

The Theology of Luther:

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Who is Martin Luther and why should Protestants know him? An overview of the history and theology of the father of the Protestant movement.

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Life of Luther (1483–1546)

- Family & education
- 1505: "St. Anne, help me! I will become a monk!"
- 1517: 95 Theses
- 1520: Bull of Excommunication
- 1521: Diet of Wittenberg
- Bible translation
- 1525: Bondage of the Will; Katherine von Bora; Peasants' Rebellion
- 1528: Small Catechism
- 1530: Augsburg Confession
- 1537: Smalkald Articles
- 1543: "On the Jews and Their Lies"

Theology

- priesthood of all believers
- justification by grace
- scripture alone; grace alone; faith alone
- sacraments (baptism and Lord's Supper)
- law and gospel
- theology of the cross
- community
- paradox & dialectic
- vocation

Websites

Official Luther website: <https://www.luther2017.de/en/>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: <https://www.elca500.org/>

North Carolina Synod of the ELCA: <https://nclutheran.org/reformation-500/>

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