

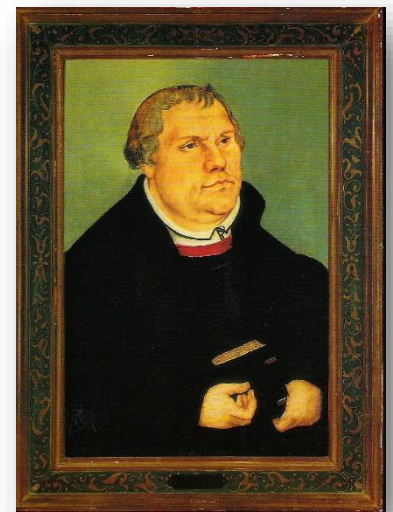


Beer and the Bible 2.0 Pilgrimage to "Luther Land" to renew your Spirit(s)

May 24 – June 5, 2026

Early last year as plans for LCH's 125th Anniversary began to unfold I had a conversation with Pastor Jeff about planning a trip to Germany with a focus on walking in Martin Luther's footsteps. Somewhere along the way I learned of Christian Tours Europe based in Wittenberg, through Pastor Angela a former co-pastor at LCH who took members of her current congregation on a Pilgrimage to Luther Land last fall. She and I have had several conversations since. I have roots in Germany on my paternal grandparents' side and have been to Germany twice, once with family when I was under the age of ten and have only a few vague memories and then again during my sophomore year in college when I spent four months attending two different Goethe Institutes with the hope of getting a handle on the language. I then spent a couple of months visiting family friends and relatives. Even those memories are now vague. But, never have I been on a trip with a focus on my faith roots. It seems fitting as LCH approaches its 125th year, to take a group tour that will follow in Martin Luther's footsteps and his wife Katie's too. It will provide an opportunity to reflect on our rich Lutheran heritage even as we, during this interim time, consider where God is leading us next.

Dr. Barry Wenger, Jean Lilley and I have worked with Christian Eggert of Christian Tours Europe to plan this tour and would like to invite you to join us in 2026 on this pilgrimage during which we will explore the country, culture, language, and history that has in such a major way, impacted our faith. This pilgrimage will take us to Luther cities and the birth place of the Reformation. We will visit religious (including some Bach haunts), historical sites, and castles too. We will hear stories from local pastors and guides.



HOTELS

Berlin

Hotel Maritim proArte

Wittenberg

Colleg Wittenberg

Erfurt

Radisson BLU Hotel

Prague

*NH Collection Prague
Hotel*

We are working on some musical opportunities too which include hearing Barry play the organ in a couple of churches. There is so much more planned, the details of which follow this message. We will spend time in shared daily prayer/devotions/reflection following Martin Luther's example. And, what would a Lutheran Church of Honolulu tour be without time to "talk story," laugh and have some fun together over a German meal, German Coffee, beer, or wine?

May this pilgrimage together provide opportunities to grow our faith and deepen our connection with Christ as well as with one another. May this group pilgrimage bless us with a renewed sense of vision and mission both as individuals and as a congregation/community/Ohana. I look forward to journeying with you in May/June of 2026.

With Aloha and Anticipation,

Pastor Phyllis

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Berlin – Wittenberg – Torgau – Leipzig – Eisleben – Erfurt – Eisenach –
Wartburg Castle – Dresden – Prague



Day 1, Sunday, May 24, 2026: Depart the US

Individual transatlantic overnight flights to Berlin.

Day 2, Monday, May 25, 2026: Berlin

Arrive in Berlin, where your tour director and private motor coach are waiting for you as you exit customs. After everything is settled, transfer to hotel for check-in. In the evening, meet your tour director for dinner and a welcome and orientation meeting. D

Day 3, Tuesday, May 26, 2026: Berlin

This morning become familiar with the vibrant city of Berlin with a five-hour city tour including its major religious and historical sites. Your local tour guide will show you sights such as the 1905 neo-Baroque Berlin Cathedral, the bomb-damaged tower of Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag, the "Unter den Linden" government district, and remains of the Berlin Wall. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon and evening. No group dinner. B

Day 4, Wednesday, May 27, 2026: Berlin

In the morning we continue our city tour and visit the German resistance documentation center and learn about the resistance in church during the Nazi era and St. Matthews church, where Dietrich Bonhoeffer was vicar. In the afternoon, we say goodbye to Berlin and drive through picturesque landscapes to Lutherstadt Wittenberg. Check in at Colleg Wittenberg, dinner and overnight. BD

Day 5, Thursday, May 28, 2026: Wittenberg

A local guide will help you explore the city where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. The tour includes the City Church, where Luther preached thousands of times, and the Castle Church, where he posted his "95 Theses," thus sparking the Reformation. The Luther House, which was Luther's wedding gift from his prince in 1525 and now houses one of the world's largest Reformation archives is closed unfortunately due to remodeling. But we will visit the Augusteum, the annex of the Luther House which exhibits the most important items. In the afternoon enjoy a welcome by the representative of the ELCA Wittenberg Center. There will be a coffee and cake reception and a brief presentation of the ministry and programming of the Center. Afterwards, celebrate Holy Communion at a worship service. Free evening. B



Day 6, Friday, May 29, 2026: Torgau

In the morning have the unique chance to listen to the personal stories of a retired Wittenberg pastor who lived as Christians during the GDR. Q&A follows the presentation. Depart mid-day for a daytrip to Torgau. The group will take a tour of the city where, in 1544, the first palace and church were specifically built and consecrated under the auspices of a Protestant Prince. We will see this perfectly preserved Renaissance castle, its chapel and a special feat of engineering - the cantilevered spiral staircase. We continue to nearby St. Mary's Church, where Katharina von Bora, Luther's lively wife "Katie," is buried. Return to Wittenberg in the evening. Every Friday there is a 30-minute organ recital in the city church. BD



Day 7, Saturday, May 30, 2026: Leipzig

Transfer to Leipzig this morning for a city tour. In May of 1989, tens of thousands of people gathered in the streets for the "Peaceful Revolution," which paved the way for the nonviolent reunification of East and West Germany. You will visit their rendezvous point at the Gothic (1165 A.D.) St. Nicholas Church. Afterwards, hear a local pastor's presentation on *The Role of*

the Church in the Peaceful Revolution. You will also visit the St. Thomas Church, where Johann Sebastian Bach was choirmaster for 25 years - possibly hear a performance by the Thomanerchor. Back to Wittenberg tonight. BD

Day 8, Sunday, May 31, 2026: Eisleben

After worshipping with the local congregation, say goodbye to Wittenberg and visit Eisleben. Take a city tour, including visits to Luther's Birth House and Death House museums, the church in which he was baptized, and the church in which he preached his final sermon. Continue to Erfurt. Check in for the next three nights. BD



Day 9, Monday, June 1, 2026: Erfurt

This morning meet a local guide for a city tour in the footsteps of Martin Luther. See the University district where Luther studied and visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where he was ordained. You will also tour the Augustinian Monastery. BD



Day 10, Tuesday, June 2, 2026: Eisenach

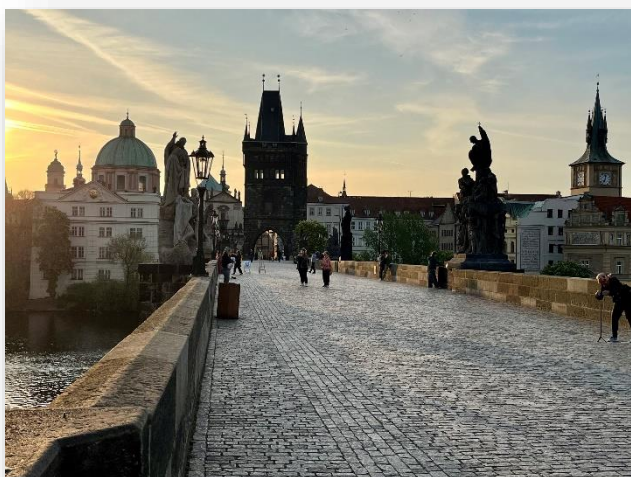
This morning, take the beautiful trip up the mountain to the Wartburg Castle. After his excommunication, Martin Luther was kidnapped by his prince and hid here for almost a year under the alias of "Junker Jorg." See the room where Luther lived and made his translation of the New Testament. Later visit

the Bach House - experience what a typical home looked like in the 18th century, see an interesting collection of antique instruments and hear a demonstration on a variety of these pieces. Back to Erfurt for a free evening. B



Day 1, Wednesday, June 3, 2026: Dresden and Prague

We will head east this morning for Dresden. Upon arrival, visit the Frauenkirche, Church of Our Lady Lutheran, which remained in ruins from the WWII bombing until a recent restoration. Hear about the rebuilding of the church as well as the reconstruction of the entire city. Leave Dresden and continue south to the nearby Germany-Czech Republic border and to Prague. Hotel check in for two nights, dinner and overnight. BD



Day 12, Thursday, June 4, 2026: Prague

This morning, discover Prague's imposing castle featuring visits inside the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral and Vladislav Hall. Afterwards, walk across the colorful Charles Bridge and visit Prague's Jewish Quarter to learn about the community established here in the 12th century which grew to 40,000 by the start of WWII. In the

afternoon explore Prague's Old Town on a walking tour passing Our Lady Before the Tyn Church, the leading church of the Hussite movement for 200 years after Jan Hus' death. Stand in Wenceslaus Square where protests occurred during the Velvet Revolution. In the evening, we will enjoy a typical Czech dinner show at a local restaurant. BD

Day 13, Friday, June 5, 2026: Good Bye

All too soon our journey draws to a close as we transfer to the airport for our return flights to our homes in the US. B

Note: minor changes to the program are possible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rates:

The rate for the land arrangement is based on a minimum of 30 participants, double occupancy, and does not include airfare.

Per Person: US \$ 2,800.00

Single room supplement: US \$ 750.00

Accommodation:

Berlin	2 nights	Hotel Maritim proArte
Lutherstadt Wittenberg	4 nights	Colleg Wittenberg
Erfurt	3 nights	Radisson BLU Hotel
Prague	2 nights	NH Collection Prague

Included:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Berlin to Prague airport.
- Transportation in a 4- star European-styled motor coach with climate control, reclining seats and refrigerator. Maximum 44 seats.
- Accommodations in 4-star European hotels, double occupancy. Accommodation in Lutherstadt Wittenberg at Colleg Wittenberg.
- Taxes, parking and road fees.
- Visits and guided tours in Berlin, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, Eisleben, Erfurt, Dresden and Prague.
- Presentation on Church Life in former GDR.
- Meeting with ELCA Wittenberg Center.
- Entrance fees for the Castle Church, Town Church, Luther House museum annex and Melanchthon House museum in Wittenberg.
- Presentation on Peaceful Revolution in Leipzig.
- Admission to the Motet in Leipzig.
- Entrance fees to Birth and Death house museums and St. Peter and Paul and St. Andrews Church in Eisleben.
- Entrance fee and guided tour of Wartburg castle.
- Entrance fee to the Bach House in Eisenach.
- Entrance fee to the Prague Castle incl. St. Vitus Cathedral, Vlatislav Hall and Golden Lane, Bethlehem Chapel and Jewish Quarter.
- Sightseeing and excursions as cited in the program.
- 19 meals: 11 buffet breakfasts and 8 dinners (beverages are not included)
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary as well as the customary gratuity to escorts, drivers, and step-on guides is included
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures, information on Germany and Czech Republic and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Berlin.

Not included: Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, beverages, bar bills, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance, meals other than those included in the itinerary, tips for beverages and drinks.

Deposit/Payment/Cancellation:

Dr. Barry Wenger and Pr. Phyllis Hormann will serve as the registrars for this trip. They will accept deposits and arrange for bank transfers to Christian Tours Europe. An initial \$1000 non-refundable deposit will be due upon registration, January 15, 2026, the latest. Full payment is due by March 15, 2026. There will be no refunds for cancellations after March 15, 2026 or no show. Registration forms may be sent by email to barryjwenger@gmail.com or by post to the **Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822**. Payments may be made online with the QR Code or may be sent to the Church at the above address "Attention Dr. Barry Wenger."

GENERAL INFORMATION

Terms and Conditions:

Any person reserving a Christian Tours Europe ("CTE") tour accepts the condition that CTE reserves the exclusive right to change tour itineraries, hotels, and other tour components whenever it is deemed necessary, although tours are planned and hotels are booked with all possible care. Published times in our itineraries are as accurate as possible and subject to change due to traffic, weather, mechanical and any other conditions that prevent CTE from operating under normal conditions. CTE cannot accept liability in the case of any passenger being denied boarding by any airline carrier due to carrier's over-booking of a flight, nor does it accept liability in the case of a cancelled or delayed flight. It shall be the passenger's responsibility solely to provide the means to join a missed tour that is already in progress. In the event that any dispute arises in which any party has a right to assert a claim, the exclusive jurisdiction for that claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Wittenberg, Germany. The tour is operated exclusively under German law.

Responsibility:

Christian Tours Europe, Wittenberg, Germany acts only as an agent for all suppliers of service offered on this tour and does so upon the express condition and agreement that it shall not be liable for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity, or expense arising from strikes, war, weather, quarantines, sickness, government restrictions or regulations, from any act or omission of any individual, firm or corporation furnishing transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, or any service in connection with such travel plan, or from any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith.

Baggage:

Transportation for one full-sized suitcase per person is included. For extra luggage, an additional \$30.00 per bag will be assessed. There is no charge for an additional carry-on bag, which must fit under your seat or in the overhead rack and for which you will be responsible. Although every effort is made to handle passengers' luggage as carefully as possible, Christian Tours Europe cannot be responsible, assume liability, or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel and group carrier handling.

Travel requirements and insurance:

For U.S. citizens, a valid passport is all that is required. Participants are responsible for all visa, health and passport regulations. Please check your medical insurance for overseas coverage. It is recommended that participants purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation, and loss of baggage.

Gratuities:

All necessary tips, such as maid, doorman, and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary and the customary gratuity to escorts, drivers and step-on guides are included. Tips for beverages and drinks are not included; if you wish, such appreciation may be extended on a voluntary and individual basis.

Physical activities:

There will be physical activities for you. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance, and to walk at a modest pace for more than a mile at a time. Christian Tours Europe requires all handicapped or disabled clients requiring special assistance to be accompanied by a responsible paying adult and that Christian Tours Europe must be notified, in advance, of this special required assistance.

RESERVATION FORM
Please complete and sign below.
Return to:

Co-registrars:
Dr. Barry Wenger and Pr. Phyllis Hormann

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Space is limited, and we encourage you to book early.
Registrations will be accepted until the bus capacity has been reached.

Please complete a separate registration form for each participant.

Name: _____
(legal passport name, please)

DOB: _____ Passport No: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Accommodations desired: _____ Double _____ Twin

(specify roommate)

_____ I request assistance in securing a roommate. If none is found by March 15,
2026, I will pay the single room supplement

_____ Single room throughout the tour for an additional supplement of US \$750.00
per person

I am a vegetarian: _____ Yes _____ No

I am allergic to _____

Deposits, Acceptance and Payments:

I understand the per person cost covers land transportation, double occupancy accommodation, German standards, with supplement for single occupancy, and all attractions cited in the program. The tour cost includes only the land arrangements for travel in Germany. Air service must be arranged and paid for separately.

Initial deposit of US \$1000 per person is paid with this reservation, non refundable.
Balance is due by March 15, 2026.

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**Airline Reservations:**

To avoid airline cancellation penalties, you may wish to purchase your airline tickets after you have been notified that the required minimum of 30 participants have registered for the program. In order to join the group hotel transfer, you should plan to arrive at Berlin (BER) around noon on May 25th.

My anticipated flight information (if known at this time) is:

Date: _____

Departure Airport: _____

Airline: _____ Flight number: _____

Arrival time: _____ at Berlin airport (BER)

Homebound flight from Prague airport:

Date: _____ Departure Time: _____

Airline: _____ Flight number: _____

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Notice of Responsibility:

Please read carefully and sign below.

"I have read and understand this entire document and agree to the General Information, including the Terms and Conditions therein. I understand that the tour operator for this trip is Christian Tours Europe ("CTE"). The Lutheran Church of Honolulu or Dr. Barry Wenger and Pr. Phyllis Hormann do not own or operate any of the firms or vendors that are expected to or will provide goods or services for this trip. Those firms include, but are not limited to: CTE; any hotels or other lodging establishments; sightseeing attractions; air, land or water transportation companies; and restaurants or other eating establishments. As a result, the Lutheran Church of Honolulu or Dr. Barry Wenger and Pr. Phyllis Hormann are not responsible for any death, injury of any sort, loss of property, delay or inconvenience occasioned by any negligent or willful act or omission of any such firm or vendor. In addition, the Lutheran Church of Honolulu or Dr. Barry Wenger and Pr. Phyllis Hormann are not responsible for any death, injury of any sort, loss of property, delay or inconvenience occasioned by force majeure or other acts of God, acts of government, acts of war, labor discord, criminal or terrorist conduct, or for any other act, action or inaction, whether negligent or otherwise, by any entity which they do not own or operate. I understand and accept that this trip is operated exclusively under German Law. I also understand and accept the conditions under which the trip will be conducted, particularly those which apply to flights, health, payments, refund policy, insurance and participant's responsibilities."

The sale of this trip to you is specifically conditioned on your agreeing to these terms and conditions.

Date

Signature