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I thoroughly enjoyed my first semester at Duke Divinity School. The highlight so far is the confirmation of my hopes that the community here is as concerned about living faithfully as it is about academics. I am learning and growing in discipleship both in the classroom and in relationship with other students and with faculty, especially my academic adviser who is a former Lutheran pastor. My favorite classes were Greek, where after one semester we are able to translate some decently long passages of the New Testament; and Old Testament, which focused on the themes of the Pentateuch and how the OT (especially the Psalms) might be used in preaching. That's what I mean when I say Duke is about more than just academics -- the school is characterized by its passion for the Church. I have high hopes for this semester as well, especially a course entitled Dogmatics as Apologetics taught by a man who has greatly influenced me, Stanley Hauerwas. I am very grateful to the people of Grace for giving to me, in the words of the offertory, of your selves and time (thoughts and prayers) and possessions (financial help). Thank you.