

**BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Tara Sides, Liturgist

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

Morning Worship

9:00 a.m.

August 10, 2025

*(Please sign attendance book.)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Draw near to the Lord,  
for the faithful ones need endurance  
to do the will of the Lord,  
and to receive what was promised.

**The One who is coming will not delay;  
the righteous walk by faith.**

**We are not among those who shrink back,  
but among those going forth  
in the hands of the Living God.**

\*Hymn #281, “**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**”

\*Prayer of Confession

When we seek God’s mercy,  
we draw close the mystery of faith:  
love that cannot be undone by our sin.  
Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God  
the truth of our lives:

**Creator God, in Christ You call us  
to step forth in faith.**

**We confess that our eyes are closed,  
our hands are clenched,  
and our feet are planted too firmly.  
We spend our lives holding back.  
We do not follow Your paths,  
or listen for Your guidance.**

**Invite us anew into the journey of faith.  
Help us to live and move and have our being  
in You, the God of Life, known in Jesus Christ.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

The truth of God’s amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
In Christ, the past is finished and gone;  
everything has become fresh and new.  
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 Hebrews 10:31—11:16, pg. 225

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**“Faith: Rising Up and Taking the Risk”**

\*Hymn #412, vs 1, 2 & 3, “**Eternal God Whose Power Upholds**”

\* 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 #108, all 5 verses, “**Christ Is Alive**”

\*Charge / Benediction

\*Congregational Response Hymn #432, “**Song of Hope**”

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

\*Postlude

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



## Return of the “Beulah Open”

It has been 13 years, and it is time to resurrect the “Beulah Open”. No experience is needed and all ages are welcomed!!! Enjoy the time of fellowship and the fun of putt-putt golf. After an exciting and somewhat competitive game of putt-putt, we will enjoy a lunch of pizza or tacos at Happy Joes. Our reigning champions have been holding the title and trophy for quite some time and it is time to challenge the defenders for the title.

Mark your calendars and plan to join in on the fun:

Event: Putt-Putt Golf followed by Lunch  
Date: Sunday, August 24  
Time: Following Worship  
Place: Happy Joes: 320 W First Ave., Coal Valley

## BEULAH CALENDAR

Sunday August 10 9:00am Worship  
Tuesday August 12 6:00pm Bldg & Grounds rescheduled to Aug 19  
6:30pm Session Mtg rescheduled to Aug 19  
Sunday August 17 9:00am Worship

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## This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings:

Isa 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 Jer 23:23-29 Ps 82 Heb 11:29 – 12:2 Luke 12:49-56

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## Summer Mission Project Thank Yous:

- Thank you Beulah Church for your generous donation of hygiene supplies to Orion Area Food Pantry. These are very sought after items. **Our clients appreciate your thoughtfulness.**
- A **BIG** thank you to Beulah Presbyterian church members from the Sherrard Food Pantry. We appreciate your generous and kind contributions. We always treasure your partnership and support.

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## Prayer List

Heather DeHaven  
Martha Green

Robert DeVries  
Cathy Morgan

Norma Gordon  
Dylan Preston

## 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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## Tax Tip – Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70½ or older to donate up to \$108,000 annually from their **traditional IRA directly to a qualified charity**, potentially avoiding income tax on the distribution. This strategy is particularly useful for those who need to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) but don't need the funds for living expenses.

## Key Rules for QCDs:

- **Age:** You must be at least 70½ years old at the time of the distribution.
- **IRA Type:** QCDs can be made from **traditional IRAs, inherited IRAs, and sometimes** simplified employee pension (SEP) or savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLE) IRAs.
- **Direct Transfer:** Funds must go **directly from the IRA custodian to the qualified charity**, not to you first. Request your IRA custodian to send your donation directly to Beulah Church.
- **Eligible Charities:** The charity must be a 501(c)(3) organization that is qualified to receive tax-deductible contributions. **Beulah Church is an eligible charity.**
- **Annual Limit:** The maximum QCD amount is \$108,000 per individual per year, indexed for inflation starting in 2024. For married couples filing jointly, each spouse can make a QCD, potentially totaling \$216,000.
- **Timing:** The QCD must be completed by December 31 of the tax year.
- **RMDs:** QCDs can satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year.
- **No Itemized Deduction:** Unlike traditional charitable donations, **QCDs are not deductible as itemized deductions.**
- **Tax Implications:** QCDs are excluded from your taxable income, potentially lowering your overall tax liability.
- **Record Keeping:** It's crucial to keep records of your QCDs for tax purposes.

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**Community FYI:** 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.