

March 14 - 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent Readings

First Reading

A Reading from First Samuel

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel,
and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Are *all* your sons here?"
And Jesse said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep."
And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him,
for we will not sit down until he comes here."

He sent and brought him in.
Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome.
The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one."

Then Samuel took the horn of oil
and anointed him in the presence of his brothers,
and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Ephesians

Once you were darkness,
but now in the Lord you are light.

Walk as children of light,
for the fruit of the light
is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness;
rather, expose them.

For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly,
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says, "Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to John

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to the man, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask the man how he had received his sight. He said to them, "Jesus put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when Jesus found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.