



**Rev. Dr. Daniel Preus**  
**Fifth Vice-President**  
***Representing the Central Region***

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Preus is fifth vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He was elected fourth vice-president in 2010 and re-elected and ranked as third vice-president in 2013. He was re-elected in 2016 and ranked as fifth vice-president. He represents the church's Central Region.

Preus, who previously served as the Synod's first vice-president (2001–2004), also has served congregations in Hobart, Ind.; Truman, Minn.; Oak Park, Ill.; and Colorado Springs, Colo., (1975–1995) and in St. Louis (2005–2015). From 1995 to 2001, he served as director of Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, and from 2005 to 2012, as director of the Luther Academy, also in St. Louis, an organization devoted to promoting confessional Lutheran theology.

In other service to the church, Preus sat on the LCMS Board for Parish Services, the Synod's Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church Extension Fund. He was a leader in discussions resulting in the declaration of church fellowship between the LCMS and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya in 2004 and was a liaison between Concordia Historical Institute and the Federal Republic of Germany from 1995 to 1996, where he worked for the return of the Luther manuscript *Wider Hanswurst* to the Federal Republic of Germany.

In addition, Preus is the author of numerous articles for theological journals as well as a book titled *Why I Am a Lutheran*, which has been translated into six other languages.

Born in Mayville, N.D., Preus graduated from the former Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1971 and from Concordia Theological Seminary in 1975, when it was located in Springfield, Ill. He also holds a Master of Sacred Theology from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, which he received in 1989. In 2015 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from this same institution.

Preus and his wife, Linda, live in St. Louis. They have three sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren.