

CHRIST IS RISEN

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Wednesday of Easter V, A.D. 2025
May 21, 2025

Dear colleagues and partners,

May Christ's resurrection grant you joy and hope, for in Him, we, too, have true and everlasting life. We join Paul in praising God for His grace in our Lord Jesus: "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:56–57).

We are excited to announce the following information regarding the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to take place at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz. All dates are in 2026:

Floor Committee Weekend	May 29–June 1, St. Louis
Convention Dates	July 18–23
Pre-Convention Floor Comm. Meetings	Friday, July 17, 1 p.m.
Floor Comm. Open Hearings	Saturday, July 18, 8 a.m.–noon
Delegate Orientation	Saturday, July 18, 1:30–3 p.m.
Opening Worship	Saturday, July 18, 7 p.m.
Convention Closes	Thursday, July 23, noon
President's Orientation*	Friday, Sept. 18, 1 p.m., St. Louis
Installation of New Officers	Friday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., St. Louis

**Orientation is only for the Council of Presidents, the LCMS Board of Directors, newly elected board and commission members, and other invited guests.*

Please put these dates on your calendar to plan for and be prepared to participate fully in the convention activities. Your arrival day and time to Phoenix will depend on your convention role, district instructions and desire to attend open hearings.

Please remember that full convention attendance is expected per current Bylaws, which state: "Delegates are expected to be faithful in attendance at all sessions of the convention. All duly elected voting delegates shall attend all sessions regularly until the close of the convention. Delegates who arrive late or leave early or who do not attend at all shall present a written excuse" (Bylaws 3.1.2.2 [c]; 3.1.5.2).

The nomination period for the Secretary and convention-elected boards and commissions is already open and will be open until Oct. 18, 2025, nine months before the convention's opening. The timing of all other convention processes, including deadlines for registration, submission of reports and overtures, and nominations and elections, will be determined by Synod Bylaws relative to the convention's opening date.

69TH REGULAR CONVENTION

We will gather under the convention theme, “Christ Is Risen Indeed,” based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus are of first importance (1 Cor. 15:3–4). Christ’s resurrection changes everything; Christ conquered the last enemy, death itself. In Him all believers have eternal life and are delivered from the sin we inherit from our old Adam. This forgiveness and life are freely given, but not freely obtained. It cost Christ His precious blood. But just as God raised Him from the dead, so we, too, walk in the newness of life as those who belong to Christ, those who will inherit eternal life. May we ever rejoice in this truly Good News, and may His praises be ever on our lips.

As we continue preparations to gather in Phoenix, we will post updates and information about the convention to lcms.org/convention/national. Should you have any questions about the convention, please contact Barb Below, convention coordinator, at barb.below@lcms.org or 314-996-1413.

In Christ who changes everything,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
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