



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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*“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. <sup>14</sup> But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.”*

## Romans 13:11-14

The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new Church year. Although the season of Advent leads up to the Christmas season, Advent is more than just a preparation for Christmas. The word “advent” means “coming”, so in the Christian sense, the Advent season is a celebration of the coming of Our Lord. Jesus came to us in the flesh at Christmas. He comes to us in the present in Word and Sacrament. And finally, Jesus promises to come again and bring us home with Him to heaven.

One of the prevailing themes of Advent is that of watchfulness. The hymns and Scripture readings for this time of year warn us against complacency and exhort us to live in watchful preparation as we await the return of Our Lord. We live our lives in service to God and to one another, not by our own efforts, but because of who we are through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the cleansing of His blood, we are made new creatures in Christ, who now act in faithful service to Him. Like the Apostles in the early church, our response is one of urgency, as if the Lord Jesus were going to return at this very moment. We await Him not with fear, but with anticipation; as a bride awaits her bridegroom. In one of our Advent hymns we sing:

“Our Hope and Expectation, O Jesus now appear;  
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for, o’er this benighted sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead O Lord to see  
The Day of earth’s redemption, that brings us unto Thee!”

The Apostle John says at the end of the book of Revelation, chapter 22, verse 20: *“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”* In the same way, may God grant us grace to long for the Day of Christ’s return, for He indeed is the lover of our souls.

*”And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”*

## Luke 21:27-28

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Chuck Bylkas



## *Donations Received....*

### *In memory of Mary Lou Mickelsen*

from Jim Mickelsen  
Eugene & Eleanore Tauriainen

### *In memory of Milly Otto*

from Kirk Otto Sr.

### *In memory of Martin Logan*

from Gary & Helen Westerholm

### *In memory of Mayme Niemitalo*

from Sharon Lehr

### *In memory of Joe Krutzig*

from Audrey B. Krutzig

### *In memory of Darlene Heikka*

from Kenneth Heikka

### *In memory of Norman Ruohonen*

from Betty Ruohonen

### *In memory of Ed Puumala*

from Ellie Puumala




## **Seminary Service Schedule**

**7 p.m.**

### **December**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryan Kandoll @ Seminary  
9<sup>th</sup> – Charles Jousma @ Laurium  
16<sup>th</sup> – Josh Bergstedt @ Alston



**Spring 2013 Class Schedule**

<b>Class begins Monday, January 21st</b>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
8:30a.m.	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel
9:00 - 9:50a.m.	Christian Dogmatics II	Churches, Sects & Isms	Christian Dogmatics II	Churches, Sects & Isms	Christian Dogmatics II
10:00 - 10:50a.m.	History of the Medieval Church	Pastoral Work & Administration	History of the Medieval Church	Churches, Sects & Isms	History of the Medieval Church
11:00 - 11:50a.m.	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Pastoral Work & Administration	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Pastoral Work & Administration	Principles of Biblical Interpretation
12:00 - 12:50p.m.	New Testament Greek Readings				
7:00 - 8:40p.m.	General Epistles & Hebrews (In Hancock)				

### **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

**Christian Dogmatics II** (3 credits) – A continuation of Christian Dogmatics I focusing on lectures, readings and discussion of various Christian Doctrines.

**Churches, Sects & Isms** (3 credits) – An overview of the teachings and practices of the most prevalent Christian denominations, sectarian groups and others.

**History of the Medieval Church** (3 credits) – A historical analysis of the Church of the Middle Ages and the Reformation Era.

**Pastoral Work & Administration** (3 credits) – A thorough study and discussion of pastoral theology and its application in the office of the ministry.

**Principles of Biblical Interpretation** (3 credits) – A history and study of the hermeneutical techniques and their application to the scriptures, including the methods of Textual Analysis.

**New Testament Greek Readings** (1 credit) – A course designed to apply the principles learned in New Testament Greek and facilitate the mastery of the language of the New Testament through reading selected portions of its text.

**General Epistles & Hebrews** (2 credits) – A study of the content of each of the letters emphasizing the uniqueness of thought in their respective authors.