning. Also, in Hebrew sentences wherein "ak is used it begins the sentence, and this makes it emphatic. Only God did David trust; he trusted God alone! His enemies thought of him as a leaning wall or tottering fence easily pushed over, but as Boice says, "**Yet in spite of their hostility, in this psalm David is not worrying about them but rather is trusting God.**" Though David loved his devilish son, Absalom, he couldn't change his heart across a number of years; yet in the sons death David mourned and wept.

The greatest loss Christians can experience is failure to keep God alone as the object of their affections, devotions, obedience, and trust. Life's experiences without this are deceiving and miserable. Great difficulty is seen along life's pathway in Christians being side-tracked by the allurements of substitutes for God alone:

We turn to science, riches, education, power in positions but these all end in their human limitations. However, God never leaves or forsakes the faithful saint, but works all things to his good ([Romans 8:28](#)). Again, as Boice wrote of David, "**He is not trusting something other than God, nor is he trusting God and something else, or God and someone else. His trust is in God only, and that is why he is so confident.**"

The acute disease besetting Christians is the lack of belief in the Almighty God and in the power of His gospel. This woeful spectacle is seen in every effort of preachers that turn to tales and entertainment, newspaper headlines, etc., rather than preaching exactly what Gods word says to an eternity-bound people. Getting crowds with fluff is no evidence that God is with the crowd. An opportunity to preach the everlasting gospel ([Revelation 14:6](#)) must not be taken lightly; and the man who stands before an audience as Gods representative to speak as the oracles of God ([1 Pet. 4:11](#)) must do so reverently, saying what is profitable to men ([Acts 20:17-27](#)). This does not permit the preacher to preach himself ([2 Corinthians 4:5](#)), but does impose on him the duty to preach Christ as Lord. Paul, in all of his accomplishments for Christ knew his needs in the sentence of death that he should not trust in himself, but in God who raiseth the dead: who delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver: on whom we have set our hope that He will also still deliver us ([2 Corinthians 1:9,10](#)).

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This Week at Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship	25	26 10:00 am PUSH	27	28	29	30

This Week's Celebrations



Stewardship Snapshot

Stewardship Snapshot for January 10th

17 Worshipped, 17 Communed
21 Watched Online
3 Watched DVD's
41 Total

Financial Support

2,030.00 General Fund

Living Word's budget calls for weekly offerings averaging \$3654 to fund our ministry. Regular, intentional and meaningful contributions from what the Lord provides you helps carry this out.

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"God Alone is My Rock and Salvation"

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What victory for saints who having denied themselves ([Luke 9:23](#)) to become disciples can remain so looking unto Jesus ([Hebrews 12:2](#)). Christians can't depend on psychology and human experiences for help and completeness, but, like David, trust God alone!

David asks the question: "whence shall come my help?" Then quickly he answers the question, "My help is from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth" ([Psalm 121:1, 2](#)). It is difficult for man to remain constantly under the conviction that God alone is the source of his help, but this is the truth; having sufficient trust in Him that causes one to let go of all human sources and lean on God only is what the Bible teaches (see [Proverbs 3:5](#)). The neurotic and doubtful Christian has to cease complaining about getting nothing that is satisfying from things, and turn his heart into complete trust of God alone. Jesus preached against anxiety for tomorrow, saying today has its troubles; deal with the present shrinkage of faith and develop full confidence that God will provide (see [Genesis 22:8](#); [Matt. 6:34](#); [Hebrews 10:35-39](#)). Paul said, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" ([Philippians 4:19](#)). This doesn't tell how God does this, but does affirm it is in Jesus. It is in Jesus that we have hope, confidence, assurance and the right to trust only God for help to resist the devil and so live that we can go to heaven: but here we confess that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth ([Hebrews 11:13](#)).

01-24-21 Message Outline

"Finding Rest"

Psalm 62 begins with the words: "Truly my soul finds rest in God." Today our readings help us understand how to find rest in God...

1) I find rest in obeying God's PURPOSE.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." ³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh...

Jonah 3:1-3a

2) I find rest in seeing God's PERSPECTIVE.

²⁹ What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

3) I find rest in following God's PERSON.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:14-20

HE SAYS, "FOLLOW ME"
AND THEY GO?
JUST LIKE THAT?
UNBELIEVABLE!



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WELL... JESUS'
WORD MAKES
THINGS HAPPEN,
EVEN NOW.



REALLY?
LIKE **WHAT!?**



LIKE, "THIS IS MY **BODY**"
AND LIKE,
"YOU ARE **FORGIVEN.**"



MARK 1:14-20

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Updates From the Transition Team

THE TRANSITION TEAM is in the middle of doing their interviews to call a new pastor for our church. They already interviewed three pastors, Pastor Erb, Pastor Foley and Pastor Allman, all of whom they are very interested in. The last two interviews will be this week with Pastor Jackson and Pastor Schulz. Thank you so much to Bob Grossart, Donna Wasilkoff, Lisa Regan, Diana Motel and Pastor John Bucka for all of their hard work and diligent commitment to seeing us through this time.

Classes & Groups

ADULT SUNDAY FORUM has resumed meeting again each Sunday with a new start time of **9:00 a.m.** Join us each week in our new location in the **conference room**, even though it might be a smaller group than usual, we still want to maintain safe social distancing.

PUSH PRAYER meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708.403.9673) or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew** 8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD), WPWR channel 50 AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM



GROWTH & OPPORTUNITIES...

HELP US GROW OUR CHURCH In these unprecedented times it is important to get back to the basics. Remember how lively and full our church was back in the '90's, or just a few years ago even, we are trying to get back to that status. Please don't forget about us at this time. We miss seeing you here at church and we would like to be able to have more regular attendance at service every Sunday. We have been worshipping together since May 31st and haven't had any issues with COVID or any other illnesses. The church gets cleaned weekly, and now since both preschool and the Nature Exploration Academy has started up again, it gets cleaned two to three times a week, plus we have been going thru a lot more disinfectant spray and wipes. Your safety and health are still the utmost important aspect, but at the same time, the future of our church is starting to depend on your help. Your offerings, and helpful talents have been so appreciated in the past, and we look forward to receiving those benefits again. The transition team has been back in full swing working on the call process, please be on the lookout for more information to come in the coming weeks and months.

THANKS TO ALL OF MY FRIENDS! I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for being so kind and helping me celebrate my 60th birthday. I love the beautiful flowers and trust me, I will have fun going shopping with the very generous gift card. You all are very special and kind.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all that came last Tuesday to help carry in all of the new bathroom partitions. The truck driver delivered the pallet and since it wouldn't fit through the doors, the pallet was left on the sidewalk in front of the doors. Jim McKinney called his group of muscle men, and they came to our rescue.

ALUMINUM CANS are being collected again. Randy Hodo will be taking over this project and will be crushing and recycling the cans to help raise a little bit more cash for the church.

PLEASE SEND in any new contact information such as change of address and/or phone numbers via email or phone call. The new directory is about a third completed and just so you know, it will be a photo directory, so if you haven't done so yet please send me a recent photo. I will send particular requests to those that I still need something from. Thank you to all that have given me the information that was requested.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021 are available and on the table in the fellowship hall.



JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH will be the Military Bible Sticks. Please see the worship folder insert and/or the information on the table next to the office.

2020 TAX STATEMENTS are available for pick up, they are in the small box located on the table next to the office.

EASTER BASKET TIME! Trying not to jump ahead too much, but for February, the mission of the month will be the Village of Orland Park. Specifically making and putting together Easter baskets for the children of the under privilege and low income families of the Orland Park township. So when you are out shopping at the Dollar stores and see coloring books, play dough, crayons or anything like that, pickup a couple of items so we can make Easter baskets for the boys and girls of Orland Park Township.

