



**16<sup>th</sup> century**  
1517

31 October 1517: Luther posts his 95 Theses against clerical abuses and the sales of indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The Reformation begins.

**17<sup>th</sup> century**  
1648

1648: The Treaty of Westphalia is signed marking the end of the Thirty Years' War between Catholics and Protestants in Europe and establishing the principle of *cuius regio, eius religio*. The principle of state sovereignty that emerged as a result of this treaty serves as the basis for the modern nation state.

**18<sup>th</sup> century**  
1706

1706: Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg, sent by the Danish King and the Danish Church, arrives at Tranquebar, South India. The Lutheran mission to India begins.

**19<sup>th</sup> century**

Lutheran mission to Africa begins with several mission societies from Germany and Scandinavia becoming active in different parts of Africa. A growing number of Lutheran congregations are founded in North and Latin America.

**20<sup>th</sup> century**  
1947

1947: The Lutheran World Federation, comprising 47 member churches, is founded in Lund, Sweden.

**21<sup>st</sup> century**  
2017

2017: The Lutheran World Federation holds its Twelfth Assembly in Windhoek, Namibia, under the theme: "Liberated by God's Grace."

From Wittenberg...

to Windhoek