

Luther before Emperor Charles V

A historic event in 1521

April 16-26, 1521 marked ten momentous days in Worms.

The Augustinian monk Martin Luther was summoned to an imperial diet, called by Emperor Charles V, to recant his heretic writings.

We know where he entered the city, where he spent the night and where he was summoned before the emperor.

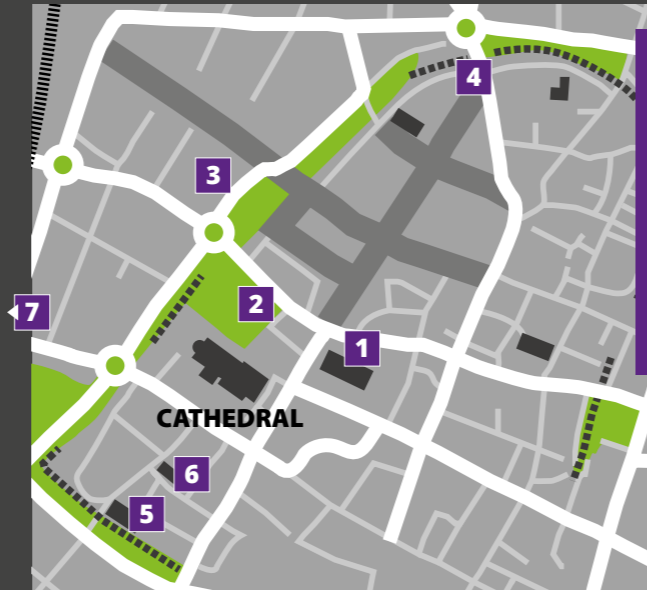
Luther's refusal to recant and the Edict of Worms

Upon arrival, Luther requested 24 hours' time for contemplation. Only on the next day was he able to force himself to refuse to recant.

He was lucky to have left the city soon after, because Charles V imposed an imperial ban on him: The Edict of Worms, according to which anyone was allowed to kill him without facing legal repercussions. But by then Luther was already safe and sound.

To find out where, which alias he used, and who helped him with a cunning escape plan, visit worms-erleben.de or check out the "Worms erleben" app.

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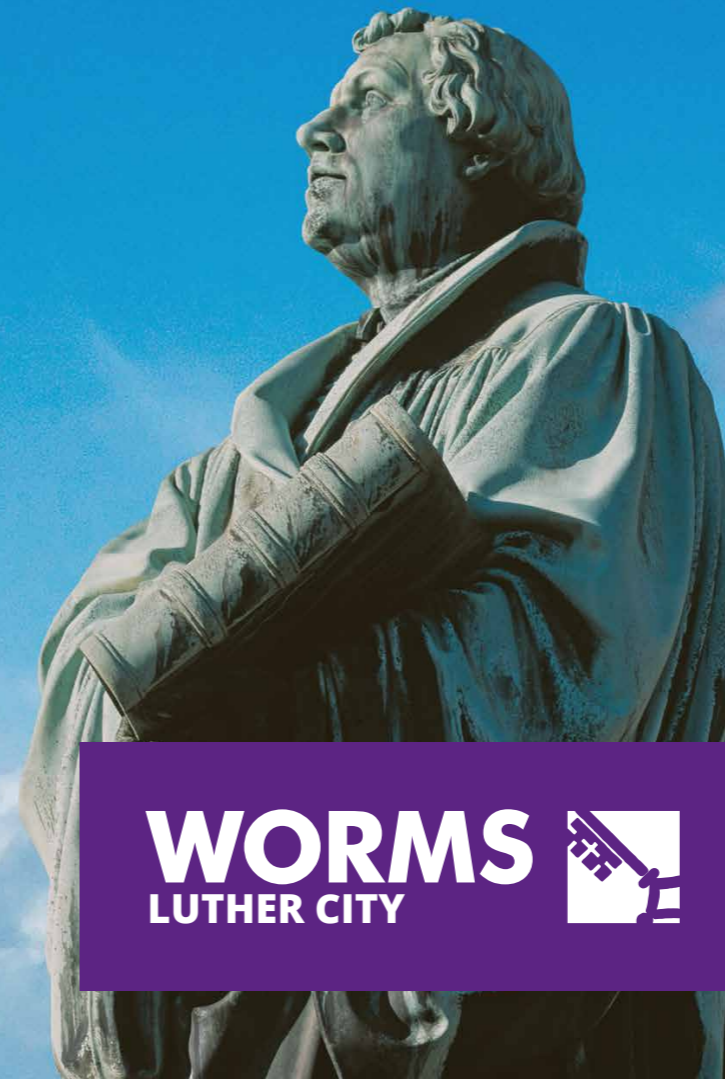
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Luther & Worms

The Diet of Worms 1521



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TRINITY CHURCH

This **baroque city church** was built in 1725. Facing the cathedral it was initially assumed that this was the place where Luther presented himself before the imperial diet. A bust of Luther greets visitors in the vestibule.

The **mosaic** between the organ wings depicts the events of the Diet of Worms in 1521. The interior and the church windows were modernized after 1945.

Next to the church, at the entrance to the city library, an **animation** shows what Worms looked like during Luther's stay. From here, five **metal steles** featuring quotes by Luther point the way to the Heylshof Park. They were designed by artist duo illig & illig.

BISHOP'S PALACE & LUTHER'S SHOES

The bishop's palace was located where the Heylsschlösschen (Heyls' palace) is found today. This is where Luther was summoned by the emperor.

He left behind a pair of **big bronze shoes** for those who wish to follow in his footsteps, another work of art by illig & illig. Already in 1971 Gustav Nonnenmacher captured the scene on a **bronze plaque**. It shows the cityscape, split in half by a symbolic thunderbolt.

A further attraction in the park is a **stage** for those who want to reenact the historic event - for example, as Luther or the emperor!

LUTHER MONUMENT

This is one of the largest Reformation monuments in the world. It was completed in 1868 by Ernst Rietschel and his students.

Luther is surrounded by other important **figures of the Reformation**: Jan Hus, Girolamo Savonarola, Peter Waldo and John Wycliffe. At the corners, we find **Luther's supporters** Philip Melancthon, Landgrave Philip I of Hesse, Frederick the Wise and Johann Reuchlin.

The **female statues** represent the cities of Speyer, Augsburg, and Magdeburg. The significance of these cities for the Reformation is explained during the guided tour. For the visually impaired, there is a **tactile model** opposite the monument.

FURTHERMORE ...

When he arrived in Worms, Luther entered the city through **Martin's Gate**. In its place is a building designed in 1904 modelled after a historic city gate.

To find out where Luther stayed, book the Luther tour. There used to be protestant sermons in the **Saint Magnus' Church** when Luther lived. This is commemorated by Gustav Nonnenmacher's column capital. The church features many art treasures.

Moreover, there is a room dedicated to Luther in the **city museum** in the Andreasstift monastery, and there is a scenic bike tour to the **Luther Elm** in Pffligheim, a tree surrounded by numerous legends. Of course, there is also a Luther Church in Worms.