BISHOP JULIUS PFLUG AND THE REFORMATION

SPECIAL EXHIBITION
ZEITZ JUNE 5 – NOVEMBER 1, 2017

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A hitherto little noted treasure of Reformation history lies dormant in the Cathedral and Palace City of Zeitz, which is celebrating its 1050th anniversary in 2017. Not only an original surviving edition of the Theses reveals traces of Martin Luther's impact but the personal papers of the irenic theologian Julius Pflug (1499-1564) who labored for the unity of the church are also closely tied with the Reformation era.

The diocese of Naumburg-Zeitz drew attention all over Europe because of the conflict over the episcopate that erupted in 1541-42. The cathedral chapter had appointed Zeitz cathedral canon and collegiate chapter provost Julius Pflug bishop. Elector Johann Friedrich I of Saxony, barred from the negotiations because of his Lutheran beliefs, rashly installed a candidate of his own. Luther personally consecrated Nikolaus von Amsdorf first Protestant bishop in the world in Naumburg Cathedral on January 20, 1542. Two days later, Amsdorf preached his inaugural sermon in the Collegiate Church of Zeitz, the present-day cathedral. This violation of rights occurred at the onset of the Schmalkaldic War during which Emperor Charles V moved against the Protestant imperial princes militarily. Following the emperor's victory in 1547, Julius Pflug was able to assume his episcopate and move into the then Bishop's castle.

BISHOP JULIUS PFLUG: IRENIC THEOLOGIAN AND GUIDING INTELLECT OF ECUMENISM

Julius Pflug was a counselor and diplomat at the court in Dresden and was appointed by Emperor Charles V and the Roman Curia to conduct the negotiations with the Protestants. This earned him a central role in crucial developments of the Reformation era. His vast network of relationships spanning all of Europe placed him in contact with the major and important figures of his day, including Philipp Melanchthon and Erasmus of Rotterdam. On account of his efforts geared toward reconciliation and mediation he is regarded as a guiding intellect and forerunner of ecumenism, now more relevant than ever.

This is why the Combined Cathedral Chapters and the city of Zeitz are presenting a major cultural history exhibition honoring Julius Pflug as part of the Luther year of 2017. It not only examines a Catholic figure prominent in Zeitz and Reformation history but also specifically pays tribute to an irenic theologian of the Reformation era for the first time.

Over the course of his career, this widely educated aristocrat assembled one of the largest, nearly fully surviving personal libraries of the Reformation era. It uniquely reflects the momentous ecclesio-political upheavals and controversies that occurred in Central Germany.

Exceptional objects from numerous European collections are on display at the authentic sites of Moritzburg Palace Museum in Zeitz, the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, the Collegiate Chapter Library in the gatehouse, and St. Michael's Church from the Monday after Pentecost until All Saints’ Days (June 5 to November 1) 2017. The exhibition is intended to elucidate Pflug’s distinct role as a mediator in the turbulent times of the Reformation, while conveying his great significance for ecumenical dialog of the present – and perhaps of the future, too.

Title page: Portrait of Julius Pflug (1498-1564), Vereinigte Domstifter
Inside cover: Arms of Julius Pflug, Binding of Pflug's personal copy of the Greek New Testament, Vereinigte Domstifter
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Exhibition Visitor Service
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HOURS

Monday–Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Hours in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul and in St. Michael’s Church may differ because of worship, concerts and weddings.
Not open until 2 p.m. on June 5, the day of the opening.

ADMISSION

Adults | Groups of 15 or more € 9 | € 7
College students, professional interns, unemployed persons | Groups of 15 or more € 6 | € 5
School students | School groups € 3 | € 2

Admission covers the exhibition venues of Moritzburg Palace Museum, selected areas in the cathedral and the Collegiate Chapter Library in the palace gatehouse. Admission to the cathedral (except for the exhibition area) and St. Michael’s Church is free. Donations are welcomed.

GUIDED TOURS

Guided tours with advance registration | Languages: German, English
Group size: 15–25 | 1 tour guide or 1 bus driver gets free admission
Meeting point: As arranged

SHORT GUIDED EXHIBITION TOUR

Guided tour sites | Time | Price
Museum, Cathedral and 90 minutes € 70/group plus admission
Collegiate Chapter Library

LONG GUIDED EXHIBITION TOUR

Museum, Cathedral and 120 minutes € 90/group plus admission
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Moritzburg Palace Museum is located in the former bishops’ residence, which was converted into a palace for the Dukes of Saxony-Zeitz in the 17th century.

The exhibition begins in the galleries on the third floor, which are easily reached by an elevator.

Following an introductory film, Julius Pflug’s family background, education and career as well as the momentous conflict over the installation of the Bishop of Naumburg are examined, embedded in key events of imperial and church history. This conflict was linked with Nikolaus von Amsdorf, Martin Luther and Elector Johann Friedrich I, on the one hand, and with Emperor Charles V, King Ferdinand and Duke Moritz of Saxony, on the other.

The largest exhibition gallery is devoted to Bishop Pflug’s unceasing efforts to resolve the open points of theological contention through a culture of courteous and irenic dialog in order to preserve Christian unity, which meant everything to him.
Today, the diocese’s former cathedral, seat of a collegiate chapter since 1028, is a living witness to Roman Catholicism in Zeitz and its exceptional decoration conveys key developments in the history of the church’s confessional shifts. The cathedral choir houses the grave and impressive tomb of Bishop Julius Pflug.

The prince’s gallery and the vaulted chamber above it with fascinating ceiling frescoes are serving as exhibition galleries where exceptional exhibited objects address piety and liturgy in Bishop Pflug’s day and the radical changes following his death.

Julius Pflug’s enduring legacy is his unique library, preserved to this day as part of the Collegiate Chapter Library in Zeitz. It is not only one of the rare, almost entirely intact personal libraries of the Reformation era in all of Europe but also one of the few surviving collections of books owned by one of the most preeminent theologians and most distinguished European scholars of the 16th century. Among other items, Pflug’s library includes one of the largest contemporaneously assembled collections of editions of Martin Luther’s works.

Pflug’s personal papers include a large number of his letters and manuscripts as well as notes on contemporaneous political and ecclesio-political events. One of these items is the diary kept by Pflug at the Council of Trent in late 1551 and early 1552.

The learned bishop’s study, reconstructed for the exhibition using precious loaned objects and media installations, is a highlight of the exhibition.
First mentioned in 1154, St. Michael’s Church has been the main Protestant parish church in Zeitz since 1539. An original surviving edition of Martin Luther’s Theses from 1517 was discovered in the tower library in 1882 during renovation work. Today, only six copies of this historic document still exist in the world. The church has been extensively restored in recent years. The main altar with the Salvator Mundi by Lucas Cranach the Elder and the Nuns’ Chapel with its fascinating colorful wall paintings dating to around 1517 are exceptional masterpieces.
In 2017, the city of Zeitz is celebrating its 1050th anniversary with a multitude of events.

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2017 is the quincentenary of Reformation. Combine your visit to the special exhibition in Zeitz with other Reformation sites in Saxony-Anhalt, the cradle of the Reformation, and other national exhibition venues. The Cathedral and Palace City of Zeitz is located just a “stone’s throw” away.

“Georg Spalatin: Martin Luther’s Fellow Traveler in Altenburg”
www.residenzschloss-altenburg.de
May 3, 2015 - November 26, 2017

Luther! 95 People - 95 Treasures, Part 1
Augusteum, Wittenberg
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Luther! 95 People - 95 Treasures, Part 2
Lutherhaus, Wittenberg
August 3 - November 5, 2017

Luther and the Germans
www.wartburg-eisenach.de
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The Luther Effect: 500 Years of Global Protestantism
www.dhm.de
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www.kirche-landesgartenschau-apolda.de
www.apolda2017.de
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