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April 5, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

The following devotion was taken from Portals of Prayer, Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 & Psalm 51:1-12.

For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. -2 Corinthians 5:21

The Sinner Eclipse

Do you remember learning about a solar eclipse as a child? The earth, moon, and sun align in that order so that from the earth, we see the moon in front of the sun, blocking it. The sun is eclipsed. It's hidden, and what we see is what's in front of it. The moon covers the sun. Although the sun is still there, we look at it and see the moon.

Our verse of the day talks about a sort of "sinner eclipse." In this comparison, God the Father is like the earth, we sinners are the sun, and Jesus is the moon. God knows us completely, including all our sins. However, we are united to Christ in our Baptism, so He covers us. Therefore, when the Father looks at us, He sees Jesus. He sees His Son, who took our sins on Himself and carried them all the way to the cross to credit us with His righteousness through faith. The Father doesn't see us sinners; He sees Jesus' perfection and His perfect life, death, and resurrection for us. When He looks at us, He sees Jesus and welcomes us as His beloved children.

Lord, thank You for sending Jesus to take our sin. May we see our brothers and sisters in Christ as You see them and rejoice together to be in Your family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

Pray for those in need of guidance, affirmation, healing, relief, and assurance.

Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Jonathan Bontke** (Beautiful Savior, Austin) - recovery after successful cancer treatment
 - **Dr. Sandra Doering** (Em., New Braunfels) - recovering from a procedure to correct a brain aneurysm
 - **Vr. Devin Jackson** (Trinity, Fairfield) - cancer returned
 - **Rev. Chris Johnson** (Em., Hewitt) - cancer returned
 - **Mrs. Judy Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth** (Em., Dallas) - home recovering from cancer treatment
 - **Mr. Dalton Noack** (Em., Bryan) - surgery recovery
 - **Dr. Margaret Peterson** (BMA, Round Rock) - health issues
 - **Son & daughter-in-law of Rev. Wendall Stavig** (Em., The Woodlands) - baby just born
 - **Rev. Robert Shockley** (Em., Jacksonville) - operation for neuralgic pain
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Funeral Announcement

Rev. Gary A. Koopmann (Em., New Braunfels) was Called to Glory on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Pastor Koopmann's memorial service will be held April 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at Rio Terra Senior Living (2294 Common St., New Braunfels).

We remember his wife, Marcia, and their family in prayer as we celebrate the promise of the resurrection and victory we have in Jesus.

New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

Will Ochs, Intern, King of Kings, Round Rock to DCE, King of Kings, Round Rock

Ordained

Declined

Rev. Robert Lutjens, Sole, St. John, Wharton to Sole, Our Redeemer, Longview

Undecided

Rev. Tim Fraker, Sole, Trinity, Weatherford to Assoc., Pilgrim, Green Bay, WI

Rev. Ed Harkey, Sole, Trinity, Keene, NH to Sole, Redeemer, Beaumont

Rev. Tim Radkey, Sr., Our Savior, McKinney to ITP Sr., Emmanuel, Hermitage, TN

Rev. Neil Vanderbush, Em., Eads, TN to Sole, Messiah, Corpus Christi

Rev. Neil Vanderbush, Em., Eads, TN to Sole, Peace, Groves

Rev. Neil Wheeler, Sole, Peace, Waverly, NE to Sr., Trinity, Amarillo

Upcoming Installations

Rev. Trey Sansom // April 13, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, Joy, Houston

Ordination Anniversaries // April

40 years

Rev. Kurt Rutz (4/1) - *Grace, Mart*

10 years

Rev. Paul Korabandi (4/24) -

15 years

Rev. Kevin Hintze (4/26) - Zion,
Walburg

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Your New Events Calendar: Does your congregation have an event you'd like published, or would you like to see what's happening in congregations around the District? Events like this, which used to be posted in M2M, are now published on our Community Events page. Check it out! [Learn more](#)

Texas LWML Convention: The 43rd Biennial Convention of the LWML Texas District will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, June 13-15, 2024. [Learn more & register](#)

MYR 2024: In the spirit of our synod's "Set Apart to Serve" efforts to recruit new church workers, the Texas District invites young people to consider registering for "MYR 2024." June 2-6, at Concordia University Texas, rostered LCMS church workers will present ministry options and mission opportunities to young people. [Learn more & register](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Worker Care // Moving from Being Stuck to Stepping Forward: What was your Lent and Easter preparation like this year? Did you find yourself repeating unproductive patterns that you were determined to change "this time?" And if not you yourself, is one of your staff members struggling unsuccessfully to change a negative work habit? [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

APRIL 7 // Upbring Sunday // [Register Your Church](#)

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APRIL 15-16 // Texas District Theological Convocation // [Agenda & Registration](#)

APRIL 23, 3 p.m. // CSL Vicarage and Diaconess Assignment Service // [Learn More](#)

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APRIL 23, 7 p.m. // CTSFW Vicarage & Diaconess Assignment Service // [Learn More](#)

APRIL 24, 7 p.m. // CTSFW Candidate Call Service // [Learn More](#)

JUNE 2-6, 2024 // Missional Youth Retreat // [Learn More & Register](#)

JUNE 13-15, 2024 // LWML Texas District Convention // [Learn More & Register](#)

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