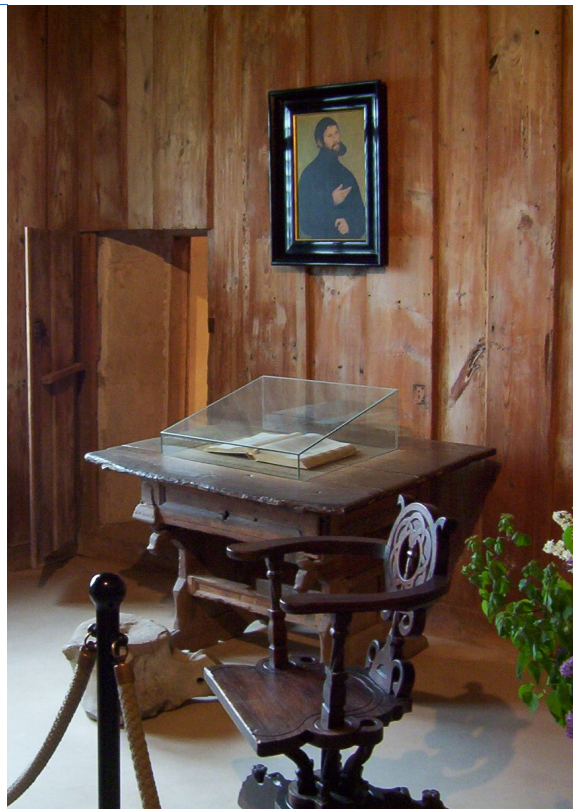
## Christian Theological Seminary Travel Seminar

# 500 Years of Reformation

October 6-14, 2017

Hosted by Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, Dr. Scott Seay, and Dr. Rob Saler



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Students, alumni, and friends of Christian Theological Seminary are invited on a 9-day travel seminar to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The tour is hosted by Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, Dr. Scott Seay and Dr. Rob Saler, and includes sites that were significant in Luther's journey, both in Germany and Rome. We look forward to welcoming you on the tour!

*IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, D = Dinner*

**Day 1: Friday, October 6, 2017: Departure**
Our journey to explore the sites and heroes of the Reformation begins with flights from Indianapolis to Frankfurt. Pre-tour nights can also be arranged. **(IF)**

**Day 2: Saturday, October 7, 2017: Worms, Mainz Area**
On arrival in Frankfurt, we will meet our guide and coach driver and depart for Worms. En route we will stop for lunch at a local winery. In Worms we will see the site of the plaque commemorating the Worms Debates (Diet of Worms), now a park, and the Reformation Monument. We can ponder Luther's quote, *"Hier stehe ich und kann nicht anders! Gott helfe mir, Amen!"* Our guide will also share about another Reformer, William Tyndale, who finished his printing of the English Bible in Worms, escaping persecution in England. Then we continue on to Mainz where a local guide will introduce us to the city and take us on a tour of the Gutenberg Museum. We will overnight in Mainz. **(B/D)**

**Day 3: Sunday, October 8, 2017: Eisenach, Erfurt**
We head in a northerly direction this morning towards Eisenach. It was in 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. We will tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. We will end the day in Erfurt, our home for the next two nights. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**

**Day 4: Monday, October 9, 2017: Erfurt**
Our local guide will take us on a tour including St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Severin's Church and the famous Merchant's Bridge. We will end at the Augustinian Monastery where Luther became a monk on July 17, 1505. We will be able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have done when he lived there. At the end of the tour we will have a group worship service in the chapel (subject to availability). Our afternoon is free to explore on our own or visit Buchenwald Concentration Camp. This evening we will dine in the "Luther Cellar" restaurant with a traditional meal from his time. **(B/D)**

**Day 5: Tuesday, October 10, 2017: Wittenberg**
After breakfast we will drive to Wittenberg and have free time for lunch. In the afternoon our local guide will take us to where Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses to the door of the Schlosskirche (Castle Church) in 1517. Although the original door was destroyed in a fire, the replica has all 95 Theses in bronze, which is magnificent. Next we will tour the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, where Luther lived for 35 years. It was here that he had his pivotal "Tower Experience" while reading Romans 1:17. We will also visit St. Mary's Church and see the Luther Oak. This evening we can join a English-language worship service with the Wittenberg English Ministry and invite the pastor to join us for dinner. **(B/D)**

**Day 6: Wednesday, October 11, 2017: Berlin, Rome**
After a leisurely breakfast, we will drive to the Berlin airport for a flight to Rome. On arrival in Rome, our Italian tour director will welcome us to Italy and escort us to our waiting motor coach. We will begin our time in Rome with a bus orientation tour on the way to our centrally-located hotel. After dinner at our hotel we will take a walk to the Trevi Fountain area of Rome and enjoy some gelato. **(B/D)**

**Day 7: Thursday, October 12, 2017: Rome**
This morning we will visit the Vatican City and St. Peter's Cathedral, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity. Our tour includes a visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. This afternoon we will visit the Basilica of St John in the Lateran where Martin Luther is said to have climbed the steps of the Scala Sancta on his knees. Dinner tonight is in a Roman restaurant. **(B/D)**

**Day 8: Friday, October 13, 2017: Rome**
Many of the sites we will see today were very familiar to the Apostle Paul. We will begin with a visit to the Arch of Constantine and an inside tour of the Colosseum. We will tour the Forum, Palatine Hall and the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was imprisoned. In the afternoon we will tour St. Peter's in Chains, see Michelangelo's Moses and the San Clemente Basilica. Our final dinner is in our hotel. **(B/D)**

**Day 9: Saturday, October 14, 2017: Return**
We will transfer from our hotel to the airport for our morning flights. **(B/IF)**

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## RLG17 Tour Price: $4,175*per person,$2,899 land only

***Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 15 participants***

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- Passenger trip cancellation insurance (details sent with reservation form)
- End of tour gratuity for tour manager and coach drivers

**Payment Schedule:**

- Deposit of $600 will secure your place on the tour. Please make your check payable to "Christian Theological Seminary" and send to Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, 1000 W 42nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46208.
- Final invoices will be sent in July 2017
- Final payments will be due by August 1, 2017.
- Reservations will be accepted after August 1, 2017, subject to availability.

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