

# The Luther walk

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Walk along with *Century* contributor [Sarah Hinlicky Wilson](#) and her husband Andrew Lars Wilson as they retrace the journey Martin Luther made from Erfurt, Germany, to Rome in 1510—500 years ago this year. (Seven years later, he produced the 95 theses.) The Wilsons will do the 1,000 miles as Luther did—on foot—allowing 70 days to walk from Germany to Switzerland to Italy, and staying in pensions or campgrounds overnight.

The couple first thought about making the trip when they were graduate students together at Princeton Theological Seminary. Then Sarah took a job as research professor at the Institute for Ecumenical Research in Strasbourg, France, and Andrew became a post-doctoral fellow at the Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue in Geneva, Switzerland.

Their interest in ecumenism grew in their new settings. Now Sarah is [blogging](#) about Catholicism, Lutheranism and ecumenism as she walks, while her husband shares photographs taken along the way.

Here's Sarah musing on ecumenism in a [recent post](#):

How is ecumenism even possible? If we disagreed enough in the past to split into different churches, how can we claim sudden agreement now without totally selling out everything we believe in?

The couple invites all to join the discussion at their blog:

Come in person if you can, or undertake a pilgrimage in spirit: Follow our blog, reconsider Luther, educate yourself about churches other than your own,

and-above all-pray.