

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

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*I Samuel 16:1-13*

*Psalms 23*

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

*John 9:1-41*



**Here's Mud in Your Eye!** Object: A premade mud pie.

Have you ever made a mud pie? All you need is some dirt, water, and a pie pan. When you have finished, the mud pie is put out in the hot sun to bake. One thing I should tell you is that you never eat your mud pie. They are just fun to make!

Making mud pies is one great thing you can do with mud, but in our Bible story today, Jesus does something even more wonderful with a little mud. Listen, and I think you will agree.

Jesus was walking with his disciples when they saw a man who had been blind since birth. The disciples thought that man was blind because he or his parents had sinned, but Jesus told them, "It is not because of his sins or his parents' sins. This happened so that the power of God could be seen in his life." Then Jesus knelt down, spit on the ground, and stirred up some mud. He took the mud and put it on the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Now, go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam." The man went and washed the mud from his eyes and when he came back, he could see!

Now, you would think that everyone would think that it was wonderful that the blind man could see, but the Pharisees weren't. Do you know why? It was because Jesus healed the blind man on the Sabbath. The Pharisees thought that was a sin to do anything on the Sabbath -- even if it was to help someone in need. You see, they were more concerned with keeping their religious laws than they were with helping people. When the Pharisees asked the man how he had been healed, he told them that Jesus had healed him. They became angry and said to him, "God should get the glory for this -- we know this man Jesus is a sinner."

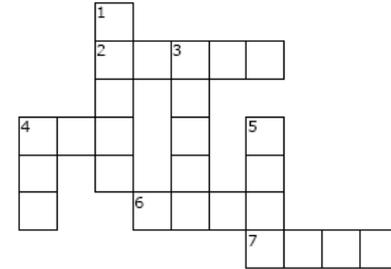
"I don't know whether he is a sinner," the man replied. "But I do know this: I was blind, and now I can see!"

Heavenly Father, we are here today in need of the touch of Jesus. We pray that lives will be changed so that your name will be glorified. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

# Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
- An adult male human being
- The two organs in your face which are used to see
- To make someone well from a sickness or injury

**DOWN**

- Unable to see
- Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
- A sticky mixture of dirt and water
- To clean something using water

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| LIGHT | BLIND | GLORY | MUD  |
| WASH  | EYES  | MAN   | HEAL |

**BLIND DRAWING:** Blindfold the child and have them draw a picture of a heart, a cross, a house, etc., on a sheet of paper. It will be fun for the child to see what they drew while blindfolded.

**FINGER PAINTING FROLIC:** Give each child a small amount of chocolate pudding (to represent the mud on the blind man's eyes) on a piece of paper and let them finger paint a picture of a cross or a heart.



# JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN. JOHN 9

