

grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.¹³ What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

3) *God is my Fortress... I will DO MY DUTY.*

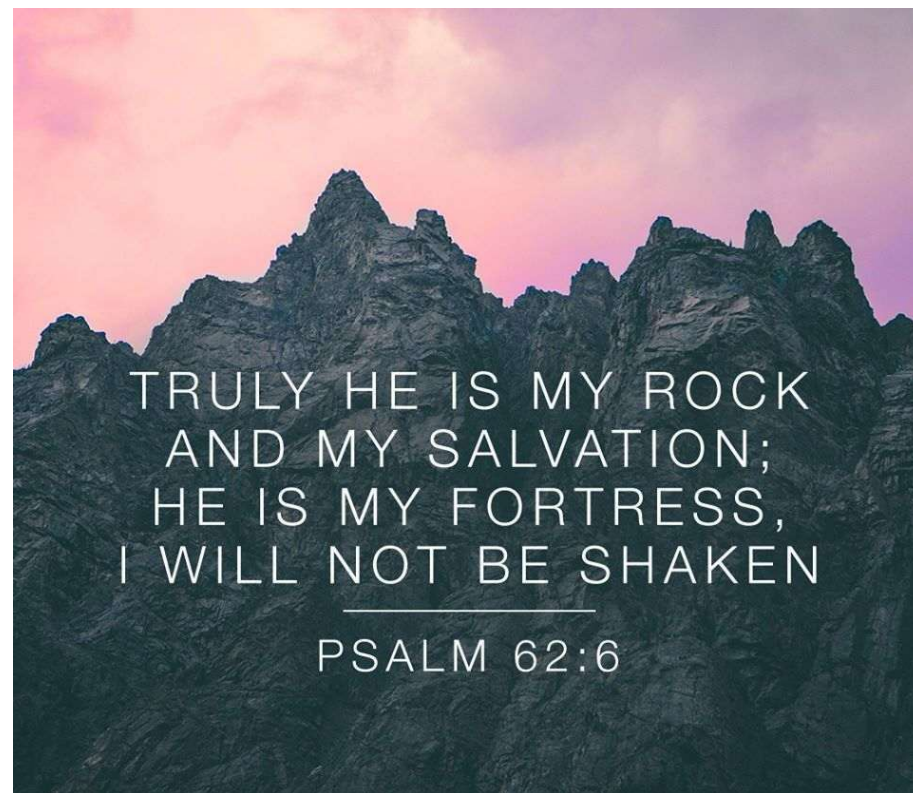
Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come.² It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.³ So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.⁷ “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸ Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Luke 17:1-10

‘Come grow with us!’

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5th, 2025

10:00 am Service

WELCOME TO LIVING WORD!

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Order of Worship: Lutheran Service Book Divine Service, Setting Three p. 184-202

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Hymn of Invocation *"The Church's One Foundation"* **LSB #644**

Today's Psalm *Psalm 62* **LSB front section**

Scripture Readings (facing page):

Old Testament Reading *Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4*

Epistle Reading *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Gospel Reading *Luke 17:1-10*

Hymn of the Day *"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"* **LSB #912**

Sermon *"My Fortress"*

Closing Hymn *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* **LSB #655**

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"My Fortress"

*"Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
He is my fortress, I will not be shaken."*

Psalm 62:6

1) God is my Fortress... I will MAN THE RAMPARTS.

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. ²How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. **2** I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. ² Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness
Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 2:1-4

2) God is my Fortress... I will FAN THE FLAME.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and