

# BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Tim Fritz, Liturgist

Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship

9:00 a.m.

July 27, 2025

*(Please sign attendance book.)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughter shall prophesy.

**Your young shall see visions,**

**Your elderly shall dream dreams.**

**Then everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord  
shall be saved.**

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

\*Hymn #423, “**Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun**”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of faithful-loving-kindness,**

**we confess that sometimes**

**we are ashamed to admit that we are struggling.**

**We think that asking for help is a sign of weakness,  
instead of an act of courage.**

**We compare ourselves to others,**

**and think their accomplishments matter,**

**but we miss the miracles in the moments of our lives.**

**Give us a sense of purpose**

**rooted in Your Holy Spirit.**

**Help us to grow into Your dreams and visions**

**for us and for all the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

As the Psalms proclaim the faithfulness of God:

The Lord is always before me.

I shall not be shaken; I shall not be moved.

Therefore, my heart rejoices,

I lift up my voice in praise; I will live in hope.

Believe and share the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!**

\*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory Music

\*Doxology #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scriptures Acts 28:1-11, 16-24, 28-31, pg. 149

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**“Caged But Not Confined”**

\*Hymn #466, “**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**”

\* Prayers of the Community and the 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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #139, “**Come, Thou Almighty King**”

\*Charge / Benediction

\*Congregational Response (108 vs. 5) (Truro LM)

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring**

**Good News to this and every age.**

**Till earth and sky and ocean ring,**

**With joy, with justice, love and praise.**

\*Postlude

*\*Indicates to stand as you are able – for everyone to rise in spirit.*

### Today's Theme

Today we close out our study of Acts. You see why I refer to it as the "Book of Action", because it never stops moving. We see Paul reaching the destination that he was called to, Rome, the capital of the Roman Empire. He is a prisoner, and has been for a number of years. And yet Paul is able to spread the message of Christ "unfettered." We come to understand that the central character in this collection of stories in Acts is not Paul, or Peter, or any of the other disciples. The central character is God. And the word of God is free, living and spreading. It is a fascinating way to end the story.

### Mission Committee update

Both the Sherrard and Orion Food Pantries are in need of personal hygiene supplies. Beulah's Mission Committee has chosen to fill this need as our Summer project. Below is a list of items that will be collected. More items will be purchased by committee members with your cash donations. **Today is the last day to place your donations on the table in the entryway and to make a donation by writing a check payable to "Beulah Mission".**

**Thank you for supporting others from our community.**

*Needed items: Razors for men and women; Deodorant for men and women; Liquid hand soap; Toothpaste; Body wash; Tampons; Kleenex; Dish soap.*

### BEULAH CALENDAR

Sunday	July 27	9:00am	Worship
Sunday	August 3	8:00am	Deacon Meeting
		9:00am	Worship / Communion / Food Pantry Collection / Summer Mission Project

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### This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings:

Hos 11:1-11	Ps 107:1-9, 43	Eccl 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23
Ps 49:1-12	Col 3:1-11	Luke 12:31-21

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### Budget Update (a/o June 30)

2025 Annual Recorded Giving Budget	\$89,904
YTD Budgeted Recorded Giving (End 2nd Qtr)	\$44,952
<u>YTD Actual Recorded Giving (End 2nd Qtr)</u>	<u>\$38,576</u>
<b>YTD Actual to Budget Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 6,376</b>

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### Prayer List

Heather DeHaven	Robert DeVries	Norma Gordon
Martha Green	Cathy Morgan	Dylan Preston
Joe Roberts		

### Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

### Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers

♥ Barbara Anderson  
♥ Louise Green  
♥ Joyce King  
♥ Don Paulsen  
♥ Terry Vincent  
♥ Jackie Williams

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### Community FYI:

- You are invited to a guided walking tour by Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation at Tim Anderson's farm, son of Barbara Anderson, 14315 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, Coal Valley, Sat, August 9, 9am-noon. The tour will begin @ 9:30am. They will dive into hands-on conservation and habitat enhancement. This event is free; with rain date of August 16.
- The Orion VFW Post 143 and American Legion #255 are sponsoring a blood drive on Wed, Aug 20, 3pm-6:30pm at the Legion Hall. The last day to donate elsewhere is June 25. Contact Darrel Muhleman at 309-781-9896 to schedule an appt.

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Be kind to your soul:

Let it shine.

Let it sparkle.

Let it smile!!