

# Finding True Value

August 6, 2023



Tenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

**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 FOCUS** - The Christian seeks spiritual wealth. This Sunday's readings are centered around the very ancient Prayer of the Day. For nearly 1600 years God's people on this day have prayed that God might give them true spiritual wealth. "Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised." Our lessons today show people who have come into great wealth, but yet this earthly wealth only serves to illustrate where true treasure lies; true, spiritual wealth can only be found in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

**MORNING PRAYER** - O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT— CW, p.26**

*The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*



# OPENING HYMN:

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THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR

**\*\*Please Stand For The Last Verse\*\***



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,  
2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the  
3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but  
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear  
earth be shak - en, Then all who in their graves are found  
tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,  
car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word  
sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and  
Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the  
When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry  
And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and  
My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will  
liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's  
heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as  
trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's  
doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.  
bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.  
they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.  
threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
Your saints are waiting patiently;  
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
From ev'ry evil. Amen.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.  
Tune: ES IST GEWISLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also, with you.**

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

### CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*KYRIE*

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise. (*Psalm 145:3*)

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'C' (Crescendo). The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

### FIRST LESSON:

### 1 KINGS 3: 5 – 12

*What would you have asked for? If anything in the world could be yours, what would be your request? God only gave one man the choice between unlimited riches and spiritual wealth. Can you imagine facing his dilemma? What should I pick, temporal blessings or eternal ones? How well Solomon expressed the words of our Prayer for today, to ask according to God's will. We marvel at his faith in choosing great wisdom over great riches—especially since we so often fail in the pitifully small choices we make!*

***The Lord appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you. "Solomon said, "You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. Lord my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"***

***In the eyes of the Lord, Solomon's request was good. So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.***

*Refrain*

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;\*  
then I will keep them to the end.  
Give me understanding, and I will keep your law\*  
and obey it with all my heart.  
Direct me in the path of your commands,\*  
for there I find delight.

*Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;\*  
preserve my life according to your Word.  
Fulfill your promise to your servant,\*  
so that you may be feared.  
How I long for your precepts!\*  
Preserve my life in your righteousness.  
**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

## ROMANS 8: 28 – 30

*Paul explains the spiritual wealth that belongs to every Christian. Like the man who found treasure buried in the field, we brought no merit or worth to our calling. Rather, we were chosen. The surprising grace of God found us and gave us the ultimate treasure: predestined, called, justified, and glorified.*

***We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.***

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

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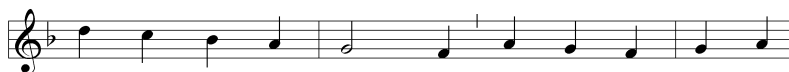
## NOW I HAVE FOUND THE FIRM FOUNDATION



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which  
2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which  
3 Our ru - in God has not in - tend - ed; For  
4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The  
5 Let mer - cy cause me to be will - ing To



holds my life for - ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be -  
hu - man wis - dom far tran - scends, Of him who,  
our sal - va - tion he has yearned. For this his  
sea where my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my  
bear my lot and not to fret. While he my



fore the world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's  
lov - ing arms ex - tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners  
Son to earth de - scend - ed And then a - gain to  
wounds find per - fect heal - ing; There is no con - dem -  
rest - less heart is still - ing, May I his mer - cy



wounds se - cure, Foun - da - tion which un - moved shall  
con - de - scends, His heart with pit - y still will  
heav'n re - turned; For this so pa - tient ev - er -  
na - tion here! For Je - sus' blood through earth and  
not for - get! What - ev - er comes my heart to



stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.  
break Wheth - er we seek him or for - sake.  
more He's knock - ing at our heart's closed door.  
skies For - ev - er "Mer - cy! Mer - cy!" cries.  
test, His mer - cy is my on - ly rest.

6 Lord, I will stand on this foundation  
As long as I on earth remain;  
This will engage my meditation  
While I the breath of life retain.  
And then, when face to face with you.  
I'll sing your mercy great and true.

Text: Johann A. Rothe, 1688–1758, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.



## GOSPEL

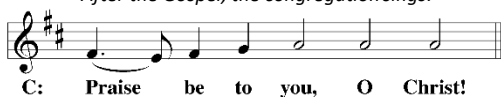
## MATTHEW 13: 44 – 52

*Jesus' parables teach us to seek spiritual wealth. Both of the men in the parables found great treasure. For one it was a complete surprise, as unexpected as it was valuable. For the other it came from an expert search by a discerning man. The spiritual wealth of Christ and his Gospel puts everything else into perspective; in fact it marginalizes all else.*

***"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.***

***"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Jesus said to them, "Did you understand all these things?" They answered him, "Yes." He said to them, "Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things."***

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## SERMON TEXT

## SERMON:

## MATTHEW 13: 44 – 52

## DISCOVERING WHAT IS PRECIOUS

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

## 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\*\****

***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 OF THE CHURCH**

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son’s body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#409

COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care; Je - sus loves  
2 You are com - ing to a king— Large pe - ti -  
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move  
4 Lord, your rest to me im - part; Take pos - ses -  
5 While I am a pil - grim here, Let your love



to an - swer prayer. He him - self bids you to  
tions with you bring, For his grace and pow'r are  
this load of sin; Let your blood, for sin - ners  
sion of my heart. There your blood - bought right main -  
my spir - it cheer. As my guide, my guard, my



pray And will nev - er turn a - way.  
such, None can ev - er ask too much.  
spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
tain And with - out a ri - val reign.  
friend, Lead me to my jour - ney's end.

6 Show me what I am to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die your people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., alt.  
Tune: VIENNA (77 77) Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817.

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

## THE SACRAMENT



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## SANCTUS



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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."



C: A - men.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

## AGNUS DEI



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



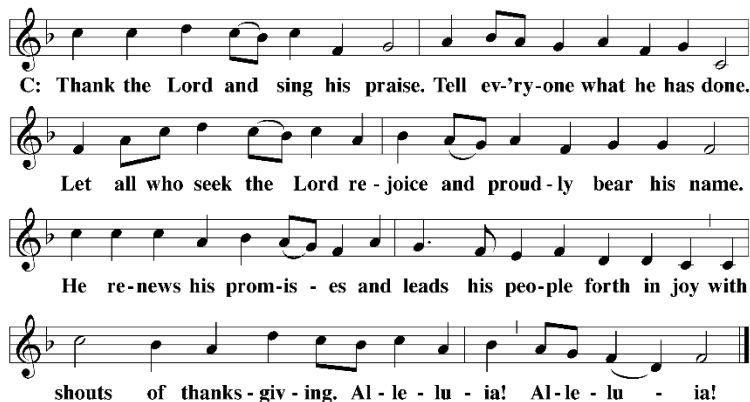
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### DISTRIBUTION

*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.*

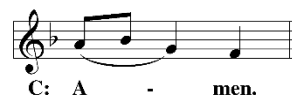
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### THANK THE LORD



### CLOSING PRAYER

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



## CLOSING HYMN:

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

#469

Vs. 1, 2, 5, 6



1 Take	my	life	and	let	it	be	Con - se -
2 Take	my	hands	and	let	them	move	At the
3 Take	my	voice	and	let	me	sing	Al - ways,
4 Take	my	sil - ver	and	my	gold;	Not	a
5 Take	my	will	and	make	it	thine;	It shall



cra - ted,	Lord,	to	thee.	Take	my	mo - ments
im - pulse	of	thy	love.	Take	my	feet and
on - ly	for	my	King.	Take	my	lips and
mite would	I	with - hold.	Take	my	in - tel -	
be no	long - er	mine.	Take	my	heart— it	



and my	days;	Let	them	flow	in	cease - less	praise.
let them	be	Swift	and	beau - ti -	ful	for	thee.
let them	be	Filled	with	mes - sag -	es	from	thee.
lect and	use	Ev - 'ry	pow'r	as	thou	shalt	choose.
is thine	own;	It	shall	be	thy	roy - al	throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.  
Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

### **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

**Calendars** – Printed August calendars are available by the bulletins. They have also been emailed out.

**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 is moving to pastor's home, continuing our study of Romans please read Romans 10 in preparation. You may join us at 4384 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, OR, or on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

**Outreach** – Is moving to Tuesday so please consider walking with the pastor and Seuss at 10:00 am. We meet at the pastor's home for a short devotion and then go to a neighborhood. We will canvas until noon, or you can end earlier.

**Baptism – Next Sunday** We will be celebrating the baptism of Pastor and Tammi's newest granddaughter Brooklyn Kay Adkins in August 13.

**Baby Shower** – Members of Grace along with Pastor Emmons' neighborhood have expressed an interest in holding a baby shower for Brooklyn. Highlights so far it will be at the pastor's home on August 12 at 11:30. Please contact Lani Carroll at 417-388-4886 to help her in planning as well as the details, this will be a potluck. Tammi has registries set up at Amazon baby registry: Brooklyn Emmons, and Target Baby Registry: Tammi Emmons. You can contact Tammi for other baby needs.

**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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