### Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

September 28, 2025

**Worship Theme** 

Our Freedom from Sin in Christ

Pastor Brian Roloff



# OPENING HYMN: #517 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (vs. 1-3)

V1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light; praise the one who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight. Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the Father's word of peace.

V2. Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word; praise the one who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand; from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

V3. Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done; let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the one who makes us one.

Please stand

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### LITANY OF TRUTH

(select verses from Psalm 25 & 19)

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

C: Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- P: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,
- C: but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

- P: Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;
- C: guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

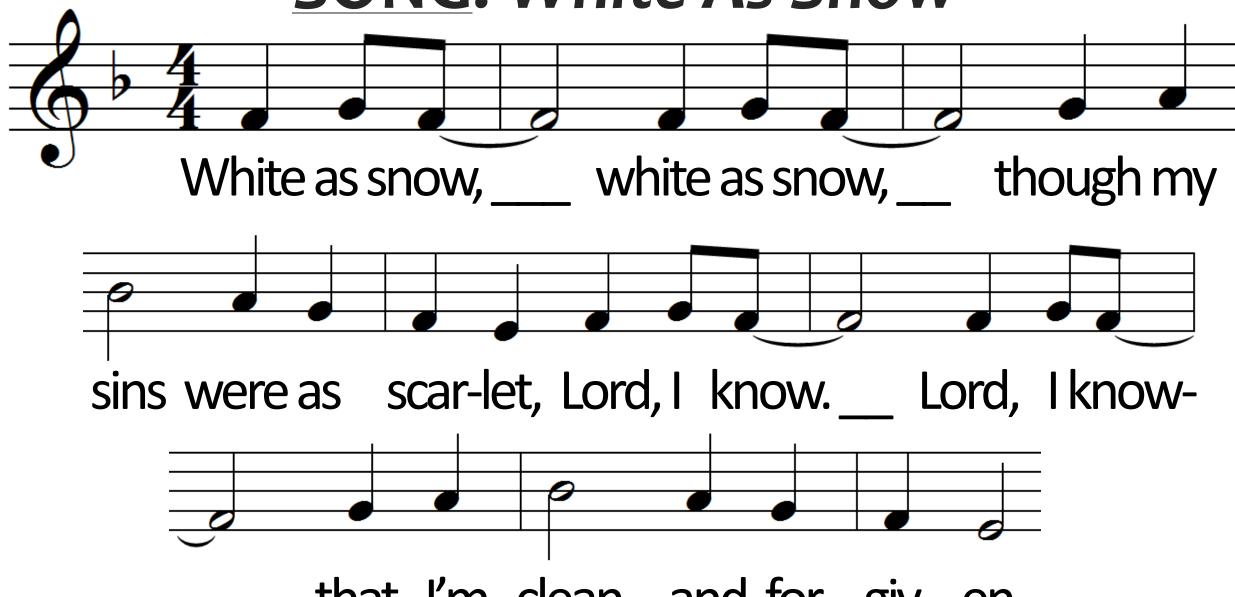
- P: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
- C: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

- P: Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
- C: Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

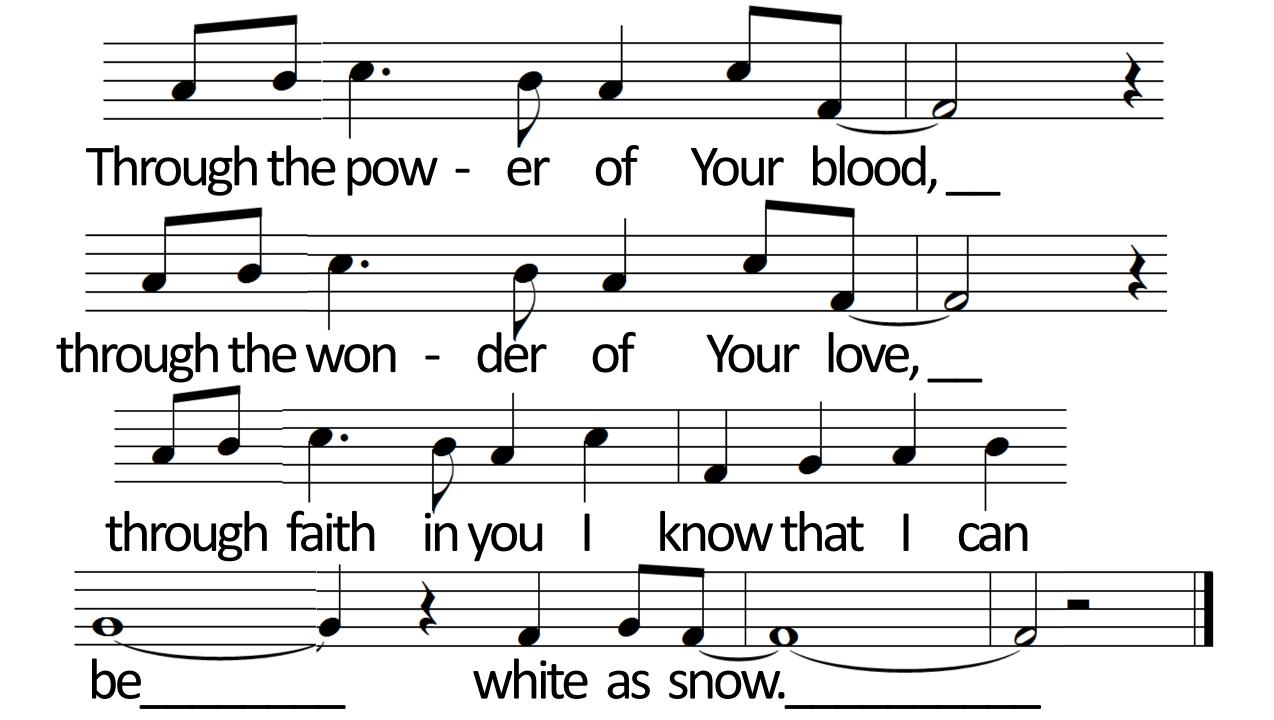
- P: Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
- C: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

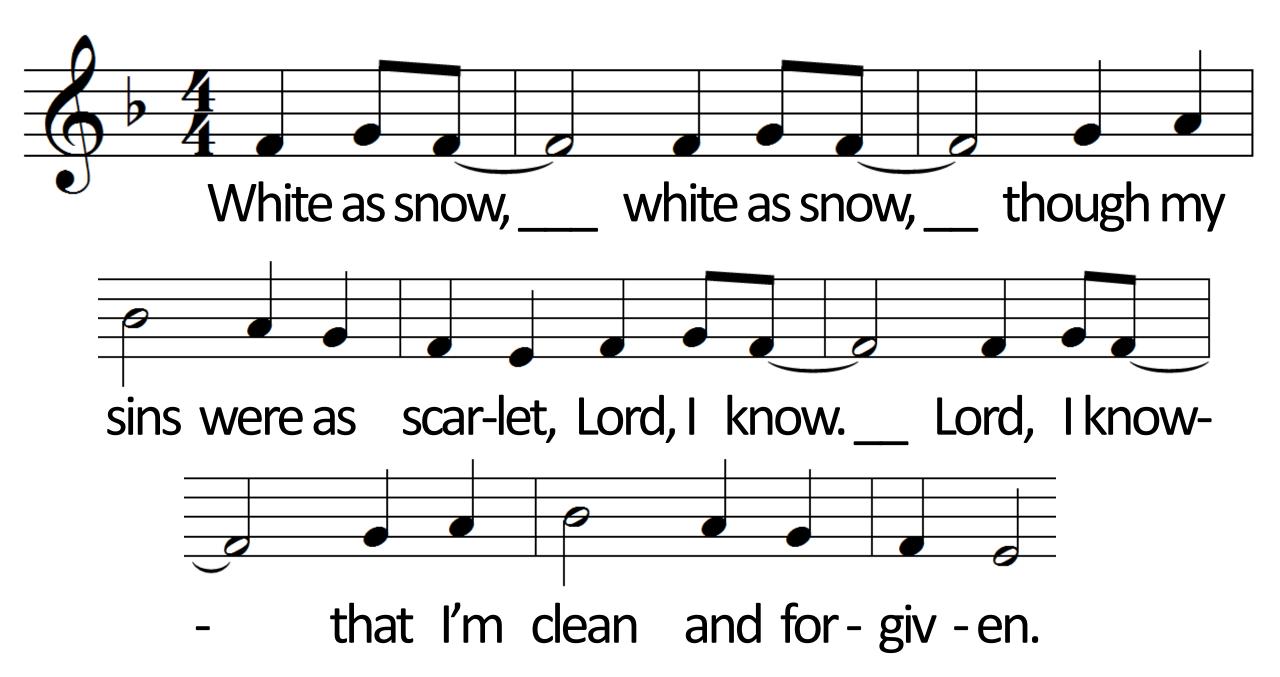
P: Through the sacrifice of Jesus, God's Son, you are forgiven, saved, and set free from sin and guilt! Let us gladly confess our redemption in song:

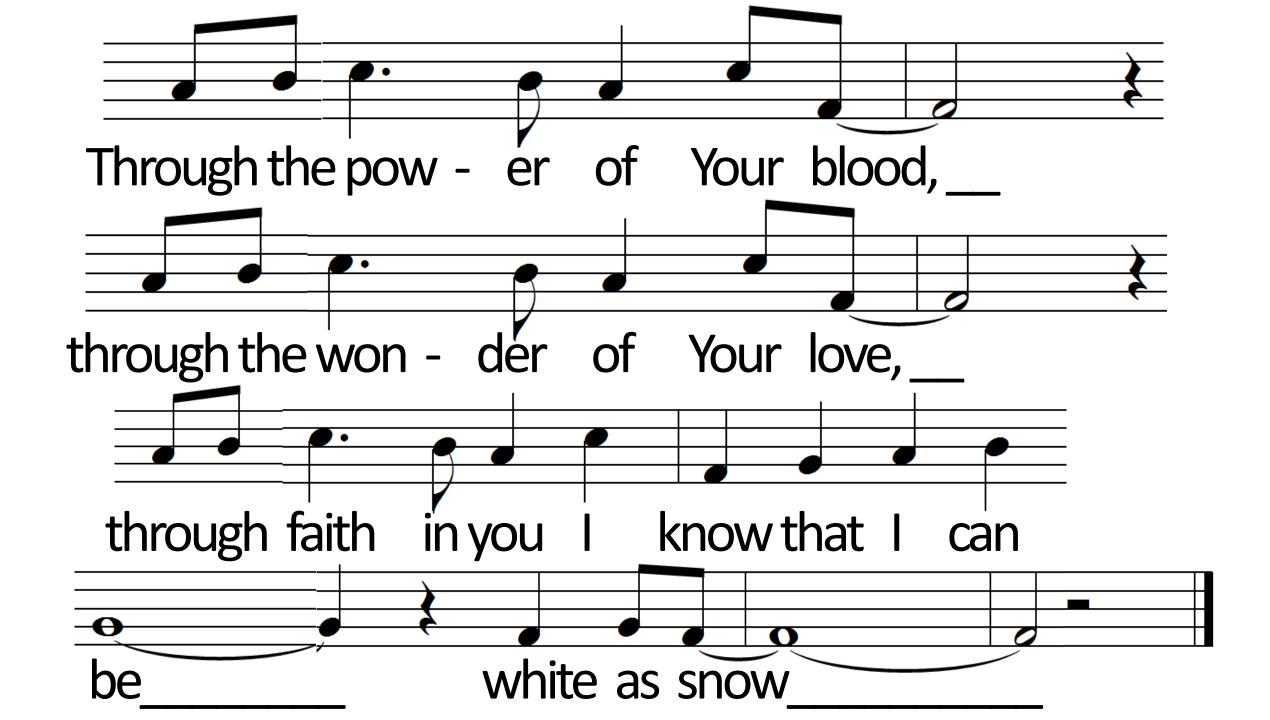
#### SONG: White As Snow



- that I'm clean and for - giv - en.







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P:Lord Jesus Christ, when I was enslaved in sin and bound by the shackles of unbelief, you adopted me into the household of God and freed me from my chains to serve you and your heavenly Father in peace and joy.

P: All praise and glory that my heart, lips, and life can render be yours now and forever.

C: Amen.





FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-6

Stewardship

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

- Aliens will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
- And you will be called priests of the LORD, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.





SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1-6

Stewardship

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried....

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



## SERMON HYMN: #527 I Will Sing of My Redeemer (Choir V.1 Cong. V. 2-3)

I will sing of my Redeemer, V1. and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me. On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

V2. I will tell the wondrous story, How, my lost estate to save, in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me. On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

V3. I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell, how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with his blood, he purchased me. On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.





**SERMON READING:** 

John 8:31-36

Stewardship

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."











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"If you hold to my teaching... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

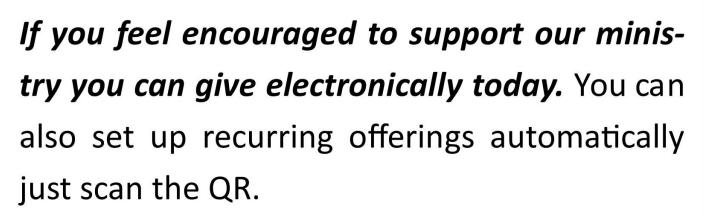




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Please stand

#### RESPONSIVE OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God, all that we have comes from you:

C: Our bodies and minds, our energy and intelligence, our time and abilities, our health and possessions and wealth.

- P: Move our hearts to respond to your love by joyfully returning a generous portion of what you have given to us for the work of your kingdom.
- C: We place our gifts into your hands, trusting you to bless and direct for our eternal good. Amen.



# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Stewardship LEGACY

### LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### C: Amen.

Please be seated

## CLOSING HYMN: #563 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1-4)

V1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare to make no other claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

V2.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

V3.

His oath, his covenant and blood support me in the raging flood; when ev'ry earthly prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

V4.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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## 2025

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- † Choir
- **†** AV Team
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