

# The “AGAPE” #43

(The time after PENTECOST)

A “BLOG-LIKE” NEWSLETTER FROM PASTOR ZEUCH

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Greetings in Jesus, our Lord!

We are finally back with a new edition of the “Agape”. I hope you had a relaxing summer and that you are doing fine. So much has happened since our last edition back in (end of) June. During the summer, we lost SIX of our members: they went to be with their Lord, whom they have served all their lives: Gertrud Klaus, Leona Wurst, Adeline Bode, Elfriede Seip, Vern Goss, and Erwin Dreifke. They were “transferred” from the “militant church” to the “triumphant church”. Our sincere sympathy goes to the families. We know they are with the Lord!

The world is also mourning the death of our Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She also died in the faith in her Saviour Jesus Christ. As the Christian church has prayed for her during these 70 years of her reign, following the words from St. Paul in 1 Timothy 2: 1-4:

*“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. <sup>2</sup>**Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority** so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.”*

We thank God for her long life. God has heard the petition coming since her coronation back in 1953: “long live the Queen”. This is what I read on the online edition of The Washington Times:

“The 70-year legacy of the “Defender of the Faith” is this: As she shifted her gaze from herself to her Savior, she found hope in the Gospel. Today the world may tell

you that the Queen is dead, but don't believe it. Elizabeth now reigns with her Sovereign in His Kingdom."

When people were singing "God save the Queen", He heard them: he saved her...not because she was a queen. Not only her, but also those who have died in the same faith. Those who are not necessarily world famous, don't make the news or are not carved in stamps, banners and coins: those whose name nobody knows except the Lord. Those who die trusting in Christ's atoning work on the cross and that God will give them the blessed inheritance of eternal life. We shall see our loved ones, including Gertrud, Leona, Adeline, Elfriede, Vern, Erwin and Elizabeth again in God's presence.

We now pray for His Majesty King Charles III, that God may bless his reign among us. May the king serve His King Jesus Christ as his mother did. "Long live the King"!



## **HÄNDEL'S CORONATION ANTHEMS**

As I write these lines, we don't know when will King Charles III's coronation take place. Technically he became sovereign immediately upon the passing of his mother queen. In the meantime, I want to share with you the absolutely beautiful music composed by Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759) for the coronation of king George II (1727). If you read this on an electronic device, please click on the crown below. If the video doesn't start from the beginning, please make sure to go back to the start of the concert, otherwise you will miss important pieces. Sit back and enjoy!



## A LETTER FROM LUTHERAN CHURCH- CANADA

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

It was with those words of St. Paul that the Reformer, Martin Luther, began his sermon at the funeral of Elector John of Saxony in 1532. At the end of the sermon, he said:

“We have the sure hope that the merciful God has thus taken our beloved, deceased elector and will raise him up again with Christ. And because we know that he was baptized into Christ, and that he confessed the Gospel and remained steadfast in the Christian confession and died in the same, I have no doubt that when the trumpet of the archangel is sounded, he will joyfully rise in an instant from this crypt and, with us and all Christians, go to meet Christ, shining more brightly than the sun and all the stars.”

It is in light of those words that I call upon all pastors, deacons and members of the congregations of our Synod to lift up their hearts and hands in prayer upon the death of her gracious majesty, Elizabeth, our Queen:

*Gracious and merciful Father in heaven, Lord of heaven and earth, King of the universe, we give you our thanks and praise for all the blessings You granted Elizabeth, our Queen, during her long earthly life, for her many years of dutiful, sacrificial service to our nation and all the nations of the British Commonwealth, and especially for calling her to faith in Christ and preserving her in the confession of His holy name. Comfort the members of the Royal Family who mourn her death with the hope of the glorious resurrection and a joyful reunion in heaven for all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. And grant that we may one day share with her in the joys of all those who now rest in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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**Rev. Dr. Timothy Teuscher** is President of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC).



*A letter from Lutheran Church–Canada's President upon the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*

## MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Special dates, services, celebrations, activities, events...

**SEPT 16 (Fri):** Funeral service for Vern Goss @ church – 1 p.m.

**SEPT 18 (Sun):** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Communion worship services: In German at 9:30 a.m. In English at 11 a.m.

**SEPT 20 (Tues):** Funeral service for Erwin Dreifke @ 2 p.m. Mountain View chapel

**SEPT 21 (Wed):** Online confirmation class on zoom

**SEPT 21 (Wed):** St. Matthew, Apostle @ Evangelist. Starting Bible Study on zoom @ 7 p.m. Topic: "The Minor Prophets in the Bible".

**SEPT 22 (Thurs):** Jonah. Parish Planning Council (PPC) meeting (online). Fall begins.

**SEPT 25 (Sun):** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. German worship service @ 9:30 a.m. English worship service @ 11 a.m. No communion.

**SEPT 28 (Wed):** Pastor is at the circuit winkel @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

**SEPT 28 (Wed):** Online confirmation class on zoom

**SEPT 29 (Thurs):** St. Michael and All Angels

**SEPT 30 (Fri):** Jerome, Translator of Holy Scripture

**OCT 2 (Sun):** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Communion worship services: In German at 9:30 a.m. In English at 11 a.m.

**OCT 5 (Wed):** Online confirmation class on zoom. Bible Study on zoom @ 7 p.m.

**OCT 6 (Thurs):** Board of Elders meeting (online).

**OCT 9 (Sun):** Thanksgiving Sunday. German worship 9:30 am / English at 11 am. There's no communion.

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## THANK YOU!

To Peter, Dana, Bernd and the readers, for leading the services during pastor's vacations in the summer.

To the Dick family, for hosting Dr. Thompson and his family on July 16.

To Elaine Dick for volunteering to play the organ every once in a while.

To the Dalmoro family, for hosting Dr. Vieira and his family on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## DIE DEUTSCHE ECKE

Wissen ist Macht?

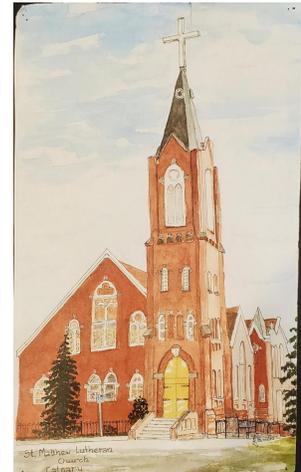
Vielen Menschen fällt es schwer, Kontrolle abzugeben. Alles muss im Voraus geplant sein, nichts darf schiefgehen. Und dafür muss Wissen angesammelt werden. Denn Wissen ist Macht, oder? Matthias Brender findet in der Bibel eine Definition von Weisheit, bei der es nicht um eigenes Wissen und Kontrolle geht. Klicken Sie Mal auf dem Link und stellen Sie fest:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rSmxdjGsNI>

### ST. MATTHEW'S HISTORY

Since we will be celebrating our 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, I decided to bring to you some events that were the highlights of our history since the foundation of this congregation. Here are some things that happened in the fall or in **SEPTEMBER**:

- 1899 (Sept.) First Missouri Synod worship service in Calgary.
- 1901 (Fall) Rev. E. Treu becomes first resident Lutheran pastor in Calgary.
- 1920 (Fall) The congregation completes its own house of worship.
- 1959 (Fall) Modern Kitchen built and more Sunday school rooms provided.
- 1960 (Fall) "Cry room" provided.
- 1962 (Sept) Otto Brillinger served as a vicar until July of 1963.
- 1981 (Sept) Jeffrey Oshwald serves as Vicar until 1982.
- 1996 (Sept.) Rev. Jack P. Hetzel serves as pastor until 2002.
- 1998 (Sept.) St. Matthew Church is designated as an historical building (site).
- 2019 (Fall) – New Kitchen renovation ready



**BIBLE STUDY:** We are starting a new study on the Minor Prophets in September. Check our calendar. Our online meetings last one hour (from 7 to 8 p.m.) weekly and YOU are invited to participate! If it's your first time, be welcome to our little group...if you have been in the past, welcome back! Let's get started and may God bless our time together.



Thank you for taking your time to read the new edition of Agape. Enjoy the beautiful fall season and may God's peace fill your days with His presence!

In His service,

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"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:7