

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (subject to changes)

**Note: Several seminars are scheduled at the same time.**

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## 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.

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## 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** Sydidans. Meeting Room Vest-Finnmark (Scandic Alta).

**6:00–7:30 PM** Sáagastallamat/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.

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## **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 Sami 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-Maria Marakatt.
- Ságastallamat/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.

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## **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 Sami Church Days to Sweden.

Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta Church.