

# Where Is Your Faith Planted?

July 23, 2023



Eighth Week after  
Pentecost

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**WELCOME, GUESTS!!!** We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out a guest register at the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

**THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS** – The Christian is planted by the Word and produces fruit. The Sunday is summarized in the Prayer of the Day which thanks God for the implanting of the Word and asks for the Spirit's help in producing fruits of faith.

**MORNING PRAYER:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** COMMON WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION— CW, p.15



# OPENING HYMN:

#255

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

**\*\*Please Stand for last verse\*\***



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;



Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my  
Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we  
Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my  
Let me keep thy gift di - vine, How - so -  
Let thy will be done in - deed. May I



soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who  
find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on  
soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious  
e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still  
un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this  
earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter  
sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may  
o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through  
peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain



place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!  
be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER (87 87 77) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

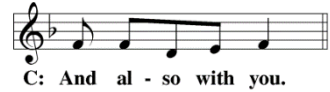
### GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*





### PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



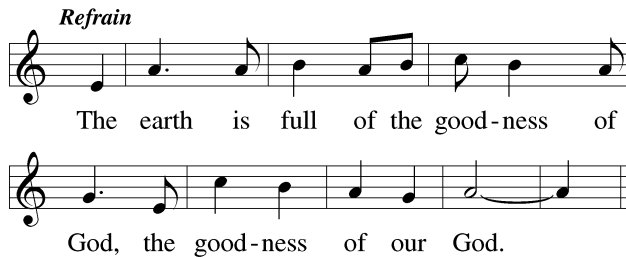
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### FIRST LESSON:

**ISAIAH 55: 10, 11**

*Though many seeds fall among soil that does not produce fruit, Isaiah gives us God's promise that his Word will never return to him fruitless. The Word is like the rain and snow sent from God in heaven that fall to bring blessing upon the earth and make it fruitful and so God's Word will always do its work of planting faith in the heart of man and making it fruitful.*

***Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.***

*Refrain*

Praise awaits you, O God,\*  
you call forth songs of joy.  
You care for the land and water it;\*  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.  
The streams of God are filled with water\*  
to provide the people with grain.

*Refrain*

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
and your carts overflow with abundance.  
The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
the hills are clothed with gladness.  
The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
they shout for joy and sing.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain***SECOND LESSON****ACTS 18: 1 - 11**

*The field of Corinth was filled with birds and stones and thorns. Though Paul reasoned and preached, one seed after another fell on soil that did not produce a crop. Yet God's Word would accomplish his good purpose. Paul did not have to go far to find a fertile field. He walked out of the synagogue and went right next door.*

***After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. Because he had the same***

*occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.*

*When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!”*

*He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.*

*One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city.” He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)



#### GOSPEL

#### MATTHEW 13: 1- 9, 18 – 23

*What a description of Jesus’ ministry! What a description of ours! The Sower scatters the seed of the Gospel to all with no regard for where it might land. Yet most of his seed bears no fruit. This parable brings warning and such comfort. Christ warns us that the seed of the Word faces great opposition from sin, Satan, and the world.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”*

***“So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”***

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***\*\*Please Be Seated\*\****

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

#283

SPEAK, O SAVIOR; I AM LISTENING



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y  
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
You give peace and words of par - don.  
And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.  
Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

SERMON TEXT

SERMON:

MATTHEW 13: 1-9, 18 – 23

REACTING TO WHAT WE HEAR



## CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

*\*\*Please Be Seated\*\**

**OFFERING** – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

## PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH’S MISSION

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, and for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge.

**Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ in our own neighborhoods and the areas in Deschutes County.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits.

**Move us to support missionaries at home and overseas with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

### Silent prayer

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

***\*\*Please Be Seated\*\****

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**#318**

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er -

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take  
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will

leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh, be now ex -  
face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be -  
car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and

lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep -  
race. With your feast you feed us; With your

tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for  
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this



God and for all. His grace did in - vite us; His  
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With  
love shall u - nite us To work for God's  
praise and thanks - giv - ing Give hon - or to  
king - dom and an - swer his call.  
Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, b. 1916, alt. © 1964 World Library Publications, Franklin Park, IL, [www.wlpmusic.com](http://www.wlpmusic.com).  
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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

## THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



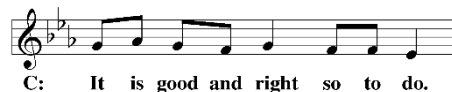
C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

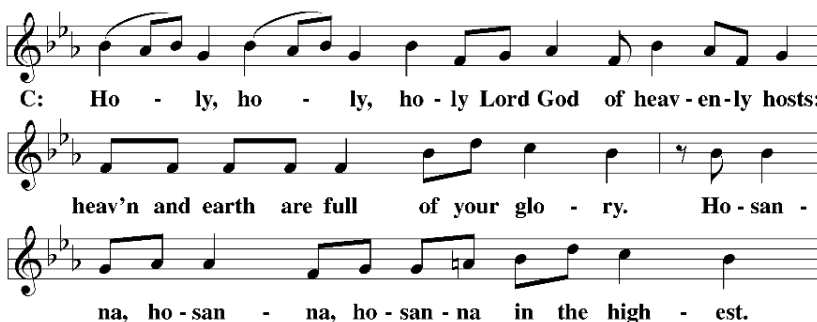
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



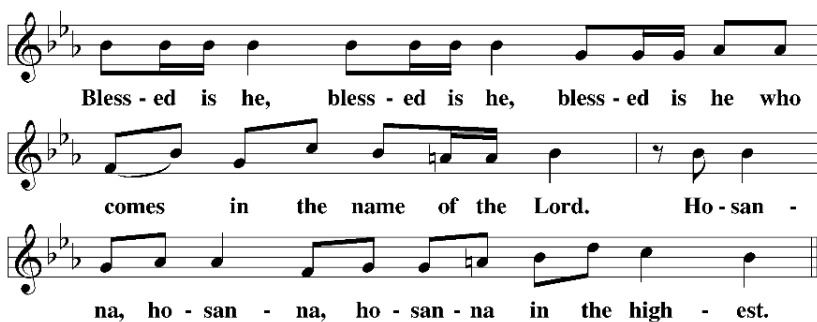
C: It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

### Agnus Dei



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## DISTRIBUTION

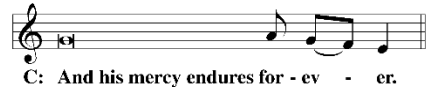
*DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul’s guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: “For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord’s body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.*

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

## SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

## CLOSING PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



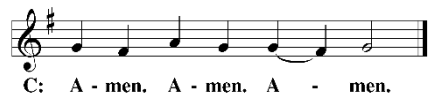
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## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



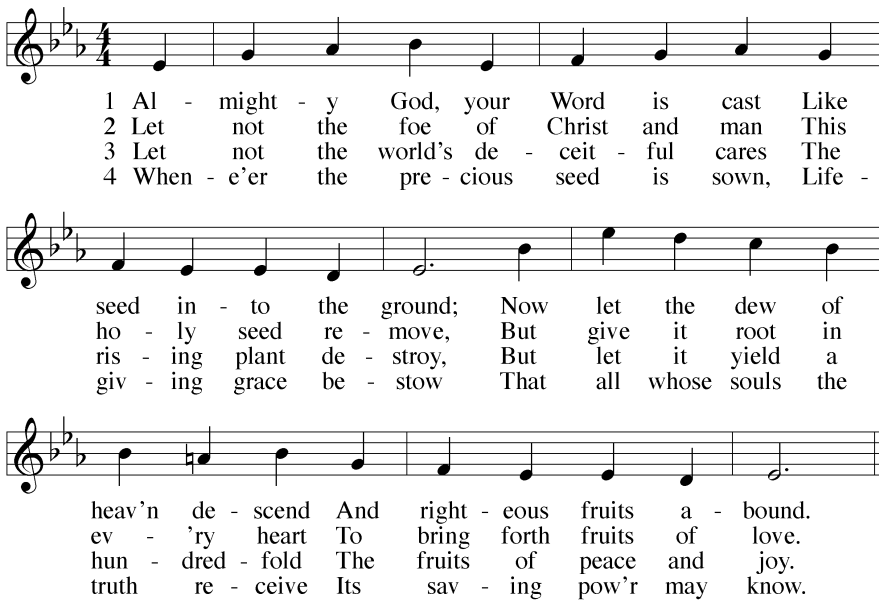
C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## CLOSING HYMN:

#324

### ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST



The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like  
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -

seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the

heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.  
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

### **What We believe:**

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Sunday School is back; please join us; come and go as you like. We are going to take a pause in Acts for the month of August and we will be studying the Luther's Small Catechism. In September we will reconvene our Act's study. However, we always have time for other questions if you have a question about something else.

**Midweek Bible Study** – Bible Study **Tuesday**, at 6 pm as we return to the Port's home, continuing our study of Romans please read Romans 10 in preparation. You may join us at 1923 NW Nickernut Court, Redmond, OR, or on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

**Outreach** – Pastor Emmons had some great conversations with our Redmond neighbors this last week. You are invited to join him in hope we have in Christ. Please consider walking with the pastor and Seuss on Fridays at 10:30 am. We meet at the church for a short devotion and then go to a neighborhood. We will canvas until noon, or you can end earlier.

**Baptism** – We will be celebrating the baptism of Pastor and Tammi's newest granddaughter Brooklyn Kay Adkins in August, stayed tuned in for the date.

**Vacation** – Pastor and Tammi will be out of town the week of August 21 to 24. There will be no Midweek Bible study that week or adult instruction. If you have an emergency, you will be able to contact Gene Baldwin at 541-610-9978.

**Southern Oregon Pastor Conference** – August 17 Grace will be hosting our area's Winkle at the pastor's home; we will have the pastors from Klamath Falls and Sutherlin visiting.

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