

Concordia Lutheran Church

Germany

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
MARTIN LUTHER AND J.S. BACH:
THEIR LIVES AND LEGACIES

July 12-22, 2012 11 Days

Hosted by Pr. David Tryggestad & Rachael Kresha

Truly one of the most significant personalities of his millennium, Martin Luther influenced the course of history, not only in his native Germany, but throughout the world. An inheritor of 200 years of rich Lutheran tradition, J.S. Bach was the culmination and capstone of the Baroque, taking music, both sacred and secular, to unprecedented heights. Together, these two religious and cultural giants continue to enrich and inspire the lives of millions, regardless of faith, race, or class. Both of their lives are a tribute to the motto that Bach applied to the end of many of his compositions: "Soli Deo Gloria!" Come and join us on this historical, musical, and spiritual pilgrimage!

Pastor David Tryggestad has been pastor of Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church in Duluth, Minnesota, since 1999. A passionate and livelong devotee of both Luther and Bach, he holds two doctoral degrees: a Doctor of Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, and a Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance from the University of Iowa. Pastor David has co-lead two previous study tours, one to the Holy Land and the other on the Journeys of Paul in Greece and Turkey. He is a composer of music for choir, congregation, and organ, and he has performed organ concerts in England, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland, as well as in the United States. He has been featured on both Minnesota and Wisconsin Public Radio in concert. He was also a Fulbright Scholar in Copenhagen, Denmark, studying organ performance.



Rachael Kresha received her Master's degree at Emory University, where she studied organ with Timothy Albrecht and piano with Deborah Thoreson. She has recently returned from a performance tour in Italy. This past summer she also attended the McGill Organ Academy, participating in Master Classes with three internationally acclaimed organists: Michel Bouvard, Olivier Latry, and James David Christie. Her undergraduate degrees are from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and Cottey College, where her teachers were Norma Stvelingson and Colleen Pearman. Rachael is currently the organist at Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church of Duluth. She also teaches a children's music and movement class called Joyful Noise. Rachael is also a singer and will perform both organ and vocal works during our tour. Her husband, Jonathan, will also play viola.



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

THU 12 JUL Departure

Begin your journey of discovery and faith today. Depart Minneapolis/St. Paul and connect in Chicago with your transatlantic overnight flight to Europe via SAS Scandinavian Airlines. (Meals- in-flight)

FRI 13 JUL Arrive Munich/Augsburg

Connect in Copenhagen this afternoon with the continuing flight to Germany. Upon arrival in Munich; transfer to the ancient city of Augsburg, where the Augsburg Confession was presented at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530. It was also here in 1518 at St. Anne's Church that Luther met the papal legate, Cardinal Cajetan, who demanded that Luther submit to the pope. Welcome dinner and overnight in Augsburg. InterCity Hotel (Meals in-flight, D) www.intercityhotel.com/Augsburg

SAT 14 JUL Augsburg/Rothenburg

Drive via the Romantic Road through Nördlingen, Dinkelsbühl and other notable towns along the way, to the medieval walled city of Rothenburg, which in the Middle Ages was Germany's second largest city. Tour this charming town that history left alone: See the quaint Rathaus (town hall) with its tower, and enter St. Jacob's Church to view the 500-year-old Riemenschneider altarpiece. Take some free time to walk part of the ramparts or perhaps visit the Kriminal-museum, housing all manner of medieval instruments of torture. Altes Brauhaus (B, D) www.altesbrauhaus.com/index_de.html

SUN 15 JUL Rothenburg/Eisenach

Depart Rothenburg after breakfast and travel to Eisenach, where the young Martin Luther attended parish school. Visit St. George's church, where he sang in the choir, as did Johann Sebastian Bach, who was born here. Luther preached here on the way to the Diet of Worms in 1521, as well as on his way back to Wittenberg. Upon arrival visit the Bach Haus where the young composer lived, and hear a recital of his music. Haus Hainstein (B, D) <http://haushainstein.de/en/>

MON 16 JUL Eisenach/Erfurt

It was here at the formidable Wartburg Castle that Luther, under "house arrest," translated the New Testament into the German language in 1523. A

castle tour includes Luther's apartment, a chapel and lovely panoramic scenery. This afternoon travel to Arnstadt - the Bach family lived in this area for generations. J.S. Bach began his musical career at the Neue Kirche in Arnstadt; hear the Wender organ that young Bach played and enjoy the beautifully kept Old Town. Drive to Erfurt, the capital of Thuringia. Park Inn Apfelstadt (B,D) www.parkinn.com/hotel-erfurtapfelstadt

TUE 17 JUL Erfurt/Weimar

Martin Luther attended university and entered the monastic life here in Erfurt—this is his spiritual home. On July 2, 1505, during a violent thunderstorm, Martin Luther vowed to become a monk. On July 17, Luther walked through the gates of Erfurt's Augustinian Monastery to enter monastic life. Take a guided tour of the Augustinian Cloister; the monastery is now a home to Lutheran nuns. Also visit the Cathedral where he was ordained a priest. This afternoon drive to nearby Weimar and Buchenwald Concentration Camp to walk a sobering pilgrimage through the grounds as a reminder of human cruelty during WWII. Between July 1937 and April 1945, altogether 250,000 persons from all countries of Europe were imprisoned in Buchenwald, including Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The number of victims is estimated at about 56,000. Return to Erfurt for an evening at leisure. Park Inn Apfelstadt (B)

WED 18 JUL Erfurt/Leipzig

Leave Erfurt and travel to Mühlhausen. During the Reformation, Mühlhausen became one of the chief seats of the Anabaptists and the radical reformer Thomas Müntzer. Johann Sebastian Bach was an organist in the Church of Saint Blaise from 1707-1708. Continue to Eisleben, which is noted among the most significant in Luther's history; he was born here in 1483 and died here in 1546, and old manuscripts indicate that he felt a special affinity to Eisleben. See the house of his birth and death, St. Andrews Church where he preached his last sermon, the Luther monument, and St. Anne's Church with the famous Biblical scenes hewn in stone and many other sites. Drive to the beautiful city of Leipzig, the city of Bach and books. Check in at your hotel and this evening enjoy dinner at Auerbach's Keller, which was featured in Goethe's "Faust." ACHAT Comfort Hotel (B, D) www.achat-hotels.com/hotels/Leipzig-Messe

THU 19 JUL Leipzig/Wittenberg

Over the centuries Leipzig has been known as the center of commerce and trade fairs, especially in publishing. Its many publishing houses and libraries still attest to this tradition. During a morning tour visit Market Square and see the beautifully restored commercial buildings. Visit the Thomaskirche, where Bach was organist for 27 years and where Luther preached in 1539. Enter the Nikolaikirche, the center of the peaceful demonstrations that brought about the fall of Communism in 1989. Depart for Köthen where Bach served as kappelmeister to Prince Leopold von Anhalt-Köthen from 1717-1723 and wrote some of his finest secular works including the Bradenburg Concertos. Later today, arrive in Wittenberg where Martin Luther lived, raised his family, taught and preached for 36 years. Best Western Stadtpalais (B,D) www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Wittenberg-Lutherstadt/BEST-WESTERNStadtpalais-Wittenberg

FRI 20 JUL Wittenberg/Berlin

Continue the Reformation Trail today with a tour of Wittenberg. Visit the Castle Church on whose door Luther posted his 95 Theses, giving birth to the Reformation. This beautiful church is also the burial site of Luther. See the university where Luther taught, and the Luther House, which is the greatest museum of Reformation History in the world. Travel to Berlin and enjoy a panoramic overview tour of the former West Berlin en route to the hotel. See the memorial along the famous Kurfurstendamm Street (Kudamm) - Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (Memorial Church), which represents the horrors of war and the promise of the future. Drive through the green heart of Berlin, Tiergarten, and by elegant Charlottenburg Palace, the 18th century home of the Prussian royalty. Dinner and overnight in Berlin Gold Inn Angletterre (B, D) www.hotel-angletterre.de/default.aspx?lang=en

SAT 21 JUL Berlin

This morning continue to tour Berlin including the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate, the Berliner Dom church with its magnificent Sauer organ and many other sights. Have some free time this afternoon to pursue individual activities. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Gold Inn Angletterre (B, D)

This morning transfer to the airport for the return flights to the U.S. Arrive home this same day enriched with your journey of faith, friendship and discovery. (B, Meals in-flight)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due March 8, 2012. Final payment is due May 8, 2012. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to March 7, 2012 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; March 8 - June 27, 2012 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; June 28, 2012 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group airfare contract for this tour may not allow travelers to make any date or itinerary changes. If you are considering other dates or cities, please submit your request in writing well in advance to secure the best rates and schedule, but no later than March 8, 2012. A minimum fee of \$175 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul via SAS Scandinavian Airlines or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily and eight dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Munich through departure from Berlin
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$80 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes and fuel surcharges (currently \$607 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including handy high visibility bag tags, name tags, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING
medical conditions and other
circumstances are covered
when insurance is purchased at the
time of reservation / deposit.
Contact Travel Insured for more
info. 800-243-3174

COST SUMMARY

***\$4229**

Group Flights From Minneapolis/St. Paul
Tour Gratuities (\$80)..... Included
Airport Taxes (\$607)..... Included
*Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room*..... \$289
*In addition to base tour cost
Very limited availability on request basis.
GTD can assist in finding roommates;
however, this cannot be guaranteed

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of November 2011, a minimum of 20 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only.

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption is not included and highly recommended. Please refer to the Travel Insurance section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G#120708 • OR CLIP AND MAIL

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(Name as it appears on passport)

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Mpls/St. Paul.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land- only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL INSURANCE (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

\$ _____ \$ 648 per person **inclusive of travel insurance.**

\$ _____ \$400 per person **without travel insurance.**
I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre- existing waiver.

Form of Payment

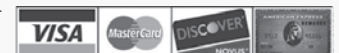
- Check
- Charge my deposit(s) to
Credit Card # _____
Exp _____
Security Code _____
Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#120708

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

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GTD TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is included as an option with the initial tour deposit and is highly recommended. GTD offers a competitive policy from an independent company. By purchasing insurance at the time the tour deposit is made, you can be covered for events that may cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip, e.g., pre-existing medical conditions (certain restrictions apply). If you decline travel insurance at the time of reservation, you may purchase it within 14 days with the pre-existing conditions waiver or you may purchase it later without the pre-existing conditions waiver. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 800-243-3174.

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Trip Cancellation.....	up to Tour Cost*
Trip Interruption.....	up to 150% of Tour Cost**
Travel Delay.....	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$300
Baggage.....	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.....	\$200
Medical Expense.....	\$50,000
Evacuation/Repatriation.....	\$500,000
Accidental Death.....	\$10,000
Political Emergency Evacuation.....	\$100,000
ID Theft Resolution Services.....	included
Assistance Service.....	included

* a maximum of \$4500 per person
 ** a maximum of \$6750 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Insurance is \$248 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. NOTE: Residents of Indiana, New Hampshire, and Washington will receive a state-specific Description of Coverage, which can also be requested by calling 866-684-0218.

