

MONTLY DEVOTION



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1 Corinthians 15:20-22

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

will be held July 18-23 in Phoenix, Arizona. The convention is theme is “Christ Is Risen, Indeed” based on 1 Corinthians 15:20-22. *“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”*

From Convention Bible Study Introduction, note these words:

“The importance of the resurrection cannot be overstated. If Christ is not risen from the dead, there is no Christian church and no Christian faith. There is no hope, and life is reduced to an ongoing scramble of sinful self-preservation. But in fact Christ is risen from the dead, and this news changes everything for you in time and eternity.”

“Christ is risen from the dead. The Lord has faithfully kept His promises

and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners.”

“Christ will raise you from the dead on the Last Day. This life is not all that there is. In your mourning for others who have died in the faith and as you contemplate your own mortality, there is certain comfort in the words of the Nicene Creed that ‘we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.’”

“Already, Christ has joined you to His death and resurrection in Holy Baptism. The resurrection is not merely about your future, as if that wouldn’t be enough of a gift; but your life is already transformed as a new creation, and that should have a profound effect every day.”

“In other words, for the sake of Christ, the Living One, you are already the living among the dead — because He is risen, and risen for you.”

<https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/worship/bible-study>

Convention delegates will take up a variety of issues through overtures submitted that have been turned into resolutions by the ten different floor committees that met in St. Louis from May 29-31. Sixty-eight (68) elections for various offices and committees will also take place.

Finally, as at every Convention, an offering is taken. For 2026-2029, offerings collected will support the work of congregations, districts and RSOs vigorously to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ among families, young people and children.

Individuals, groups, and congregations who are interested in donated should visit this link: <https://www.lcms.org/convention/national/offering>

Christ is risen, indeed ... Alleluia! And because Christ is risen, so will we! We pray for our beloved church body, especially as we gather for Convention this year!