

March 30th
Fourth Sunday in Lent

“There Is A New Creation”

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
(Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

In this reading from 2nd Corinthians, Paul says that our perspective matters in how we view these new things God is doing. We are not to perceive things from our human perspective. Instead, we are to seek the perspective of God. As we enter this new thing God is doing, how might our perspective need to change? What difference is there in viewing this new creation from a human perspective and a divine perspective? This reading from Joshua is the story of the people of Israel about to cross into the holy land. The ritual involved in crossing was to ensure that they were aware of God's presence as they entered into this new place and time that God was bringing them to. As we enter into this new thing God is doing, how are we recognizing God's presence as we enter. The Gospel reading is the story of the prodigal son. In this story, the youngest son “came to himself” and decided to return to his father. He simply wanted his needs met. The older son perceived that he earned his place. The father's perspective was radically different. God is doing a new thing. There is a new creation. How will we perceive it? We will be unable to perceive it from a human perspective, but we are invited to see through the eyes of Christ. Only then will we see this new thing God is doing.