

Five Snapshots from Lutheran History

SUGGESTED READINGS

17th Century: Catharina Regina von Greiffenberg in Austria and Germany

- Catharina Regina von Greiffenberg, *Meditations on the Incarnation, Passion, and Death of Jesus Christ*, ed. and trans. Lynne Tatlock (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009)
- Kathleen Foley-Beining, *The Body and Eucharistic Devotion in Catharina Regina von Greiffenberg's "Meditations"* (Columbia: Camden House, 1997)
- Joy Schroeder, "The Prenatal Theology of Catharina Regina von Greiffenberg," *Lutheran Forum* 46/3 (2012): 50–56

18th Century: Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg and Vedanayagam Sastriar in India

- Daniel Jeyaraj, *Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, the Father of Protestant Missions, an Indian Assessment* (New Delhi: ISPCK, 2006)
- Brijraj Singh, *The First Protestant Missionary to India* (London: Oxford University Press, 2000)
- And a film! *Beyond Empires: Why India Celebrates Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg*, online at <<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/beyondempiresdoc/108023677>>
- Peter Vethanayagamony, "St. Vedanayagam Sastriar and the Literary Inculturation of the Gospel," *Lutheran Forum* 49/2 (2015): 36–40
- See also: <www.sastriars.org>

19th Century: Paavo Ruotsalainen in Finland

- There is very little available in English on Paavo, but it is possible to find out-of-print copies of a translation of his principal work: *The Inward Knowledge of Christ* (Helsinki: Luther Agricola Society, 1977).

20th Century: Gudina Tumsa and Tsehay Tolessa in Ethiopia

- Look for the forthcoming book from Eerdmans with Gudina's complete essays and Tsehay's memoir of their life together and her years in prison!
- In the meanwhile, get an overview at:
<www.dacb.org/stories/ethiopia/gudina_tumsa.html>

20th Century: Nenilava in Madagascar

- Here, too, there is almost nothing in English except for:
<www.dacb.org/stories/madagascar/nenilava.html>

Five Ways to Commemorate the Reformation in 2017

RESOURCES & IDEAS

1. Support Bible societies and translation programs

e.g. Lutheran Bible Translators

<us.lbt.org>

2. Luther Reading Challenge

<www.lutherreadingchallenge.org>

3. Ecumenical activities

From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017

<www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/From%20Conflict%20to%20Communion.pdf>

Study Guide from the Southwest Pennsylvania Synod

<www.strasbourg-institute.org/en/study-guide-for-from-conflict-to-communion/>

Healing Memories: Reconciling in Christ: Report of the Lutheran-Mennonite International Study Commission

<www.strasbourg-institute.org/en/lutheran-mennonite-dialogue>

4. Preaching the law

Martin Luther, "How Christians Should Regard Moses," LW 35

–, "A Brief Instruction on What to Look for and Expect in the Gospels," LW 35

–, "On the Councils and the Church," LW 41, especially the section on the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15

5. Re-confirmation

Small Catechism Preaching Series:

<www.lutheranforum.org/extras/small-catechism-preaching-series/>