



# Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

The only good thing about seeing Summer fade away is that we begin a new school year and classes resume. Every year I look forward with great anticipation to teaching the classes on our schedule and the opportunity to encounter new information and revisit old information in preparation to share that material with others. Again I am especially excited to be teaching Romans again as I have had the opportunity to use this book to teach confirmation students and have been absolutely awestruck by the pure majesty of it. Martin Luther wrote often on the profound effect this book had on his understanding of the faith and many church people throughout history have shared his enthusiasm for its deep influence upon their lives. One need only cite a few passages to see what caused their zeal for the book.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.<sup>17</sup> For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.  
(Rom. 1:16-17 KJV)

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;<sup>24</sup> Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (Rom. 3:23-24 KJV)

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:<sup>2</sup> By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Rom. 5:1-2 KJV)

*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (Rom. 8:1-2 KJV)

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.<sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,<sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:37-39 KJV)

What wonderful things our God has to say and how marvelous it is to study them and understand the great love and grace our Father has shown us through His Son Jesus by His Word and Spirit. If this study is of interest to you, or any of our classes capture your attention, please feel free to join us as we mature in the understanding of these great and awesome things. May God richly bless you and thank you for all your support.

God's Peace,  
Jay Weidner



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## **FALL SEMESTER STARTING SOON**

The following daily classes will begin on Wednesday, **September 4th**. The Monday night class at 7PM in Hancock will begin on **September 9th**. Classes can be taken in person or online through Zoom. For additional information or if you are interested in taking a class, contact the office at 906-482-3337 or email: [cilseminary@ilseminary.com](mailto:cilseminary@ilseminary.com)

### History of Christianity in America (3 credits) – **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9AM**

A history of the spread of the church in the United States from its pilgrim beginnings to the present.

### History of the Laestadian Movement and Apostolic Lutheranism (2 credits) – **Tuesday, Thursday 9AM**

An investigation of the origin and impact of the Laestadian movement both in its native Finland and in the United States.

### Anthropology & Christology (2 credits) – **Monday, Wednesday 9AM**

An investigation of what it means to be human, especially in light of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

### Ministry to the Youth (1 credit) – **Tuesday, 10AM**

A study of philosophies and methodologies involved in working with youth.

### Joshua (1 credit) – **Thursday, 10AM**

A study of the Book of Joshua considering its historical and spiritual significance and its practical application in the contemporary world. The course is based on determining and evaluating the significant acts of God in this book.

### Romans (2 credits) – **Monday, Wednesday 11AM**

Exegesis and interpretation of portions of the epistle emphasizing its doctrinal content and theology.

### Samuel, Kings & Chronicles (2 credits) – **Tuesday, Thursday 11AM**

A comparative study of the history of the nation of Israel as recorded in these accounts.

### Corinthian Epistles (2 credits) – **Friday, 10AM**

An exegetical study of Apostle Paul's letters to the congregation in Corinth.

### New Testament Greek (6 prerequisite credits) – **Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1PM**

A course in the rudiments of the language of the New Testament.

### Gospel of Matthew (Monday night class-2 credits) – **Monday, 7PM**

An analysis of the gospel of Matthew in the light of its similarity to Mark and Luke. Also, questions concerning the roots and priority of the Synoptic Gospels.

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