

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor
Carla Zwicker, Liturgist
Gail Tutt, Worship Music Leader

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. July 19, 2026

Prelude Instrumental

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather with joy and thanksgiving!
The voice of God is calling us.

**We come not by our own righteousness,
but welcomed by God's grace.
For the Lord is good. God's steadfast, loyal love endures
forever!**

The Love of the Lord pursues us in our wanderings.
The faithfulness of the Lord reaches to the heavens.

**Let all who have known the grace of God declare it.
Let all who have tasted God's kindness rejoice!**

*Hymn # 487, **"When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

*Prayer of Confession **Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your steadfast love and mercy.
Wash me thoroughly from my wrongdoing,
and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
You are justified when You pass judgment.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners will return to You.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News of God's covenant promise:
God's grace is not driven by our performance,
nor is it broken by our failures.

As the life of Christ shows forth, God's fierce and loyal love has
crossed every divide to reclaim us.

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 Instrumental

*Doxology #592

**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 **Luke 18:9-14**, pg. 81

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Curing the Comparison Trap"

*Hymn # 306, **"Fairest Lord Jesus"**

*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 # 391 - vs. 1, 2, 3, 6, **"Take My Life"**

*Charge / Benediction

*Congregational Response # 368, vs. 3, **"I've Got Peace Like a River"**

Postlude Instrumental

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

Welcome to Beulah!

Christ calls us into community, so we are glad to be with you today. Everyone is invited to have refreshments, which are in the Narthex right outside of the sanctuary. Stay for as little or as long as you like, but let someone know you are glad they are here! If you are interested in bringing goodies to share, the sign-up book is by the sanctuary door. This week, a special thank you to our hostesses "The McDonalds".

Sermon Notes:

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector is a wonderful story that helps us take a good look at ourselves. It is a story that evokes other stories. It makes us wonder: Which story am I living in?

Sunday, August 2 | Installation of Officers during Worship.

Organ Dedication Events

Event 1 on June 28 was amazing!

Hope you'll be able to attend Event 2 on September 20!

Event 2 – September 20 at 6:30 pm.

- **Organist:** Chon Wherry
- **Pianist:** Laura Crumbleholme

Event 3 – January 24, 2027 at 3:00 pm.

- **Organist:** Gail Tutt

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	July 19	9:00am	Worship
Thursday	July 23	11:30am	Lunch @ O'Kitchen
Friday	July 24	6:00pm	Nashville Revival Gospel Group @ Orion Methodist Activity Center
Saturday	July 25	4:30-7pm	Pork Chop Dinner @ 1 st Presb, CV
Sunday	July 26	9:00am	Worship

Prayer List

Lindsey Breiby	Joyce Floyd Briggs	Rich Cox
Robert DeVries	Norma Gordon	Martha Green
Bill Pinger	Donna Pinger	Dylan Preston

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

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Gen 29:15-28 Ps 105:1-11, 45b or Ps 128
1 Kings 3:5-12 Ps 119:129-136 Rom 8:26-39 Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

The Orion Area Churches Association are sponsoring monthly "Gather-n-Grill" events on the 3rd Saturday of each month this summer. The free meals will be served starting at 5pm at Orion Central Park. Please come and break bread with your fellow church and community members.

Gather-n-Grill @ 5pm at Orion Central Park

August 15 (hosted by Beulah Church and Augustana Lutheran Church)

Nashville Group Coming to Orion – July 24

The Orion Area Churches Association is proud to announce that Ernie Couch & Revival gospel group will be coming to Orion for a special performance on Friday, July 24, at 6pm at the Orion Methodist Activity Center in Orion. Admission is Free. For more information about this group, copies of the announcement are in the back of church.

First Presbyterian Coal Valley invites us to their

Pork Chop Dinner, Saturday, July 25, 4:30-7pm

Menu: Pork chop sandwich, hot dog, potato salad, applesauce, baked beans, dessert & beverage. Take outs available.

Adults \$10 Children 5-12 yrs \$5 Children under 5 free

Graveside service for Joyce King

is planned for Saturday, August 1, 11am, Western Township Cemetery.

You Are Invited to an EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for EMMA HOKE

on Saturday, August 8, 2026 from 1pm–4pm
for dessert and beverages at Beulah's Fellowship Hall.
No gifts please, but your presence is the BEST GIFT.

Mission Project for July / August

The Third Place Quad Cities-Drop in Center for the Homeless

Donations that are needed:

Towels and Washcloths	Clothing and Shoes
Book Bags	Snacks
Sleeping Bags	Water
Hygiene Products	Tents
Cleaning Supplies	Rain Ponchos
Blankets	Baseball Caps
First aid Kits	

Cash or Check donations will be used to purchase tents (Please make check out to "Beulah Mission".)

Organ Donation?

What a joy it was to gather together on June 28 for our first Organ Dedication. Listening to the descriptive narratives and hearing how each unique feature, sound, and beautiful texture of the instrument came alive through the music was truly an unforgettable experience. The new organ has already deeply enriched our worship and brought a beautiful new dimension to our musical praise.

To make this wonderful upgrade possible, we utilized approximately \$20,000 from our church's Memorial Fund to complete the purchase. This fund holds a special place in our church, allowing us to honor loved ones by sustaining the long-term life and beauty of our church.

If the improved musical experience has touched your heart during worship, we kindly invite you to consider a special financial gift to help replenish our Memorial Fund. We are not planning a formal fund drive or tracking a specific goal periodically. Instead, we are simply providing a space for those who feel moved by this beautiful addition to give as they are able.

Because our ministries rely on your steady support, we ask that any gift toward this effort be over and above your 2026 church pledge.

Thank you for your continued openness, your presence, and your generosity in keeping our shared home and worship beautiful. (***Note: Specify “Organ Fund”***

in the check memo field or on an envelope for cash donations. This is a separate contribution and is not included in your 2026 pledge.)

Blessings,

Beulah Session