

Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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For Today: No Fishing Allowed

In her book *Tramp for the Lord*, Holocaust survivor, Corrie ten Boon, tells of revisiting Germany in 1947 to share the gospel of God's forgiveness through faith in Christ. She recounts: "I had come from Holland to defeated Germany with the message that God forgives. It was the truth they needed most to hear in that bitter, bombed-out land, and so I gave them my favorite mental picture. Maybe because the sea is never far from a Hollander's mind, I like to think that that's where forgiven sins are thrown. 'When we confess our sins,' I said, 'God casts them into the deepest ocean, gone forever ... Then God places a sign out there that says No Fishing Allowed!'" What a wonderful picture indeed! God casting our every sin to the bottom of the sea of His forgetfulness, and above them swells the waves of His everlasting mercy. This is a picture inspired by the prophet Micah (Micah 7:18-19). Micah ends his 8th-century prophecy with a remarkable note of triumph. Despite Israel's and Judah's impending judgment and exile, God would not forget or fail to show mercy. God's covenant love for His people would not be deterred or defeated by their sin. The prophet Micah reminds them and us that God is without peer in terms of His protecting and pardoning of His people. God's anger would not continue forever, and so the believing remnant is given the promise of future forgiveness. Just as God delivered Israel, and cast Pharaoh and his armies into the sea, so God will again deliver Israel from her enemies, and cast Israel's sins into the sea.

This is only one of many beautiful metaphors and images that God employs in Scripture to describe His amazing and abundant forgiveness towards us. There is the image of snow in Isaiah 1:18. There is the image of a sealed bag in Job 14:17. There is the image of a thick cloud in Isaiah 44:22. There is the image of a canceled debt in Colossians 2:14. In returning to Micah's image, we must learn to live in the good of this wonderful promise. Satan is an accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10; cp. Job 1-2). He likes to discourage us by throwing old sins, and past failures in our face. He wants to impede our forward progress in Christ, by causing us to needlessly look back. We must forget those things which are behind, because God has (Phil. 3:13-14). We need to stop allowing Satan or an overly sensitive conscience to cause us to remember what God has clearly forgotten (Heb. 10:17). We need to stop dredging up sins that have been previously confessed and forgiven (1 John 1:7-9). Remember, God has cast our sins into the depths of the sea and has placed a sign above them, NO FISHING ALLOWED!



Happy Sabbath!



I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.

Philippians 4:11

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Sabbath, November 28, 2020



Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome James Hunt
Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m. Robert Steele

Hymn of the Month, "Let All Things Now Living" Hymn 560
Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m. James Hunt

God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "Nearer, Still Nearer" Hymn 301

Scripture: Luke 1:5-17 (see below) Read by Melanie, Leah, and Bear Koch

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering: KEEP Endowment/Camp MiVoden Development

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Children's Story Joelle Worf

Special Music Manfred and Sheri Bauer

Sermon: **God Wrote Love: Content in All Things** Pastor Jason Worf

Closing Hymn, "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show" Hymn 25

Benediction

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing.

Upcoming Speakers: Sabbath, December 5, Wally Remitz
Sabbath, December 12, Pastor Jason Worf

Announcements

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays from 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group is studying Ephesians.

Prayer Requests: Call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526.



Food Bank Holiday Help: Please consider contributing items to fill the Christmas boxes for those in need. Monetary donations also are welcome. Make out donations to Clark Fork Food Bank. Drop off on Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Food Bank, or Hays Chevron or the Library any time.



Sabbath Open House Worship Service, December 12 from 11 a.m.: A special event for our church and community. Christian fellowship, a special message, and a Q&A with Pastor Jason Worf.

Christmas in Clark Fork, December 12, from 3 p.m.: Music, poetry, stories, and Christmas cheer at our church. All are welcome to join this annual community outreach event.



Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 3:54 p.m.; next Friday night: 3:51 p.m.