

**I Washed and Received My Sight  
Awareness of Those With Disabilities**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year A  
Overview**

**Focus Text: John 9:1-41**

**One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.**

**Pastoral Reflection by Rev. David Sloop, Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Raleigh**

**The blind beggar healed on the Sabbath was a threat to them! His healing, his liberation was an assault on their traditions, their values, their power, their very lives. They felt attacked. And when we are threatened, we are reactive! We do not want to let go, holding tenaciously to what we know to be true. One slip, one exception, and everything we know would crumble. Must one person's liberation be another person's threat?**

**Key Fact**

**In 2008, the percentage of people with a disability in North Carolina was 13 percent. In other words, almost 1.2 million North Carolinians had a disability out of a total of approximately 9 million.**