

Dogmatics Syllabus

Objectives:

- ◆ To grow in faith, love and holiness by the power of the Spirit.
- ◆ To see Christ and Him crucified as the center of all faith and life.
- ◆ To study various errors in order to be able to refute them with God's Word.
- ◆ To improve our understanding of God's truth in order to better proclaim God's grace, peace, and love.

Our Course of Study: We study the doctrines of Holy Scripture for six semesters. Classes meet three times a week, except for the Junior's introduction course which meets five times per week. The various teachings of the Bible are presented and discussed on the basis of an "a priori" acceptance of the Bible as the verbally inspired, inerrant, clear and sufficient Word of God. The focus of the Bible is continually on the universal and objective justification of sinners through the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ. Jesus is true God and true man, our only Savior. These courses help the student gain a thorough knowledge of the whole will of God for Christian faith and life. The doctrines of the Lutheran Church as set forth in the Lutheran Confessions are examined in the light of Scripture to strengthen the student's conviction that they are in fact drawn from the Bible. This intensive study of Christian doctrine aims to give those who are preparing to become public ministers of the gospel a clear and comprehensive understanding of the truths of God's Word. This will enable them to preach and teach with the assurance, "Thus saith the LORD." The class discussions follow the notes of Professor John Meyer with revisions and additions made by the WLS faculty and Professor John Ude. Franz Pieper's "Christian Dogmatic" - three volumes - is also referenced and discussed as well as other references. Students give presentations during the year.

Junior Introduction: Introduction to Theology

First Year, First Semester: Theology

First Year, Second Semester: Theology & Anthropology

Second Year, First Semester: Christology

Second Year, Second Semester: Christology & Soteriology

Third Year, First Semester: Soteriology

Third Year, Second Semester: Soteriology & Eschatology