

Waiting for the Harvest

July 30, 2023



Ninth 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 lives as wheat among weeds as he waits for the harvest. In the Prayer of the Day we ask for the spirit to live like wheat—to think and to do what is right—even while we live in this sinful world. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort, and hope.

MORNING PRAYER - Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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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BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

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



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

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.

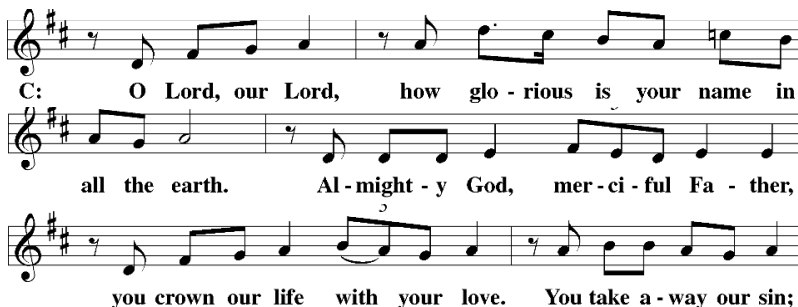


Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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

O LORD, OUR LORD



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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

FIRST LESSON:**JOEL 3: 12 – 16**

The book of Joel foretells the coming of the Day of the Lord. Here in chapter 3, Joel pictures the judgment of the nations as a day of harvest. The day is coming when the sickle will swing and the harvest will begin.

Let the nations be roused. Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will be seated to judge all the nations. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow, because the nations' wickedness is so great! Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision! For the Day of the Lord is near in the Valley of Decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will stop shining. The Lord will roar from Zion and shout from Jerusalem. The sky and the earth will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY:**PSALM 18***Refrain*

The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone*Refrain*

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*
 my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
 He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
 he rescued me from my powerful enemy.
 He brought me out into a spacious place;*
 he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burrning;*
 my God turns my darkness into light.
 You save the huble*
 but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.
 You give me your shield of victory,*
 and your right hand sustains me.
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

1 PETER 4: 1 - 8

Living as wheat among weeds means leaving our lives of sin behind and living for the will of God with an eye on the coming harvest. Although righteousness and wickedness must coexist until the judgment, Peter reminded his readers that they had spent enough of their lives living in sin. The time had come for a clean break with the world.

Therefore, because Christ suffered in flesh, arm yourselves with the same mindset, because the one who has suffered in flesh is done with sin. Do this so that you no longer live the rest of your time in the flesh for human desires but for God's will. Indeed, you have already spent enough time in the past doing what the Gentiles want to do: living in unbridled immorality, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and disgusting idolatry.

For this reason, they are surprised that you do not plunge into the same overflowing river of filth with them, and they slander you. They will have to give an account to the one who is ready to judge the living and the dead. In fact, it was for this reason that the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, so that they might be judged the way people are judged in flesh and that they might live the way God lives in spirit.

The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11b)

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****

GOSPEL

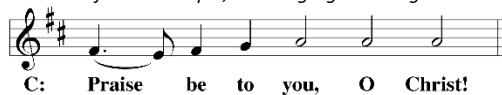
MATTHEW 10: 24 -30, 36-40

God intended to have a weed-free field of wheat. From the beginning, however, the enemy thwarted his intentions with temptation and sin. How many Christians have seen the evil all around them and pondered the servants' question, "Didn't you sow good seed?"

He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' 'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn."'" Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY:

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WE HAVE A SURE PROPHETIC WORD



1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word
2 By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned,
3 What - e'er the Word in times of old sure,
4 A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and



By in - spi - ra - tion of the Lord,
By pa - gan pride re - ject - ed, spurned,
Of fu - ture days deeds fore - told
The teach - ings of the Word en - dure.



And, though as - sailed on ev - 'ry hand,
The Word still stands, the Chris - tian's trust,
Is all ful - filled while a - ges roll,
Blest all who trust this stead - fast Word;



Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.
While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Text: Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.

Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

SERMON TEXT

MATTHEW 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

SERMON:

GOD'S MERCY IS DEMONSTRATED BY LEAVING WEEDS

****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

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TO YOUR TEMPLE I DRAW NEAR



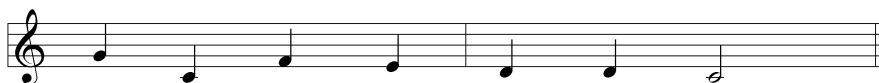
1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,
5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
I through Christ be - come your child.
Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
God of love, to mine at - tend.
Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace
That my joy - ful soul may bless
Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;
Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
 In your courts to seek your face.
 Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
 Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
 Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While your ministers proclaim
 Peace and pardon in your name,
 Through their voice, by faith, may I
 Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,
 May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say,
 "I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (77 77) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

****Please Stand****

THE SACRAMENT



The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

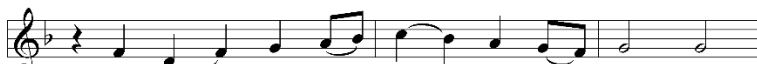
Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of 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



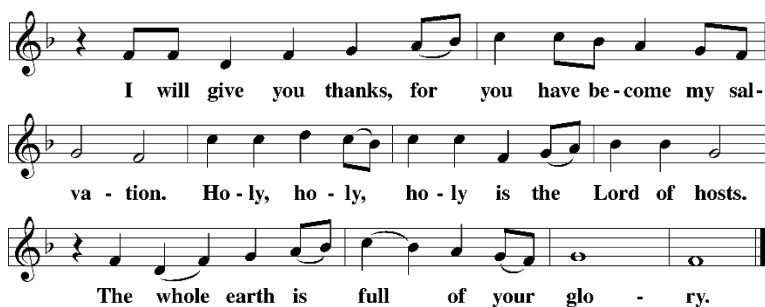
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



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



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."

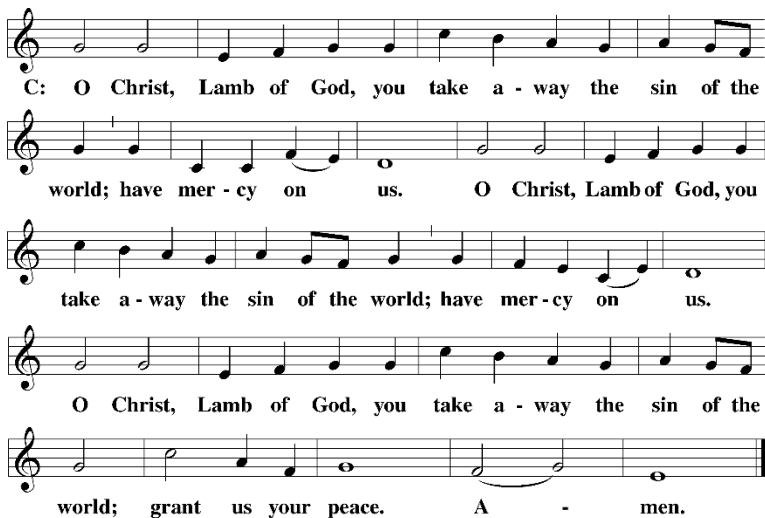
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI



****Please Be Seated****

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****

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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.

C: A - men.

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.

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

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:**DELAY NOT! DELAY NOT****#337****Vs. 1, 4, 5**

1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
 5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
 For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
 Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
 The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
 The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
 The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
 Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
 To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
 What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

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 36th Street, Redmond, OR, or on Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

Outreach – Is moving to Monday's so please consider walking with the pastor and Seuss 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 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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