

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor
Tara Sides, Liturgist
Gail Tutt, Worship Music Leader

5th Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
(Please sign attendance book.)

May 3, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

*Hymn #478, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

* Confession of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

**God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

God is faithful still.

*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

Scripture Reading **Revelation 4 - 5:14**, pg. 247

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “A Brief Visit to the Center of the Universe”

*Hymn #151, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Sacrament of Communion

* 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 #138, “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

*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.*

Welcoming Our New Worship Music Leader: Gail Tutt

It is a true joy to welcome Gail Tutt to our music ministry.

Gail comes to us with an incredible legacy of service, bringing more than 50 years of experience leading music in worship. Having begun her journey as a church musician at a young age, she has since supported diverse congregations across many Christian traditions as an organist, pianist, and choir director.

Gail's heart for ministry is evident in her passion for selecting and playing music that reflects Holy Scripture and deepens the message of every service. She is particularly dedicated to encouraging the voices of the congregation to rise in song. Since January 2025, Gail has been serving our sister church in Coal Valley, and we are now so pleased to have her share her remarkable gifts with us. Please join us in welcoming Gail and her husband, Steve (who is also musically talented!).

- **Celebration:** Join us for a reception with refreshments immediately following the service to meet Gail and Steve!

On Saying Farewell to Our Old Organ

The Beulah sanctuary was dedicated in 1969. The organ was installed and dedicated at that time. At this point, the organ has had a series of musical disasters due to parts breaking. We have learned that replacement parts are no longer available. This organ has been like a wonderful friend to us for decades. Today we say goodbye to this old friend, as it will be retired this week. Next week, we and our new organist will be blessed with the sounds of a much newer organ. We hope you enjoy our final hymns and sacred music today as we say goodbye to the many blessings of this wonderful musical instrument.

Notes from the Pastor:

In the book of Revelation, before the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, before the dragon, before the Beast crawls up from the fiery pit, there is a crucial passage. That passage is when John is taken up for a brief visit to heaven. It is a vision that helps him see what is at the center of the universe. To our eyes, you may see that God organized heaven like a Presbyterian. Why all those crowns? Why all that repetition about the word, "throne?" What does the Lion of David look like? And why is music so important in worship? It is a kaleidoscopic vision. This vision is a blessing for the church — to give strength, courage, and hope for those facing anything that crawls out of the Pit of despair. So we begin our vision with a journey to the throne of God, and thank God for the courage to face the rest of the journey.


New Members

Beulah thrives through the strength of its members. If you are ready to take the next step in your spiritual journey by joining the church, please talk with Dr. McDonald or call him at 402-480-3786.

We will be welcoming a new member group in the near future.

Upcoming Events & Special Sundays

(Note: Subject to Change)

- **May 17 | Hosta Mania:** Bring a plant, take a plant! Talk to Donna Metzler for more information on our plant exchange. 
- **May 24 | Day of Pentecost:** Remember to wear red as we celebrate the birth of the church!
- **May 31 | Giving Focus & Catered Lunch:** Join us after worship for a meal and a 45-minute presentation by the QC Community Foundation on the Beulah Endowment and estate planning. Sign-ups start May 3.

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	May 3	8:00am	Deacon Meeting
		9:00am	Worship / Communion / Food
			Pantry Collection

Adalynn's Graduation Open House

Hope you can join us as we celebrate on Saturday, May 16, from 5:00-8:00pm at Beulah. Food and dessert will be served.

Bridal Shower

All the ladies of Beulah are invited to a bridal shower honoring Jennie Abbott and Lucas Althaus!!! Join us on Saturday, June 13 at 11:00am for food, fun and fellowship. Help us celebrate the happy couple!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Jennie and Lucas are registered at Target and Farm & Fleet.

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/thealthauses>

<https://www.farmandfleet.com/gift-registry/view-list/40965/408B83C3F2596989151FDBFBD0A0C2504D0EF116/>

It's graduation time! Do you know of a graduate, which you'd like to share with us from any level: junior high, high school, technical college, college, graduate degree? Please inform us so we can recognize the graduate and celebrate this achievement.

Please email Nancy, nroberts822@gmail.com

The deadline for the upcoming **newsletter** is May 13 @ noon.
Please email your article(s) to Nancy @ nroberts822@gmail.com.

2026 Annual Per Capita Presbytery Fee

In 2026, our congregation supports the wider Presbytery through a “Per Capita” contribution of **\$39.00 per member**. When you cover this cost individually, it allows more of our general offerings to stay right here at Beulah for our local budget.

Note. This is a separate contribution and is not included in your 2026 pledge.

This week’s Home Study Lectionary Readings

Acts 17:22-31 Ps 66:8-20 or Ezek 34:1-7a Ps 115
1 Pet 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Prayer List

Lindsey Breiby	Rich Cox	Heather DeHaven
Robert DeVries	Dylan Preston	Louise Green
Martha Green	Donna Pinger	

- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

Communion Fellowship: Recent & Upcoming

It has been a joy to gather at the Table together this year. We’ve seen our community grow with each passing month:

- **Feb 01:** 4th Sunday after Epiphany – 50 served
- **Mar 01:** 2nd Sunday of Lent – 52 served
- **Apr 05:** Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day – 82 served

Join us for our next Communion Sundays:

- **June 7** (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)
- **July 5** (6th Sunday after Pentecost)

Our Impact is Growing for One Great Hour of Sharing!

- **A Heartfelt Thank You:** Because of your generosity, we raised \$2,062 for this year’s One Great Hour of Sharing.
- **The Trend:** Look how far we’ve come! Our giving has grown every year since 2019 (\$397), more than quintupling our initial outreach impact.