



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

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**Sunday School &
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9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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You have seen Him

John 9:37

FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have "**Quiet Bags**" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our "**Virtual Guestbook**" and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:
744, 420, 873

Hymns During Distribution:
551, 423

Sermon Title:
“Jesus Opens the Eyes of the Blind”

Scripture:
John 9:1-41

Prelude:

“Musette,” by Jean Langlais
JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

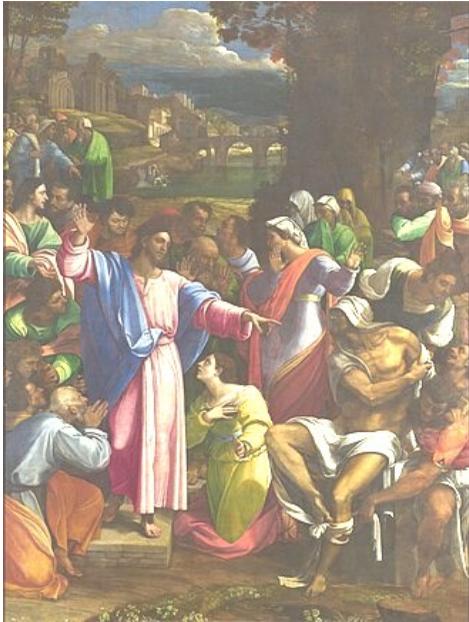
(“Christ, the Life of All the Living”)– settings by
James L. Brauer and J. S. Bach (BWV 643)

Postlude:

“Miniature no.8,” by David Maxwell

Anthem—“*God’s Peace to You,*” by Ruth Elaine Schram

Psalm 119—see center page of bulletin



*By His Word of the Gospel,
Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light*

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14).

Serving in God’s House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Organist: Miguel Ruiz			
Altar Guild: Linda Beecroft Linda Phillips Brenda Thowe Laurie Ward	Head Elder:	David Phillips	Jim Ward
	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
Counters: Kenneth Pedersen Laurie Ward	Acolytes:	Joseph Kirby	Noah Ruiz Asher Ruiz
	Crucifer/ Altar	Ethan Salgado	Evan Munoz

Introit *Psalm 27:4–9, 14; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*



*My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I
seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all
the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to
inquire in his | temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of
| trouble;***

**he will conceal me under the cover of his
tent;**

he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my
enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with |
shouts of joy;*

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

You have said, | “Seek my face.”*

My heart says to you,

“Your face, LORD, | do I seek.”

Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in | anger,*

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my sal- | vation!

Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait | for the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies
are new every morning; and though we deserve
only punishment, You receive us as Your children
and provide for all our needs of body and soul.
Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your
merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your
benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Gradual: *sung by the Cantor* *Hebrews 12:2*

*O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne
of God.*

Midweek Lenten Services & Meals **"The Twelve Apostles"**

Evening Meal at 6pm, Vespers at 7pm:

March 18

Thomas and Matthew

(Spring Break—No Meal)

March 25

James, Son of Alphaeus and Jude

(Meal hosted by Jonathan & Emily Griffith)

April 2: Maundy Thursday

Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot

(7pm Divine Service - No Meal)

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 03/15 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 03/16

TUESDAY 03/17 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 03/18 - 7:00PM - MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE
(SPRING BREAK—NO MEAL)

THURSDAY 03/19 - 6:30PM - LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 03/20

SATURDAY 03/21 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY
- 9:00AM - SPRING CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

EASTER LILIES 2026

After the Lenten season we all await Easter Sunday morning and the beauty of Easter lilies that appear in our chancel area. The Altar Guild is requesting donations of lily plants. Each plant may be purchased for **\$12.50**.

These plants are yours to take home after the 10:45am service Easter morning. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church earmarked "Lilies" in the memo section and put in the (Barry & Nikki) O'Dell mailbox along with this form. If paying by cash, please be certain to include this form with the cash in a sealed envelope with "lilies" and your name marked on the outside. There are no online payments available. Deadline: **March 29th**.

Name: _____ Number of plants: _____

Check/Cash amount: _____



Church Clean-Up Day



When: Saturday, 03/21

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

What: Tasks such as cleaning, light repairs, weeding, and planting

Your help is greatly appreciated in keeping our campus clean and in good repair!

EASTER BRUNCH

This year, the Elders will be hosting our Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 5, between services. They will provide sausage, bacon, and fruit, as well as juice, water, and coffee. They are also asking for the congregation to donate some food items. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2ysynyr8> to sign up.

NOTE: If anyone has food allergies/sensitivities or particular needs such as Gluten, Egg, or Dairy free, please consider signing up to bring a dish that you can eat (and maybe share with others) and label it so we can place it on the kitchen counter.

Also, if you are attending the second service, if you can help with setting up the food to be ready to serve by 9:15, it would be greatly appreciated. Likewise, if you are attending the early service, if you can stay after breakfast to assist with clean-up, that also would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please ask an elder or contact the church office.



EASTER EGG HUNT



The Easter Egg hunt is coming soon! We are collecting donations of plastic eggs and candy. If you would like to donate both, feel free to place the candy inside the eggs before bringing them. Please avoid chocolate candy, as it may melt before the eggs are collected. A donation tote is available for your items in the narthex. Thank you for contributing to Messiah's Easter celebration this year!

From The Christiansens

Thank you for all your gifts to our family last Sunday.

We are immensely blessed by your generosity!

You have all made us feel so welcome, not only at the baby shower, but from the time we arrived.

Thank you for taking care of us!

Thank you

Dear Messiah Church Family,

The season of Lent is upon us! As we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the Paschal Feast with joy, may God draw us ever deeper toward him in repentance and faith in Christ.

I wanted to share a few notes about the Lenten season this year at Messiah.

First of all, "Psalm 119". You might know that Psalm 119 is the longest chapter of the Bible. But perhaps you don't know that it is also an "acrostic". Each of the 22 sections is distinguished by a key word corresponding to a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It would be sort of like if we had a song that went, "A is for apple, B is for bear... etc."

This Lent, we are endeavoring as a congregation to sing through all 22 sections of Psalm 119, two at a time, beginning with Ash Wednesday. We do this also with a refrain also drawn from the psalm, perhaps its most famous verse, ***"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path..."***

Second, we are introducing a "new to us" service this year for Holy Week, although it is a very ancient order, the **"Easter Vigil"**.

In the past, Messiah has observed Holy Saturday with a "prayer vigil" which has its roots very roughly in the ancient "Easter Vigil". And while we will still have the sanctuary available for prayer throughout the day, there's no need to sign up for specific slots. In the past we've concluded the day with a service of "Corporate Confession and Absolution" which we will now integrate into the Maundy Thursday liturgy.

But what is new to us this year, the Easter Vigil, is traditionally the first service observing the resurrection of our Lord. The service begins at sunset (7:30pm) outside the building with a lit fire, and has many other meaningful features. While it is also a new service to me, personally, I know it is a favorite of many congregations that offer it. And it comes with the recommendation of the Lutheran Service Book - Altar Book, the companion to our hymnal, from which it is drawn.

For a fuller explanation of the traditional observance of the "Triduum", **please see Pastor Christiansen's recent article on the following page.**

Finally, we are still having an Easter Breakfast this year on Easter Sunday, but will keep the regular 8am and 10:45 service times. We've found there has been too much down time between services in recent years. Thanks to those who are already hard at work making preparations for this special day.

A blessed Lent, Holy Week and a joyous Easter to you all.

In Christ,

Pastor Chryst

Holy Week & The Triduum Sacrum

The Church views Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil as *one continuous service*: **The Triduum Sacrum** ("The Sacred Three Days" in Latin). These three days are seen together as the three days of Jesus' death and resurrection, ending on the third day: the Resurrection of Our Lord!

Maundy Thursday is celebration of the Lord instituting His own Body and Blood under the bread and wine for Christians to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of their sins. The first word in "Maundy Thursday" should not be pronounced like "Monday Thursday" but is a reference to the Latin word *mandatum*: "command." Jesus' new commandment, "Take eat!", shows us that by receiving of the Lord's Body and Blood, all people will know who the Lord's disciples are (Matthew 26:26-29 & John 13:34-35). This is the institution of the divine service for the Church to celebrate for all time. Maundy Thursday ends with the stripping of the altar, just as Our Lord Jesus was stricken, smitten, and afflicted on the way to the cross.

Good Friday brings contemplative prayer and a restrained yet joyful focus on the crucifixion of Jesus: God offered Himself up as the once-for-all sacrifice, as fulfillment of the Old Testament priest and also sacrificial lamb. The **Tre Ore** is the chief reflection on the sufferings, wounds, cross, and death of Jesus Christ. It includes the Passion reading from St. John, the reproaches of Jesus against His people, and the veneration of the cross. The **Tenebrae** is a service done in darkness with only a few candles, and it is a targeted look at the seven last sayings of Jesus on the cross. The Tenebrae ends with the *strepitus*, the loud noise indicating the nails through Jesus' hands and feet into the cross and also indicating the closing of Christ into the tomb.

Easter Vigil is a beautiful confession and finish to the Triduum Service, often taking place late on Saturday night. Since God created the heavens and the earth, calling "evening and morning" as "the first day", the Church has observed that the day starts at sundown (i.e. evening, not morning). Thus, Christmas Eve is really the same day as Christmas Day. All Hallows Eve is the same as All Saints Day. The Maundy Thursday service is the same as the Good Friday Tre Ore (since the next day does not start until Good Friday at sundown). Likewise, Easter Vigil is the evening before Easter Sunday.

With the Easter texts and the Lord's crucifixion in view, the real height of the service is the Lord's Supper announced with the ancient versicle: "Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!" This is the place and time when the first proclamation of Christ's resurrection is given. The Service is comprised of six parts: (1) Service of Light, (2) Service of Readings, (3) Service of Holy Baptism, (4) Service of Prayer, (5) Service of the Word, and (6) Service of Holy Communion. While Maundy Thursday moves from light into darkness, and both Tre Ore and Tenebrae are done in darkness, the historical confession of the Vigil is a movement from darkness into light!

This year at Messiah, we will observe this three-day service beginning with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (Tenebrae Vespers), and the Saturday Easter Vigil!

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: John DiCesare, Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken & Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Ashleigh Adams, Ron Busse, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Peggy Wahlstedt, Ron Klingbeil, Lief Stratmoen, Karen Shrum, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

...all of our college students in and out of state: Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

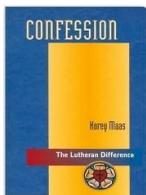
We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



NEW LADIES' BIBLE STUDY Make plans to join us on Thursdays at 6:30pm. We will meet in the Library, studying *The Lutheran Difference: Confession*, by Rev. Corey Maas. This 4 week study, based on God's Word as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran

Confessions, will help you to state clearly what you believe about repentance, confession, and absolution, and will help you explain the "why" of what you believe. We began on Thursday, 03/12, and we will meet each Thursday through 04/09 (no class on 04/02, in observance of Maundy Thursday).

If you would like to participate, please contact Linda at linda.pinkston@messiahkeller.org.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 15 (Lent 4): Sin makes us blind to the things of God (Isaiah 42:16, 18). Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love (John 9:41) and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our blind eyes and turn our darkness into light (John 9:6, Isaiah 42:16). The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to "walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8) to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.



Psalm 142:5 - "I cry to you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.'"

The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.



EXPLAINING LUTHERANISM TO NON-LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc.

is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Dr. Jordan Cooper, author of the new book "Lutheranism for Non-Lutherans," at at issuesetc.org/nonlutherans.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: **81** 10:45am: **132** Total: **213**
 Sunday School: **35** **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 20,95721** (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: **\$ 19,549.00**

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.



About the Cover

Jesus brought mud, washing, and His Word together to give sight to a man who was born blind. Then Jesus used His Word to let the man know whom he was looking at. The gift of physical sight was only a preamble to the spiritual sight the man needed to see the Son of Man. Jesus is still granting us the eyes of faith to see His work. He unites His Word with water to wash away our sin. He brings His Word together with bread and wine to give us His very body and blood, given and shed for us. Jesus continues to open eyes by faith, helping people see Him at work and delivering them forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

- ¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
- ¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
- ¹⁶ And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
- ¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
- ¹⁸ Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
- ¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the Lord?
- ²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
- ²¹ The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Holy Gospel: John 9:1–41

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ³We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁴As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁵Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁶and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁷The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁸Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I

am the man.” ⁹So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹⁰He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹¹They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹²They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹³Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁴So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁵Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁶So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁷The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁸and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ¹⁹His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²⁰But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²¹(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²²Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²³So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁴He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁵They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁶He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁷And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁸We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ²⁹The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³⁰We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³¹Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³²If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³³They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁴Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁵He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁶Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁷He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁸Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ³⁹Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴⁰Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”