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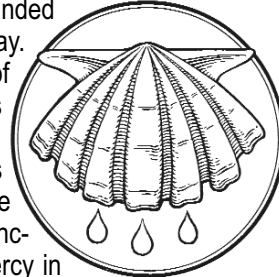
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost

20 June 2010

8 & 10:30 a.m.

*"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." - Gal. 3:27*

Galatians 3:27 is the recommended "memory verse" for this Sunday. This verse is truly a "gem" of Holy Scripture in that it reminds us of how God looks at us. We



often make distinctions amongst ourselves based on our opinions of ourselves and others: we imagine that some are "better" and others are "worse;" that some are "more saved" and others are either "less saved" or "unsavable." But our distinctions, intentional or not, end up denying the very Gospel of God's love and mercy in Christ — and could then even shipwreck our own faith! May God bless you this morning as Pastor preaches on GALATIANS 3:26-29 on the theme: "THE DISTINCTIVE DISTINCTION!" ✠

✠ **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

✠ **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

✠ **PASTORAL WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

✠ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

**P** Tall, short. Skinny, fat. Boy, girl. Well-educated, uneducated. Pretty, ugly. Athletic, couch potato. Gentle, abrasive. Happy, sad. And so on . . .

**C** Many and varied are the distinctions we make amongst ourselves! Sometimes our distinctions are sinful.

**P** Christians certainly must distinguish between what is and what is not sinful, between evil and righteousness. But our distinctions become wrong when we allow the world to set the standards for distinctions.

**C** God wants us to see ourselves, and others, and the world in the proper ways. Baptized into Christ, we wear Christ, and that is how God sees us.

*"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"*

**OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Sunday School & Bible Classes: Sundays, 9:10 a.m.

**DIVINE WORSHIP:** Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Sponsoring: **THE LUTHERAN HOUR** — Sundays, 7:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3

Worship Services **BROADCAST LIVE:** Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3

† **THE HYMN** — “*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*” — LSB 908 (Please stand for v. 3.)

† **THE DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR** — LSB 203 †

† **THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION** — LSB 203

† **THE INTROIT** — *responsively, below . . .* (Ps. 71:20–24; antiphon: Ps. 71:3)

**P** *Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;*

**C** **You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.**

**P** *You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;*

**C** **from the depths of the earth You will bring me up again.**

**P** *You will increase my greatness* **C** **and comfort me again.**

**P** *I will also praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God;*

**C** **I will sing praises to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

**P** *My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;*

**C** **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

**P** *And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long,;*

**C** **for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**

**ALL** **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND † TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

**P** *Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;*

**C** **You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.**

† **THE KYRIE AND GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** — LSB 204

† **THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** — LSB 205

**ALL** (spoken) **O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (spoken) Amen. (Here all may be seated.)**


† **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** — **ISAIAH 65:1–9** — *God speaks about a people who said that they wanted Him, but they denied Him in their living; nevertheless, He remains faithful to them!*

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, “Here am I, here am I,” to a nation that was not called by My name. <sup>2</sup> I spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke Me to My face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs, and

spend the night in secret places; who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before Me: “I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom <sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made

offerings on the mountains and insulted Me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds.”<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will

do for My servants’ sake, and not destroy them all.<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; My chosen shall possess it, and My servants shall dwell there.”

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*  **C** **Thanks be to God!**

† **THE GRADUAL**

**P** *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,*

**C** **the word of faith that we proclaim.**

**P** *For with the heart one believes and is justified,*


**C** **and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.** (Rom. 10:8b, 10)

† **THE EPISTLE READING — GALATIANS 3:23–4:7** — *All who hope in Christ are heirs of God – not by bloodlines but by God’s grace through faith in Him.*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “**Abba! Father!**” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

<sup>4:1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child,

**P** *This is the Word of the Lord.*  **C** **Thanks be to God!**

† **THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE — LSB 205**

**P** *Alleluia. Return to your home, & declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.* (Lk. 8:39a)

**(ALL SING the Alleluia’s, Verse, and Alleluia’s as printed on p. 205)**

† **THE HOLY GOSPEL READING — LUKE 8:26–39** — *The man whom Jesus delivered from demon possession wants to always be with Jesus, but Jesus tells him to go home and tell others what God has done for him.*

**P** *The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter:*

**C** *(spoken)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and the disciples] sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell

down before Him and said with a loud voice, “*What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.*” <sup>29</sup> For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and

be driven by the demon into the desert.)<sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “**What is your name?**” And he said, “*Legion*,” for many demons had entered him.<sup>31</sup> And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss.<sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission.<sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.<sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the

man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.<sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed.<sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned.<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,<sup>39</sup> “**Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.**” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* 

**C** (spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

✝ **THE CREED — The Nicene Creed** — LSB 206

✝ **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** — “*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*” — LSB 844

✝ **THE SERMON** — Text: GALATIANS 3:26-29      Theme: “THE DISTINCTIVE DISTINCTION!”


✝ **A TIME OF RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING** — Here, at the 10:30A Service, Pastor will greet and offer the congregation’s congratulations and thanksgiving to all our graduates, and will share gifts with those who are here present.


✝ **THE PRAYERS** — after each petition: **P** *Let us pray to the Lord . . . .*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

✝ **THE OFFERING** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! If you will be communing this morning, please check the appropriate column for that. Visitors/Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Please just check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or email address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation! ✝

✝ **THE OFFERING HYMN** (stand to sing) — “*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*” — LSB 601

1.  ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED  
SHALL SEE THE LORD’S SALVATION;  
BAPTIZED INTO THE DEATH OF CHRIST,  
THEY ARE A NEW CREATION.  
THRO’ CHRIST’S REDEMPTION THEY SHALL STAND  
AMONG THE GLORIOUS, HEAV’NLY BAND  
OF EV’RY TRIBE AND NATION.

2.  WITH ONE ACCORD, O GOD, WE PRAY:  
GRANT US YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.  
HELP US IN OUR INFIRMITY  
THROUGH JESUS’ BLOOD AND MERIT.  
GRANT US TO GROW IN GRACE EACH DAY  
THAT BY THIS SACRAMENT WE MAY  
ETERNAL LIFE INHERIT.

✝ **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** — LSB 208ff.

**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE** is that we ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar & pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not thereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to please respect our practice. If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do, crossing their arms over their chests — then the elders who distribute Communion will pass them by, but our Pastor will speak a blessing over those persons. Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so. †



† **THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** — Both the individual cups and the common cup are offered to our communicants. One of our elders will distribute the bread; he will be followed by another elder with the individual cups; those who desire the common cup may simply let the elder with the individual cups pass by, and Pastor will follow with the chalice.

† **THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** — Some or all of the hymns will be sung as time and the number of communicants present permit.

† **HYMN:** "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" — LSB 596

† **HYMN:** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" — LSB 623

† **THE POST-COMMUNION SERVICE** — LSB 211ff.

† **THE SENDING HYMN** — "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" — LSB 590

† **THE SILENT PRAYER** — Here worshipers are encouraged to take a private moment for personal reflection and a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His Word of salvation which we have here received. Then, when Pastor leaves, worshipers may remain to visit with those near them or exit on their own.

† **THE POSTLUDE/RECESSIONAL**



**Soli Deo Gloria!**



To God Alone the Glory!

**Text:** GAL. 3:26-29 **Theme:** "THE DISTINCTIVE DISTINCTION!"

The Problem at Galatia . . .

I. **MAKING DISTINCTIONS** is a part of the Christian life, but we must be careful . . .

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| A. _____ | D. _____ |
| B. _____ | E. _____ |
| C. _____ | F. _____ |

II. **SO**, the "Distinctive Distinction" which God wants us to make . . . GAL. 3:27 -

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| A. _____ | D. _____                                       |
| B. _____ | E. Getting very personal with this . . . _____ |
| C. _____ | _____  |

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† I.N.I. †