

***Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way***

September 6, 2015

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146 (2)

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37



“He Does All Things Well!” Object: A soccer ball, music book, painting, any objects that represents activities that a person might do well.

I have several different objects with me this morning. One of the things I brought is a soccer ball. How many of you would say you are a really good soccer player? Well, some of us may be very good soccer players, but some of us may not play very well at all.

Isn't this a beautiful painting? How many of you think you could paint a picture just as beautiful as this one? I wish that I could paint a picture as beautiful as this one, but I can't. The truth is, I really don't paint very well at all.

This is a music book. I hope you enjoy music. How many of you would say that you are a really good singer? Now, there may be some things that I can't do well, but that is one thing I think I can do pretty well.

All of us have some things that we can do very well, but none of us can do everything well, can we? I only know one person that does everything well. You probably know who that person is. His name is Jesus!

One day some people brought a man to Jesus who could not hear and could hardly talk. The people begged Jesus to heal their friend. The Bible tells us that Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears and touched his tongue. Then he called out, "Be opened!" As soon as Jesus spoke these words, the man's ears were opened and he could hear -- his tongue was loosed and he could speak. The people were amazed and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Then Jesus did something unusual, he told the people not to tell anyone what they had seen him do. Do you think they followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about this man who did everything well.

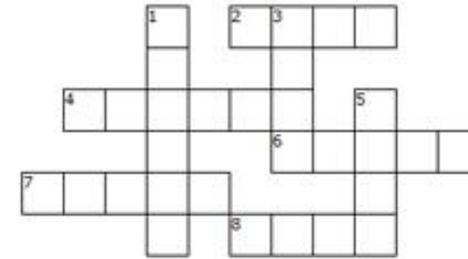
Jesus has done many great and wonderful things for you and me, but he didn't tell us not to tell anyone. In fact, he told us to tell everyone. Have you told anyone?

Dear Jesus, you do all things well. We thank you for all that you do for us each and every day. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia (Phil. 4:4)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. Unable to hear
- 4. One of the long, thin parts of the hand that bend and hold things
- 6. To use the voice to say words or converse with someone
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. To make healthy again

DOWN

- 1. The fleshy part inside the mouth used in tasting and in speech
- 3. The two organs in the head by which people or animals hear sounds
- 5. To say or to give information to someone; to report

HEAL	DEAF	SPEAK	TELL
JESUS	FINGER	TONGUE	EARS

PAINTING PARADISE: The teacher can tape a piece of construction paper on a wall - one for each child in the class. Tell children they can take 2 minutes until the buzzer rings, to paint whatever picture they'd like to paint. Children will enjoy seeing what others have painted.

SIGN GAME: Divide the children into two teams and let each team pick a slip of paper out of the teacher's basket that will have an item that one team can "sign" for the other team until they say the right answer. Continue to play with each team as time allows. Ideas for the teacher to write on the slips for ideas for the children such as - tree, boat, elephant, frog, fish, flower, mother, baby, or words from our lesson today, etc.

JESUS HEALS A DEAF MAN

MARK 7:31-37



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