

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (subject to changes)

Note: Several seminars are scheduled at the same time.

THURSDAY, June 26

7:30 PM Evening Prayer at the Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.

Participants: Church Service Committee, local staff, and the Department of Sami Church Life in the Church of Norway.

FRIDAY, June 27

(Official opening day of Sami Church Days 2025)

10:00 AM Exhibition opening with Anna Stina Svakko and Girkugiisá. Art Association, Alta City Center.

11:00 AM Exhibition opening with Per Ivar Somby – old photographs. Alta City Square.

1:00 PM Opening Service at the Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.

3:00–4:30 PM Seminar: Sacred Landscapes. Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.

3:00 PM Film (title forthcoming). Alta Cinema.

4:00–4:45 PM Photo Lecture: A young Skolt Sami man's life as a hunter. Meeting Room Sautso (Scandic Alta). Presented by Vesa Orassalo.

Break until 6:00 PM.

6:00–7:30 PM Film *More Than Just Mountains*. Alta Cinema. Discussion with filmmaker Johannes Vang.

6:00–7:00 PM Sydisdans. Meeting Room Vest-Finnmark (Scandic Alta).

6:00–7:30 PM Sághostallamat/Conversation: Reconciliation, Yoik, and Christian Faith. Lavvu in the church park.

Presenter: Kristian Paulsen. Moderator: Risten Turi Aleksandersen.

7:30–8:30 PM Break.

8:30–9:30 PM Hymn Singing Evening with Pia Holmgren, Maria Smeds, and Ávla Lifjell. Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.

9:30–10:30 PM Break.

10:30 PM Bus departure from Alta City Center to Jiepmaluokta (Hjemmeluft).

11:00 PM Midnight Sun Service at Jiepmaluokta Beach.

SATURDAY, June 28

8:30–10:00 AM Orthodox Morning Service. Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.

10:30 AM–12:00 PM Main Seminar: The Role of the Church in Future Reconciliation Efforts. Meeting Room Vest-Finnmark (Scandic Alta).

Presenters: Lovisa Mienna Sjöberg, Mari Valjakka, and Kaisa Huuva.

12:00–1:00 PM Break.

1:00–1:45 PM

- Seminar: Sami Musical Expressions in the Church – How can Sámi church music contribute to reconciliation? Meeting Room Vest-Finnmark (Scandic Alta). Presenter: Karin Nelson. Panel: Kristian Paulsen, Hanna-Maaria Kiprianoff, and Åvla Lifjell.
- Seminar: Mental Health and Reconciliation. Meeting Room Sautso (Scandic Alta). Organized by SANKS, Uvja, and Church SOS.
- Seminar: Sami Bible Translation. Alta Library. In collaboration with the Norwegian Bible Society.

1:45–2:00 PM Break.

2:00–3:00 PM

- Bargobadji/Workshop: Yarn and Handicrafts. Limited to 15 participants. Meeting Room Sautso (Scandic Alta). Led by Ida Mara Marakatt.
- Ságestallamat/Conversation: Racism against Sami – How can the church and local communities collaborate? Meeting Room Vest-Finnmark (Scandic Alta).
- Traditional Hymn Singing. Lavvu in the church park. Led by Johan Máhtte Skum.

3:00–3:30 PM Break.

3:30–5:00 PM

- Seminar: Girkugiisá. Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church. Concludes with a walk to the exhibition room at the Art Association. Presented by Anna Stina Svakko.
- Sami Church Life and LGBTQ+. Meeting Room Sautso (Scandic Alta).
- Seminar: Repatriation of Sami Remains. Meeting Room Vest-Finnmark (Scandic Alta). Presenters: Fredrik Juul and Erva Niittyvuopio.

5:00–6:00 PM Break.

6:00 PM Youth Service. Alta Church, Kirkeveien 1 (10 minutes walking distance from the Northern Lights Cathedral).

8:00 PM CONCERT – Kajsa Balto. Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.

SUNDAY, June 29

9:30–10:15 AM Youth Appeal to the Churches in Sápmi. Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.

Response from Bishops.

11:00 AM Closing Service with the handover of responsibility for the next Sámi Church Days to Sweden.

Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.