



Rev. Christopher S. Esget
Sixth Vice-President
Representing the East-Southeast Region

The Rev. Christopher S. Esget is sixth vice-president and a member of the Praesidium of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). He was appointed to the position in 2015, and was elected at the 2016 convention. He represents the church's East-Southeast Region. He also serves as senior pastor of Immanuel Evangelical—Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Va., where he has served since 2001.

Prior to being called to Immanuel, Esget served at Bethel Lutheran Church, DuQuoin, Ill., where he was ordained in 1998. He attended Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., where he earned a Master of Divinity in 1997 and a Master of Sacred Theology in 2005.

Esget also serves on the LCMS Sanctity of Human Life Committee and is the life coordinator for the LCMS Southeastern District. He has presented papers at Concordia Theological Seminary's Good Shepherd Institute; the Concordia Catechetical Academy's annual symposium; the Rocky Mountain District's convocation on worship; the Higher Things youth organization; the St. Michael Liturgical Conference; the LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music; and the Infertility Ethics Symposium at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He has served as chaplain and worship leader for the LCMS Life Conferences; the Lutherans For Life annual March for Life events in Washington, D.C.; Higher Things; and the LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching and Church Music. Esget's sermons and exegetical works have been published in several periodicals. He is a 2015 Washington Fellow of the National Review Institute.

Born and raised near Minneapolis, Esget pursued his love of music with classical piano studies at Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota before graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in music from the Berklee College of Music in Boston in 1993. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading and playing the piano.

Esget lives in Alexandria with his wife and son.