

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor

Jan Passini, Liturgist

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship

9:00 a.m.

August 24, 2025

(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

(Left side of congregation)

Let Israel say: "God's steadfast love endures forever!"

(Right side of the congregation)

Let the house of Aaron say, "God's steadfast love endures forever!"

(All)

**The Lord is my strength and my might;
the Lord is my salvation.**

**Let those who love and honor the Lord say:
"God's steadfast love endures forever!"**

*Hymn #479, "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

*Prayer of Confession

God, You are our heavenly Father and Mother and Creator.

We should honor You, but we lose our focus.

We should seek Your reign,

but we often put our own interests first.

You give us our daily bread, but we confess

we consume more than our share,

and we forget about those left in the hungering dark.

Teach us anew what it means when You forgive us,

that we may forgive those indebted to us.

And deliver us from being caught up in evil's web,

that we may live in Your kingdom and for Your kingdom,

known in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

As the Apostle Paul teaches us, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." The love of God revealed in Jesus

Christ wipes away the past, and makes all things 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, Matthew 6:9-13, pg. 6

Luke 11:2-4, pg. 72

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Rediscovering The Lord's Prayer"

*Hymn #276, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* 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 #589, "Our Father, Which Art in Heaven"

*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.

Refrain: **Praying, let us work for peace,**

singing, share our joy with all,

working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*Postlude

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

Two Different Versions of the Lord's Prayer.

Matthew and Luke spoke with different audiences. They record the Lord's Prayer with important differences. They both have profound messages and insights into what Jesus intends for us in prayer.

Matthew's Version (6: 9-13)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from evil.**

(note: the Protestant's usually follow the Didache's version which includes, "For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever."

Luke's Version (11: 2-4)

**Abba/Father,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.**

Today's Theme

It is truly amazing that this one prayer unites Christians around the globe.

It is a masterpiece of simplicity and complexity, peacefulness and profundity.

And yet, our familiarity with it means it can become rote.

It loses its true power to shake us and transform us.

This week, we take a look at this amazing prayer, given by Jesus to His disciples. And to us.

Return of the "Beulah Open" TODAY– Putt-Putt Golf followed by Lunch!



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. Come join the fun today!

Event: Putt-Putt Golf followed by Lunch

Date: TODAY, Sunday, August 24

Time: Following Worship

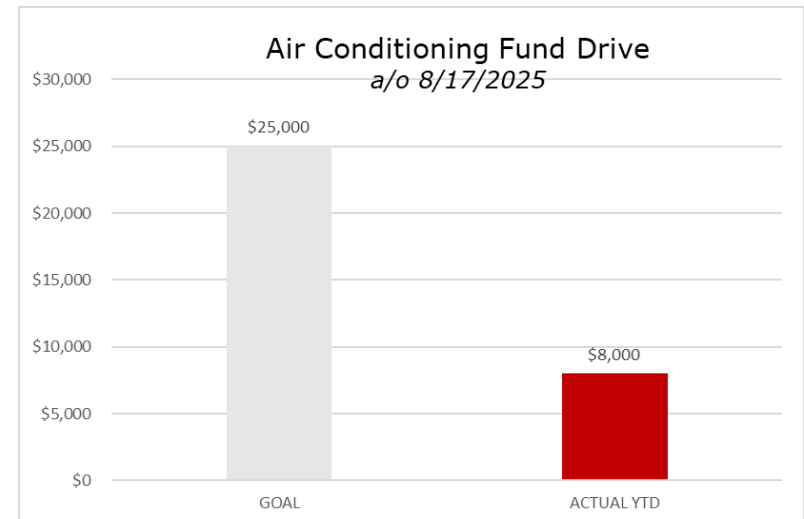
Place: Happy Joes: 320 W First Ave., Coal Valley

From Orion Area Churches Association:

The OACA will be once again be hosting the annual Pie and Ice Cream Tent at the Orion Fall Festival on Friday, Aug 29, at Orion Central Park. Stop by between 5-8pm for a slice of home-made pie and a scoop of Whitey's ice cream. If you are interested in donating a pie to the tent, please contact Wanda Cross. Proceeds from this event help support the Holiday Baskets at the Orion Food Pantry.

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	August 24	9:00am	Worship after Worship Beulah Open @ CV Happy Joe's
Thursday	August 28	11:30am	Lunch @ O Kitchen, Orion
Saturday	August 29	5-8pm	Pie & Ice Cream @ Orion Central Park
Sunday	August 31	9:00am	Worship



This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings:

Jer 2:4-13 Ps 81:1, 10-16 Prov 25:6-7
Ps 112 Heb 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

From the Mission Committee:

Thank you to all who helped with this summer's mission project.
With your contributions and committee funds, we were able to donate over \$500
worth of personal hygiene items to the Orion and Sherrard Food Pantries.
Your generosity once again shines brightly in our community
and demonstrates how God instructs us to care for others.

Prayer List

Heather DeHaven	Robert DeVries	Norma Gordon
Martha Green	Cathy Morgan	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

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.