



Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

2025 PASTORS CONFERENCE

Oct. 12–14, 2025

Margaritaville Lake Resort, Osage Beach, MO

The 2025 Missouri District Pastors Conference will be a time of encouragement and refreshment in the Word of God. This year's theme is "Restore the Roar," based on a text from the Book of Amos, and will be presented by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, professor of theology and ministry, and director of the Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota.

We look forward to seeing you in October and hope you are able to join us for this time together!

The Divine Service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Lake Ozark at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. No evening program will follow the service.

General Information

- The Pastors Conference begins 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 with Divine Service at Christ the King – Lake Ozark (1700 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark, MO 65049).
- Registration will be open in the hotel lobby on Sunday afternoon from 4-6 p.m., Sunday evening from 8-9:30 p.m., and Monday morning from 8–9 a.m.
- Exhibits will be open from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13 and 8-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Registration: [CLICK HERE to register for the conference](#)

The registration fee covers the conference program, Monday lunch, refreshments on Monday evening and coffee and tea during conference breaks.

- All participants: \$180
- Emeritus, Vicars: \$90
- Guest: \$45 (Monday lunch ONLY – no program)

The deadline to register for the conference is Oct. 1, 2024. If paying by check, all fees must be paid in full prior to the conference.

Please note: Housing is not included in the conference registration fee. Discounted room rates are available — see the Lodging Information section below.

Cancellations

A full refund of the registration will be issued for cancellations made on or before Oct. 1, 2025. After this date, no refunds will be given, as final numbers will have been given to the hotel.

Please note: No-shows will still be responsible for payment of their registration fees.

Lodging Information

Housing is not included in the conference registration. A block of rooms has been reserved at Margaritaville Lake Resort (formerly Tan-Tar-A) in Osage Beach at a discounted rate starting at \$149 per night (plus tax). There are a limited number of suites also available: one-bedroom suites at \$249 and two-bedroom suites at \$349, plus tax.

The hotel reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, or until the room block is sold out.

[CLICK HERE to make hotel room reservations](#)

Reservations can also be made by phone at 800-826-8272, using group code: MODLCMS. When checking in at the hotel, please bring your tax-exempt letter and pay either with a church credit card or church check, to avoid state sales tax. Personal credit cards will not receive this exemption. Local taxes still apply. Check-in time is 4 p.m. on the day of arrival, and check-out time is 11 a.m. on the day of departure.

Excused Absences

Participation is strongly encouraged at this conference. If you cannot attend, please submit a request for an excused absence. Excused Absences may be emailed to: events@mo.lcms.org or sent by mail to:

Missouri District Pastors Conference
Attn.: Sue Thompson
660 Mason Ridge Center Drive, Suite 100
St. Louis, MO 63141-8557

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 12

4–6 p.m. Registration – Margaritaville Lake Resort Lobby
7 p.m. Divine Service at Christ the King, Lake Ozark
Refreshments sponsored by Lutheran Church Extension Fund following worship at Christ the King, Lake Ozark
8–9:30 a.m. Registration – Margaritaville Lake Resort Lobby

Monday, October 13

7 a.m. Morning Walk/Run (optional) – Meet outside of Lobby
8–9 a.m. Registration
8 a.m.–5 p.m. Exhibitor area open all day – Paradise B
8:30 a.m. Welcome & Announcements – Paradise C
All main sessions are in Paradise C, by Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing
9–9:30 a.m. Opening Devotion
9:30–10:15 a.m. Plenary 1: Introduction
10:15–10:30 a.m. Break
10:30–11:15 a.m. Plenary 2: The Lion Roars: Amos 1–3
11:15–11:30 a.m. Greetings
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Lunch (provided) – Paradise B
Exhibits Open – Paradise B
12:45–1:30 p.m. Plenary 3: The Day of the Lord: Amos 4–6
1:30–1:45 p.m. Break
1:45–2:30 p.m. Plenary 4: Five Visions: Amos 7–9
2:30–3 p.m. Conference Business and Elections
3–3:30 p.m. President's Report
3:30–5:30 p.m. Happy Hour! Gemütlichkeit! – Windgate Plaza

Tuesday, October 14

7 a.m. Morning Run/Walk (Optional) Meet outside of Lobby
8–10:30 a.m. Exhibit area open – Paradise B
8–8:25 a.m. Opening Devotion – Paradise C
8:25–8:40 a.m. Conference Business
8:45–9:30 a.m. Breakout A
9:30–9:45 a.m. Break
Exhibit area open – Paradise B
9:45–10:30 a.m. Breakout B
10:30–10:45 a.m. Break
10:45–11:30 a.m. Breakout C
11:30 a.m. Closing Devotion – Paradise C

Plenary Presenter

Restore the Roar

Amos, a herdsman from Tekoa, heard the voice of God and compared it to a roaring lion. Throughout his book the prophet describes Lord Yahweh confronting economic exploitation, phony religion, and fake worship. Amos' crushing Law, however, gives way to this Gospel announcement in Christ Jesus, "The Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered!" (Rev. 5:5)



Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing

Professor of Theology & Ministry, Director of the Center for Biblical Studies
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Reed Lessing serves as The Edwin F. and Esther L. Laatsch Chair of Old Testament Studies at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He directs the university's Center of Biblical Studies and pre-seminary program. Reed also serves as the Associate Pastor as Cross View Lutheran Church in Edina, Minnesota. He has authored six commentaries in the Concordia Commentary series, CPH books on Exodus, Numbers, and Jeremiah, and has co-authored three CPH Old Testament books with Andy Steinmann. Reed enjoys running, hiking, riding his bike, and cross-country skiing.