

Historic White Marsh Church

September 13, 2026

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 21 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Announcements

Hymn ~ 633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

Prayer & Praise

Scripture Reading John 8:31-36 Pat Larsen

Hymn ~ 343 Amazing Grace

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Sermon: "The Truth Will Set You Free" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 571 Trust and Obey

Benediction & Postlude

Visitors:

Welcome to our church! Please complete the visitor card at your pew, then either give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the wooden offering box on the table at the church entrance.

The Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:31-9:41

Big Idea:

Jesus, the Light of the World, sets us free by opening our eyes to the truth about Him.

1. Truth Confronts False Security — John 8:31–59

True freedom is not found in our circumstances or in doing whatever we please. As we abide in Christ and His Word, we discover that only the Son can free us from the bondage of sin.

2. The Light Opens Blind Eyes — John 9:1–34

Jesus sees the person others overlook and brings light into darkness. As we trust and follow Him, He opens our spiritual eyes so that we can see Him more clearly.

3. True Freedom Leads to Worship — John 9:35–41

The man's journey moves from physical sight to spiritual sight and finally to faith and worship. When we truly recognize Jesus for who He is, our response is: **"Lord, I believe."**

Take This Truth Home:

True freedom begins when our eyes are opened to see Jesus for who He truly is, and our hearts respond in faith and worship.

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus says, **"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"** (John 8:36). How is the freedom Jesus offers different from the way our culture usually defines freedom?
2. The man born blind obeyed Jesus before he could see what Jesus was doing. **Where might God be asking you to trust Him even though you cannot yet see the outcome?**
3. The healed man's understanding of Jesus grew from **"the man called Jesus,"** to **"a prophet,"** to recognizing that He was **"from God,"** and finally to **"Lord, I believe."** What has helped you see Jesus more clearly as you have grown in your faith?
4. The blind man recognized his need, while the Pharisees were confident that they could already see. **What can keep us from recognizing areas of spiritual blindness in our own lives, and how can we remain open to what Christ wants to show us?**

Announcements - September 13, 2026

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m.

HWMC Movie Night - Come join us for the next movie on the **Third Thursday, September 17**, at 6:00 p.m.

Church of Deliverance invites Historic White Marsh Church to celebrate the church's anniversary service celebration next Sunday, September 20. Dinner will be at 1:00 p.m., followed by the service at 2:00 p.m.

The Lancaster Community Library Bookmobile will visit our church on **Thursday, September 24**, from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 27, for **Brenda's Shoebox Packing Birthday Bash** following the service. Pizza to be provided!

Please consider supporting the Shoebox Ministry. You can use the QR Code to purchase items.



September Celebrations

Anniversaries

Heath and Cassie Torgerson - September 18

Tap and Anna Lee Haynie - September 18

Melinda May - September 29

Birthdays

Cristina Powell - September 14

Iver Torgerson - September 16

Dave Larsen - September 18

Brenda Hall - September 28

Joe Powell - September 29

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