

BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, Pastor
Jan Passini, Liturgist
Ellen Cooke, Worship Music Leader

2nd Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. April 12, 2026
(Please sign attendance book.)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Psalm 118**

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn #288, **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

*Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God’s gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

The scriptures teach: “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the Good News that God raised him from the dead.

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri

Team Jesus

Offering / Offertory Music **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

*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, **John 20:19-31**, pg. 115

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“Faithful Skepticism”** Rev. Ann Schwartz

*Hymn #118, **“The Day of Resurrection!”**

* 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 #302, **“I Danced in the Morning”**

*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.*

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 Fellowship Hall after worship.

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 some food to share, the sign-up book is by the sanctuary door.

We welcome Rev. Ann Schwartz, as she is in the Pulpit today!

Beulah is fortunate to have Rev. Ann Schwartz preach this morning.

Who is Rev. Ann Schwartz?

She is the Lead Presbyter of the Presbytery of Great Rivers, a position she has held since June 2023. When she came to Presbytery of Great Rivers, she had over 24 years of ministry experience within the Synod of Lincoln Trails, having previously served as Pastor/Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church in Danville, Illinois. Rev. Ann Schwartz has announced her resignation, effective June 1, 2026, to retire. She has been a great leader for the Presbytery of Great Rivers, so we need to welcome her and thank her for the many years of dedicated service. Beulah is one of 82 congregations in the Presbytery of Great Rivers.

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.

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

If you would like to bring cookies or such to share at **Post Worship Fellowship** in the Narthex after Worship, there is a sign-up book in the Narthex or talk to Bill or Donna Metzler. You do not need to provide juice, coffee, napkins or anything else, Worship takes care of those items.

If you are interested in being a Liturgist at worship, contact any of the following: Donna Metzler, Bill Metzler, Tim Fritz, Cecil Ward, or Dennis Morgan.

Easter Lilies - Thank you to those who have given lilies in memory of loved ones.

Donor:

- Dennis Morgan
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- Tim & Lynn Fritz
- Roger Mixer
- Deb McBride
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- Bill & Donna Metzler
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- Jim & Carla Zwicker
- Jon & Wanda Cross

In Whose Memory:

- Cathy Morgan
- Betty & Duane Morgan
- Loved Ones
- Sherrill Mixer
- Bill McBride & Baby Larry
- Betty & Duane Morgan
- Cathy Morgan
- Loved Ones
- Loved Ones
- Maynard & Dorothy Zwicker
- Loved Ones

Beulah Calendar

Sunday	April 12	8:00am	Deacon Meeting
		9:00am	Worship
Tuesday	April 14	6:00pm	Building & Grounds Meeting
		6:30pm	Session
Sunday	April 19	9:00am	Worship

Prayer List

- Heather DeHaven
- Dylan Preston
- Robert DeVries
- Martha Green

Missionary relatives and friends of our church family

Ted & Kim Treadway in Guatemala.

Please Remember These Members in Your Prayers

- ♥ Louise Green, Avonlea Cottage
- ♥ Joyce King
- ♥ Don Paulsen
- ♥ Terry Vincent
- ♥ Jackie Williams

2026 Annual Per Capita Presbytery Fee

Each year the Presbytery assesses the church a fee per member. For 2026, the Per Capita Fee is \$39.00. The church pays the Presbytery this fee based on the number of members. We are requesting each member to add \$39.00 to their church giving to cover this cost. *(This amount is not included in your 2026 Pledge.)*

This week's Home Study Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 116;1-4, 12-19 or Isa 51:1-6

Ps 34:1-10 Pet 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

Hosta Mania Trade Day - May 17!!



Bring your hostas to church on May 17.
It'll be fun to see how many different
varieties of hostas will be on display
for trade!!