

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • April 20, 2025

*Welcome! We're glad you're here!
Please join us in praise and prayer.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "Christ Arose"
- * "He Lives"
- * "Our God Reigns"

Our Adoration of God

Ministry of Music - "The Power of the Cross"
by the Forreston Grove Praise Team

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings - "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
*We give Thee but Thine own, What e're the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust oh Lord from Thee.*

* **Hymn #295, vs. 1-3** - "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

God's Word Today - Lyle Greenfield
Luke 24:1-12 — "The Cross to the Empty Tomb"

* **Hymn #289** - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

* Benediction

* **Response** - Chorus of "Because He Lives"
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

Welcome, visitors!

We extend a sincere welcome to our visitors. It's a privilege to have you with us. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in the morning offering. For those who wish to place an offering, offering plates are available throughout the service at the back of the sanctuary.

Easter offering for World Relief

A special offering will be collected during the worship service this morning to benefit World Relief. Checks can be made payable to Forreston Grove and designated on the memo line to World Relief. For more information on World Relief, visit www.worldrelief.org.

Easter plant pickup is today

If you signed up for a plant to decorate the sanctuary this Easter season, the cost is \$15, due to Jan Greenfield. Plants can be taken home following this morning's worship service.

Mens' monthly study continues next Sunday

The men's book study of "How a Husband Speaks" by R.G. Frederick, will meet this month the Sunday after Easter, on April 27th, at 6 p.m. Contact Matt Williams for more information!

Summer camp scholarships available

Forreston Grove is offering \$215 scholarships for any youth who would like to attend Rock River Christian Camp, Walcamp, Camp Timber-Lee, or PCA Cono Camp this summer. Flyers are available in the narthex, and applications are due May 15th.

Walk for Life is May 3rd

Lifeline Coalition's annual Walk for Life will take place at Krape Park on Saturday, May 3rd at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Women's "Made for More" conference is May 2-3

All ladies are invited to attend the PCA's "Made for More" conference May 2-3 in Naperville, Illinois. This conference will remind participants of their purpose, value, mission, hope, and belonging in a culture of "not-enoughness." This conference is open to all ladies 3rd grade and up. To join a group from Forreston Grove, contact Emily Williams.

* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.
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Spring work day at Rock River Christian Camp is May 10th

Rock River Christian Camp is looking for volunteers to help clean up the camp and get it ready for the summer season! Their spring work day will take place on Saturday, May 10th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jobs will include organizing, cleaning, splitting wood, and cleaning up the grounds. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., and lunch at noon. RSVP at www.rockrivercc.com.

Rock River Christian Camp seeks volunteers to mow

Rock River Christian Camp is seeking willing volunteers to mow at the camp starting May through the fall months. It takes about 20 hours to mow all of the camp property each week, so volunteers are appreciated! You can choose to help one week or several weeks. Days and hours are flexible and weather-dependent. You must know how to drive a zero-turn mower, or be willing to learn, and undergo a background check if you are 18 or older. Contact Kelli Gunderson for a link to the online signup.

For congregational needs, contact...

Lee Eclov 847-302-6853 Elders: Lyle Greenfield 815-266-4143,
Butch DeVries, Brian Duncan, Tim Greenfield, Rob Gunderson, Matt Williams

	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
<i>April 20</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Jan Greenfield</i>	<i>Rob & Kelli</i>
<i>April 27</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Jan Greenfield</i>	<i>Diane & Lauri</i>
<i>May 4</i>	<i>Rick Britton</i>	<i>Sandy Williams</i>	<i>Brittan & Makayla</i>
<i>May 11</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Sandy Williams</i>	<i>Deb</i>

Please contact Kelli Gunderson with announcements or other items to be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Kelli can be reached at forrestongrove@gmail.com or at 815-821-5905.

Prayer Concerns

· **Church matters:**

- Pray that Forreston Grove would overflow with love for God, one another, and our community.
- Pray that we would live beautiful, worthy lives.
- Pray that we would strive to glorify God in all we do, think, & say.
- Pray that the Session would faithfully lead, shepherd, & defend the flock.
- Pray that the deacons & trustees would diligently care for the physical needs of the church.
- Pray that we would be devoted to prayer and reading God's Word.
- Pray that we would—both individually and as one body—joyfully share the good news of Jesus Christ with all who will hear.

· **Ongoing concerns:**

- Tom Virtue (pray for strength and health as he undergoes chemotherapy)
- Thelma Meeks (pray for strength)
- John & Shirley Iben (pray for provision, strength, and peace)
- Loran Greenfield (pray for strength and improved mobility)

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Steve Greenfield

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Don & Norene Greenfield

Arlene Williams

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