

QUAE SACRORUM SEDES
EMENDATORUM BELLI
FIDELIA ET ANIMIS...

From Reformation Roots to Musical Heights

A Pilgrimage of Faith and Witness

with Luther, Bach, and Bonhoeffer

**OPTIONAL POST-TOUR AVAILABLE:
EXTENSION TO PRAGUE**

Dates: April 16 -19, 2026

Package: \$790 | Single Supplement: \$200



**Reverend
Stewart Lucas**



**Deacon
Mitzi Budde**

Tour Leaders

April 08 - 16, 2026 | Atlanta, GA (ATL) or Charlotte, NC (CLT) | Package Price: \$4790

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PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Round-trip airfare | Accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
Breakfast and dinner daily | Nine days of sightseeing in a modern, air-conditioned private bus
English-speaking tour guide | And Much More

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GERMANY PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 08 - 16, 2026



Day 1 – Departure

We depart from Atlanta or Charlotte on an overnight flight to Germany, pilgrims from two traditions—Episcopal and Lutheran—bound together for a sacred journey. Together we step into a shared story that stretches across continents and centuries.

Day 2 – Arrival in Frankfurt / Mainz

We land in Frankfurt and head straight to **Mainz**. Here, we'll visit the **Gutenberg Museum**, honoring the revolutionary invention that helped spread the Reformation. We'll reflect on the power of the written word and give thanks for safe arrival and new companions. **Overnight at the hotel in Mainz (D)**

Day 3 – Worms and Eisenach

We rise early and depart for **Worms**, where Luther made his bold stand at the **Diet of Worms** in 1521. We'll explore the **Luther Monument**, **St. Peter's Cathedral**, and walk the very ground where one man's conviction changed the course of history. Then our journey takes us through the heart of Germany to **Eisenach**, nestled in the Thuringian forest. This is where young Luther sang for his supper as a schoolboy and later returned to hide in plain sight. **Overnight at the hotel in Eisenach (B,D)**

Day 4 – Wartburg Castle and Wittenberg

A short morning drive brings us to **Wartburg Castle**, towering above Eisenach like a fortress of faith. Here, in protective exile, Luther translated the New Testament into German. After lunch we head toward the heart of the Reformation: **Wittenberg**. We'll visit the **Castle Church**, where Luther posted his 95 Theses, and get a glimpse of this historic town. **Overnight at the hotel in Wittenberg (B,D)**

Day 5 – Leipzig (Sunday Worship)

On this holy day, we journey to **Leipzig** where **J.S. Bach** lived, taught, and composed, and we'll worship at **St. Thomas Church**, where he served as cantor. Music, liturgy, and faith converge in this soul-stirring city. We arrive in Dresden and end the day with a walk and dinner. **Overnight at the hotel in Dresden (B,D)**

Day 6 – Dresden

We spend the day in **Dresden**, a city once reduced to ashes and now risen with breathtaking beauty. We'll explore the **Zwinger Palace** and the iconic **Semper Opera**, architectural gems that speak to resilience through art and culture. A visit to the **Frauenkirche**—lovingly reconstructed after its wartime destruction—invites quiet awe and prayer. We remember how even the broken can be made whole. Optional afternoon visits include the **Green Vault** or **Royal Palace Museum**, before we gather for dinner and rest in this remarkable city. **Overnight at the hotel in Dresden (B,D)**

Day 7 – Berlin

After breakfast, we journey to **Berlin**, a city where history whispers from every corner and the weight of the 20th century still lingers. Upon arrival, we'll visit the **Brandenburg Gate**, a symbol of division and reunion, and pause at the **Reichstag**, the seat of German government. The majestic **Berliner Dom** (Lutheran Cathedral) reminds us of the Church's enduring presence even amid political turmoil. We'll reflect on the tension between empire and Gospel, state and conscience. **Overnight at the hotel in Berlin (B, D)**

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Day 8 – Berlin

This day centers on **courageous resistance and moral clarity**, with a visit to the **Bonhoeffer House**, where the pastor and theologian lived, wrote, and plotted against Hitler’s regime. We will also visit the **Nazi Resistance Museum** and the **Holocaust Memorial**. In the late afternoon, we’ll come together for a **closing Eucharist**—a sacred time to give thanks, share what we’ve seen and felt, and mark the journey’s end with grace and hope. **Overnight at the hotel in Berlin (B, D)**

Day 9 – Berlin Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out of the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or take the optional extension to Prague.

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Day 9 – Torgau and the Journey to Prague

At **Torgau Castle**, we reflect on the 1544 meeting where Lutheran and Reformed leaders sought a common path—an early, imperfect step toward Christian unity. In the **Chapel of Hartenfels Castle**, the first Protestant church built for worship. Along the **Elbe River**, we walk prayerfully to the **“Meeting of the Brothers”** monument, marking the symbolic handshake between Soviet and American forces in 1945. We continue to **Prague**, city of stunning spires and spiritual complexity. Perhaps we worship that night with fellow Anglicans at **St. Clement’s Church**, a tender reminder that our communion stretches far beyond borders. **Overnight at the hotel in Prague (B,D)**

Day 10 – Prague: Shadows and Saints

Prague reveals the deep and painful divisions born from the Reformation. At **Prague Castle**, we revisit the dramatic story of the **Defenestration of 1618**, where Protestant nobles famously hurled Catholic emissaries out a window. (The truth? They landed on manure—or were caught by angels, depending on who you ask.) Inside the castle, we take in the grandeur of **St. Vitus Cathedral**, **St. George’s Basilica**, and the charming **Golden Lane**, all layered with the tensions of empire, faith, and reform.

Crossing the **Charles Bridge**, we step into the **Old Town**, where the story of **Jan Hus**—a courageous priest and early reformer—still echoes. At the **Bethlehem Chapel**, where he preached against corruption and called for reform a century before Luther, we consider the cost of truth-telling. We continue to the **Astronomical Clock** and the **Jan Hus Monument**, rising in defiant beauty over the Market Square. **Overnight at the hotel in Prague (B,D)**

Day 11 – Departure: Returning with Wider Vision

We gather one last time for breakfast and prayerful farewells before heading to **Prague Airport**. This extension has brought new questions, deeper stories, and a broader view of the Reformation’s complexity. We return home with clearer eyes—grateful for our heritage, humbled by history, and committed to a faith that builds bridges. **(B)**

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DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$1000.00 per person is due by October 08, 2025. The final payment is due no less than 90 days prior to the departure date of the tour (January 08, 2026). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received after January 08, 2026 may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. 90-61 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

FARE INCLUSIVE. Roundtrip air transportation from Atlanta, GA (ATL) or Charlotte, NC (CLT) International Airport as indicated on the registration form. Seven (7) nights hotel accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four star hotels by (local standards). All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full Local breakfasts (B) and dinners at the hotel (D). Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local English speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Europe departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

TOUR ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE: Goodshepherd Travel constantly strives to adhere to the specifics shown in the itinerary; however, circumstances may necessitate changes. Such circumstances may require changes without advance notice during the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to change the itinerary if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control force a change. Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for any changes caused by unforeseen circumstances.

TOUR CANCELLATION: Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the tour at any time. In the event of a cancellation deemed necessary by Goodshepherd Travel, the sole and exclusive responsibility of Goodshepherd Travel is to refund all monies recovered.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport costs, visa fees (if any), and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with the table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special personal services; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone, and cable expenses, room service orders, etc.; transportation between the home city and the international departure city. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maître d', table waiter, etc.)

AIR ROUTINGS: The brochure price includes IATA jet economy class transportation from the international departure city applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers, based on the 6/45 day Apex fare to Europe. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing, and departure time for each passenger. Airfares used are based on contracted group fares and are highly restrictive. Payments for and restrictions on airline tickets are governed by the applicable fare. Cancellation fees levied by the airlines are applicable if you cancel or change your air ticket for any reason after purchase of air ticket. Ticketing must be completed 45 days prior to departure. Group fares do not permit deviations; passengers who wish to deviate may arrange their own airfare. An airline credit of \$1050.00 will be given to those passengers who arrange their own airfare. Passengers planning to arrange their own air transportation must notify Goodshepherd Travel. In writing on or before January 08, 2026. Seat numbers will be assigned by the airline at check-in; specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Passengers are responsible for providing frequent flyer information upon check-in.

HOTELS: Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$990.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

BAGGAGE: You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to \$100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Goodshepherd Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

DISABILITIES: Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking, and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

INSURANCE: Acting only as agents for suppliers, Goodshepherd Travel is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident, illness and/or death as a result of any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, or theft. For your protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied you prior to departure.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

PRICE CHANGES: Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in May 2025 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$423.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

DISCLAIMER: Goodshepherd Travel acts as a tour operator and only a tour operator. The suppliers providing transportation, sightseeing arrangements and hotel accommodations for the tour program are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of Goodshepherd Travel. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. By utilizing the services of the suppliers, you agree that Goodshepherd Travel shall not be liable for any accident, loss, injury, death, or damage of any kind to you or to those traveling with you. This includes, but is not limited to, conditions beyond its control, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules. At the time of printing a TRAVEL WARNING as issued by the United States Department of State was in effect for parts of Europe. Remember also that all travel documents as well as compliance with customs regulations are your responsibility. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing, signed by an authorized officer of Goodshepherd Travel. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not on board the aircraft. The passenger contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole agreement between it and you. By virtue of my signature on the registration form below I acknowledge and assume all risks associated with this trip and I agree that Goodshepherd Travel assumes no liability of any kind and I hereby expressly waive any and all possible claims against Goodshepherd Travel. Or Spiritual Leader: Rev. Stewart Lucas and Deacon Mitzi Budde.

ACCEPTANCE: Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

Trip date: April 08 - 16, 2026

Package Price: \$4790

Single supplement: \$990 (Private Room)

PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- Round Trip Airline Ticket
- Meet & Assist at the airport upon arrivals and departures
- Accommodation in double occupancy luxury hotels with breakfast.
- Dinners during tours include one soft drink or glass of wine per person
- Transportation in a modern air-conditioned private bus
- English-speaking government-licensed Guide.
- All entrance fees to places of interest
- Whisper devices
- Travel portfolio

PACKAGE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- Lunches
- Soft drinks
- Tips for Guide, Driver, and Hotels
- All Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Anything not mentioned as included
- All prices reflect a 4% cash discount and is forfeited when using a credit card/electronic payment

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2026 PILGRIMAGE TO GERMANY RESERVATION APPLICATION



Group Reference #: **G040826**

**Tour Leaders: Rev. Stewart Lucas
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And Deacon Mitzi Budde
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Tour Dates: (April 08 - 16, 2026)**

AIRLINE PREFERENCE

Airline Ticker From ATL \$4790
 Airline Ticker From CLT \$4790
 NO Airline Ticker (\$3740)
Please select one!

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PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		Date of birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Mailing Address:			
Street:	City:	State:	Zip code:
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
Email address:			

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of Citizenship:	Passport Number:
Passport Date of Issue:	Passport Date of Expiration:
Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please Check One: Double/Triple Occupancy Single Occupancy (Private Room \$990.00 additional)
 All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/Triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement

If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:

If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes No

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is **NOT** traveling with you:

I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Online deposits and registrations will be available starting at 12:00 PM (noon) on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. Use the QR code below to access the registration page easily.



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