

**Systematic Theology:  
Fundamentals of Christian Theology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Jan. 17- April 10, 2025**

Class Facilitator: Dr. Winston Persaud, Wartburg Seminary

**Course Schedule**

**Orientation Conference call Tuesday Jan. 14 at 7:30 PM Central Time:** You will be enrolled in the course site a few days before the orientation phone call. Please take the orientation week to explore the course site. There are a number of tasks to do during the orientation time: update your profile, introduce yourself in the “Getting to Know You” forum, and indicating your choice about “Why are you taking this course?” You can’t hurt anything, click around the course homepage and explore! There will also be an orientation call with the course facilitator on Tuesday Jan. 14 at 7:30 PM Central Time. This call will be done using Zoom, a tool that can be joined by video or phone. There are instructions for the call in the class website.

**Weekly course guide:**

Sometime Friday through Sunday...

- Watch the lectures for the session
- Read any assigned readings
- Post your thoughts in the discussion essay forum

Monday through Tuesday

- Read the forum postings
- Respond to 2 of your classmates in the discussion essay forum with a 1-3 sentence response
- Post your thoughts in the key question forum

By Thursday evening of each week

- Read the forum postings
- In the key question forum respond to at least 2 other participants with 1-3 sentences.

**Variation: Sessions 4 and 9**

In these 2 sessions instead of the second forum, there will be a live small group discussion for 1 hour on Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM Central Time. These will also be done using Zoom.

**Final Paper**

For those taking this course for preparation for any certification, the final paper is due April 24, 2025, two weeks after the completion of the course.

**Grading:**

The grading for the Systematic Theology course is simply pass-fail. This grade is assigned after the final paper is completed and takes into account the way you used what

you learned in the course to weave together the lectures, reading and discussions in your final paper, whether you participated in the three Zoom discussions (Orientation, and 2 Zoom discussions), whether you posted all your Discussion Essays and Key Question Essays in a timely manner, and whether you responded to the Discussion and Key Question posts of two colleagues in a way reflective of our class covenant.

Passing = Participation in at least 2 of the 3 Zoom calls; posting of at least 15 of the 22 essays; at least 29 responses to the essays of your colleagues; submission of a final paper integrating the course material using the guidelines for the final paper.

## **Course Sessions**

### **Prolegomena**

Session 1 — Theology and Christian Identity: Introduction and Approach

Dr. Winston D. Persaud, Wartburg Seminary

Session 2 — Revelation and the History of Religions

Dr. Kristin K. Lergen — Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Session 3 — Revelation and Scripture

Dr. Faye E. Schott – Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest/Austin

### **First Article — Creation**

Session 4 — A Biblical, Trinitarian Theology of Creation

Dr. Theodore ‘Ted’ F. Peters – Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Session 5 — Trinitarian Doctrine of God

Dr. Cheryl Meese Peterson – Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Session 6 — Anthropology: Image of God – Sin and Evil

Dr. Richard J. Perry, Jr. – Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

### **Second Article**

Session 7 — Who is Jesus Christ?: Jesus, the Messiah

Dr. Duane A. Priebe, Wartburg Seminary

Session 8 — What Has God Done in Jesus Christ? : Jesus Died for Our Sins According to Scripture

Dr. Jose David Rodriguez - Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Session 9 Trinitarian Theology of the Cross

Dr. Phil L. Ruge-Jones, Texas Lutheran University

### **Third Article**

Session 10 — The Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life

Dr. Lois Malcolm – Luther Seminary

Session 11 — Word, Sacrament, and the Church

Dr. Michael J. Root – Southern Seminary

Session 12 — Eschatology: New Life in the Spirit

Dr. Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Seminary