

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod July 18–July 23, 2026 • Phoenix Convention Center • Phoenix, Arizona

Floor committee meetings were held May 29–31, 2026 in St. Louis. The schedule is considered tentative as Bylaw 3.1.9 (i)(2) states that the President “shall, at the first session and during the course of succeeding sessions of the convention, announce the order of business for the day and following days.” Unless otherwise indicated, all activities take place in the Phoenix Convention Center North Building.

Friday—July 17, 2026

Registration Desk open 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. (3rd floor)

1:30–5:30 Floor Committees—closed meetings (1st floor, West Building)

Saturday—July 18, 2026

Registration Desk open 8:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m. (3rd floor)

Exhibits open 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. (Hall D, 3rd floor)

8:30–noon Floor Committee open hearings (1st floor, West Building)

10:00 Break

10:30–noon Floor Committee open hearings (1st floor, West Building)

12:00 Lunch on your own

1:00–5:00 Floor Committee closed meetings, if necessary

1:30–3:00 All Delegate and Representative Orientation (Halls AB, 3rd floor)

5:00 Delegate Dinner (Ballrooms A-D, 1st floor)

7:00 Pre-service music (Halls AB, 3rd floor)

7:30 Opening Divine Service with Holy Communion (Halls AB, 3rd floor)

Sunday—July 19, 2026

Registration Desk open 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (3rd floor)

Exhibits open 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (Hall D, 3rd floor)

8:00 Matins—Rev. Peter K. Lange

8:30 Preparations for Opening Business Session

8:40 Convention Opening and Presentation of Gavel

8:45 Electronic Voting System and Microphone Queue

9:15 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11)

9:20 Standing Rules

9:35 Convention Schedule

9:45 President’s Report (Part 3)

10:15 Consent Calendar

10:30 Welcome and Greetings from Pacific Southwest District

10:35 Convention Essay—Rev. Dr. Jon S. Bruss, “Christ is the Truth”

11:00 Essay Responder—Rev. Dr. Scott R. Murray

11:10 Presentation—All Nations Ministry

11:25 National Witness (#1)

12:00 Recess

1:30 Midday Prayer—Rev. Brady L. Finnern

1:55 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (Announce presidential election result)

2:00 Response from newly elected president

2:05 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (Voting delegate registration report)

2:10 Presentation of Slate and Balloting for First Vice-President

2:20 Presentation of Slate and Balloting for Central Regional Vice-President

2:30 Presentation of Slate and Balloting for East-Southeast Regional Vice-President

2:40 Presentation of Slate and Balloting for Great Lakes Regional Vice-President

2:50 Presentation of Slate and Balloting for Great Plains Regional Vice-President

3:00 Presentation of Slate and Balloting for West-Southwest Regional Vice-President

3:10 Ballot to determine ranking of Vice-Presidents

3:20 Greetings—Concordia Plan Services, Kevin Herweck

3:30 Omnibus Resolution A, B, C

3:55 Committee for Convention Nominations (Nominations for Secretary and Synod Board of Directors)

4:10 Presentation—International Missions: Spread the Gospel

4:30 International Witness (#2)

5:00 Life Together (#4)

5:40 Evening Prayer

6:00 Recess

Evening—LCEF Ice Cream Social

Monday—July 20, 2026

Registration Desk open 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (3rd floor)

Exhibits open 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Hall D, 3rd floor)

8:00 Matins—Rev. Christopher S. Esget

8:25 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11)

8:30 Consent Calendar

8:40 Greetings—LCEF, Rev. J. Bart Day

8:55 Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (#6)

10:00 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (Balloting for Secretary and Synod Board of Directors)

10:40 Special Recognition—LCMS President Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick

10:45 Convention Essay—Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Egger, “Christ Changes Everything”

11:10 Essay Responder—Rev. C. Bryan Wolfmueller

11:20 Life Together (#4)

12:00 Recess

1:30 Midday Prayer—Rev. Dr. Terrence C. Chan

1:45 Minutes

1:50 Committee for Convention Nominations (*other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities*)
 2:30 Presentation—International Missions: *Planting Churches*
 2:50 International Witness (#2)
 3:20 Greetings—The LCMS Foundation, *David Fiedler*
 3:25 Greetings—Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church, *Rev. Mark G. Schroeder*
 3:35 Structure and Administration (#9)
 4:45 Presentation—National Missions: *Church Planting*
 5:15 National Witness (#1)
 5:45 Vespers
 6:00 Recess
 8:00 p.m.—*Erin Bode Concert*

Tuesday—July 21, 2026

Registration Desk open 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (3rd floor)

Exhibits open 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (Hall D, 3rd floor)

8:00 Morning Prayer—*Rev. Dr. Nabil S. Nour*
 8:25 Registration, Credentials, and Elections
 8:30 Greetings—Concordia Publishing House, *Jonathan D. Schultz*
 8:35 Consent Calendar
 8:45 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (*Balloting for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities*)
 9:35 Convention Essay—*Dr. Michael A. Thomas, “Christ Conquers Death”*
 10:00 Essay Responder—*Rev. C. Bryan Wolfmueller*
 10:10 Presentation—Military Chaplains, *Rev. Criag G. Muehler*
 10:30 Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution (#10)
 11:00 Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (#6)
 12:00 Recess
 1:30 Midday Prayer—*Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor*
 1:45 Minutes
 1:50 Presentation—Church Relations, *Rev. Dr. Jonathan E. Shaw*
 2:10 Theology and Church Relations (#5)
 2:55 Special Recognition—*National and International Church Body Representatives*
 3:15 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (*Balloting for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities*)
 3:55 Special Recognition—*Newly elected and outgoing Synod Board of Directors*
 4:00 Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution (#10)
 4:40 Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries (#6)
 5:05 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (*Balloting for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities*)
 5:45 Responsive Prayer
 6:00 Recess
 Evening—*Alumni Receptions*

Wednesday—July 22, 2026

Registration Desk open 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (3rd floor)

No exhibitors

8:00 Morning Prayer—*Rev. Benjamin T. Ball*
 8:25 Registration, Credentials, and Elections
 8:30 Consent Calendar
 8:40 Greetings—Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, *Eden Keefe*
 8:45 Greetings—Lutheran Hour Ministries, *Kurt Buchholz*
 8:50 Finance (#8)
 9:40 Structure and Administration (#9)
 10:35 Convention Essay—*Rev. Kirk M. Clayton, “Christ’s Resurrection for You”*
 11:00 Essay Responder—*Rev. C. Bryan Wolfmueller*
 11:10 University Education (#7)
 12:00 Recess
 1:30 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed—*Rev. Dr. Michael E. Gibson*
 2:00 Minutes
 2:05 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (*Balloting for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities*)
 3:00 University Education (#7)
 4:20 Special Recognition—Former Officers
 4:25 Presentation—International Missions: *Showing Mercy*
 4:45 Mercy (#3)
 5:15 Theology and Church Relations (#5)
 5:50 Responsive Prayer
 6:00 Recess
 7:30 p.m.—*President Elect’s Reception*

Thursday—July 23, 2026

Registration Desk open 8:00 a.m.–Noon (3rd floor)

No exhibitors

8:00 Matins—*Rev. Dr. Alfonso O. Espinosa*
 8:20 Consent Calendar
 8:30 Minutes
 8:35 Registration, Credentials, and Elections (#11) (*Balloting for other boards, CTCR, boards of regents, and synodwide entities*)
 8:55 Finance (#8)
 9:20 Life Together (#4)
 10:25 Mercy (#3)
 11:05 Unfinished Business
 11:50 Itinerarium
 12:00 Adjournment