

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day • 10:30 a.m. • May 4, 2025

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- * "Come, People of the Risen King"
- * "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
 - * "How Great is Our God"

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

- * **Hymn #337** - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Heidelberg Catechism (see insert)

Prayer of Oversight

Tithes and Offerings - "Lord of All Good"

*Lord of all good, we bring our gifts to You;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be;
That our whole life is offered to Your will.*

- * **Hymn #486** - "Open My Eyes That I May See"

God's Word Today - Rick Britton

Luke 24:13-35 - "The Road to Emmaus: A Journey of Grace"

- * **Hymn #29** - "Wonderful Words of Life"

* Benediction

- * **Response** - "Now Unto the King Eternal"

*Now unto the king eternal, immortal, invisible, The only wise God,
Be glory and honor forever and ever, amen, amen.
Be glory and honor forever and ever, amen.*

* Indicates congregation will stand, for those who are able.
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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.

We welcome Rick Britton to the pulpit this morning. Rick served as pastor of Forreton Grove from 1992 to 1997, and recently retired from Viad Corporation. Rick and his wife, Barb, live in Brookfield, Wisconsin. They're active at Brookfield Christian Reformed Church, where Rick has served as an elder and taught adult education. Rick regularly fills pulpit at a number of churches in Wisconsin. Barb continues her writing career and is published with Pelican Book Group. Rick & Barb have two grown sons, Richard and Harry.

May newsletter available

The church's May newsletter is now available in the narthex. It includes a church calendar and letters from missionaries. Please pick one up at your convenience!

Ladies' monthly study continues next Sunday

The ladies' study focusing on the book "How a Wife Speaks," by Selena Frederick, will continue Sunday, May 11th at 6 p.m. in the fireplace room. Contact Emily Williams for more information!

Summer camp scholarship applications due May 15th

Forreton 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.

Graduate information sought, recognition will be May 18th

Eighth graders, high school seniors, and college seniors, please submit your name, school, degree, area of study, and senior photo (for high school seniors only) to Kelli Gunderson by Thursday, May 15th. All of our graduates will be recognized during the Sunday morning worship service on May 18th!

No outdoor services this summer at Forreton Grove

In place of outdoor services this summer at Forreton Grove, worship services will be indoors beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the following holiday weekends: May 25th, July 6th, and August 31st. There will be no Sunday School these Sundays. Please mark your calendars accordingly!

(announcements continued on back...)

Community worship set for August 3rd

There will be no worship services at Forreton Grove on Sunday morning, August 3rd. Instead, all are encouraged to attend the community worship service to be held at Memorial Park at 9:30 a.m.

Forreton VBS set for July 7th-11th

Forreton Community Vacation Bible School has been set for July 7th–11th at Forreton Reformed Church, likely in the evening. All children ages 5 to 12 are welcome, with younger children allowed if accompanied by a parent. If you're willing to volunteer or donate, contact Cherie at the First United Methodist Church at 815-938-2380.

Spring work day at Rock River Christian Camp is this Saturday

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 this 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 now through the Fall months. 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>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>
<i>May 18</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Sandy Williams</i>	<i>Riley & Tia</i>
<i>May 25</i>	<i>Lyle Greenfield</i>	<i>Sandy Williams</i>	<i>Daryl & Erika</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.



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*"To know Christ and
to make Him known."*

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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)

· **Our featured missionary:** Remember Chris & Heather Shepherd as Chris finishes up his schooling and will be graduating in May. Pray for wisdom and guidance as Chris transitions into seeking ministry opportunities, and for Heather and the boys as the boys adjust to a new school.

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