

The Day of Pentecost 2020
The Holy Gospel According to Saint John 7

Holy Spirit, Light Divine/Shine upon this heart of mine
Chase the shades of night away/Turn my darkness into day.
Let me see my Savior's face/Let me all His beauties trace.
Show those glorious truths to me/Which are only known to Thee.
Amen.

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, *Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."*

³⁸ *Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'* ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. ¹

In the Name of Jesus.

In the Name of Jesus, let us hear Moses: "Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"²

Ha-ha! All my detractors are liars. I am baptized--this Paul, right here!

And I, right here, Samuel Paul's grampa, have housed the Holy Spirit decades now; and Real God sees no need to vacate; still lots of forgiving to do: Real God's Real Improvement!

And you--e...v...e...r...y bit as much as your poor pastor--YOU, right there, baptized in the Name of Jesus are the choice property and chosen home for the Promise of the Father.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Jn 7:37–39). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

² [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Nu 11:29). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Moses' desire has come!

But more, my dear ones! More than poor Moses could wish or pray or utter! And Moses agrees with your poor pastor!

For Moses looked for the END of the contract between Real God and His people: 'Real God gives; you behave as HE commands; Real God gives more; seek pardon for petulance, abhorrent to the Real God.' Once on that treadmill, no getting off until you drop.

Ah! But Moses: He was ANYONE too! So, as a foretaste, the Spirit of Jesus did a special: He likes the numbers 7 and 10. 70 of the people around Moses did whatever 'prophesying' meant in that day. Surely a recitation of the Small Catechism, first Chief Part.

"But...they...did...not...continue...to do so." Sad? With hope we say: there must be more to come!

And it came. Oh, did it! The Spirit's constant refrain: Jesus!

Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Jesus Christ: the Real Man and Real God happy forever altogether-- He LOVES the word 'ANYONE.'

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."³

⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."⁴

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.⁵

³ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Jn 6:51). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

⁴ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Jn 8:51). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

²³ Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” ⁶

OH! And you can't get more Pentecost-y, Holy Spirit-y than THIS:

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any,--THAT'S ANYONES!--they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ⁷

You are 'anyone!' I am 'anyone!' And anyone you meet, and deal with, and rub up against rough, and....anyone, anyone, anyone.

Jesus is not MORE than Moses. He is utterly ANOTHER.

'STREAMS of Living Water will flow from within him!'

But...'not yet,' when Jesus cried out the record of John 7. Jesus Himself was eager for that 'not yet' to be over. But something else had 'not yet' come. Then, it came. What Moses cannot know; and what no one can believe; not if BELIEVING is anything BUT... RECEIVING:

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine,

⁵ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Jn 10:9). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

⁶ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Jn 14:23). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

⁷ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Jn 20:19–23). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.⁸

DO YOU BE-LIEVE, Christian? Better question: Have you, dear Christian, heard the witness, the testimony, the truth, the Gospel? Hear it; again! Roiling Spirit never lets the work of Jesus dry up!

The water WE are made of came out of His side.

So that NOW, water WE...ARE...NOT: STREAMS out of---it's for ANYONE! You are anyone! I am anyone! And anyone whom we sin or who sins US!

Dear sheep of the Good Shepherd: I hear y'all. I sermon-chat too long. Pardon. The sheep truly HEAR the voice of their Good Shepherd. The Good Lord got His say for about three verses. I'm already on page four. Wrap-up.

Poke a hole in a man; and what comes out? If you prick us, do we not bleed? We do. He did! NOT any...more!

Prick a man and what comes out? Hot air, scorching you, sucking up all the oxygen? Whiff of Sinai and rumblings and thunder and lightning and the smell of fire and sulphur ...BECAUSE ...SINAI...LEADS...TO... FLAMES of death!

⁸ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Jn 19:28–35). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

MAYBE, you listen to Moses. IF I TELL you Moses; or anyone who communes with you. ANYONE ELSE is abusing Moses, NOT using Him. FROM nearly ALL your 'HELPERS,' your 'IMPROVERS,' you need NOTHING! You house HIM!

Pentecost streams on, and, oh!, you prick a man--you sin him; and out comes more patience and acceptance and stick-to-it-ness than ANYONE can hope for, in our guilt....

Then, despite popular opinion, Lutherans TOO possess the Holy Spirit! Even those who were NOT baptized little and perfect and sinfully wicked and teach-ready! The Holy Stream is such, that even you and I--when He makes us little again!--we too can drop and leave with all the filth and gold and garbage and popularity and idols: leave our SELF-VALUATION!

And, instead, come to Jesus.

Today ANYONE has ample proof of this Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world--RIGHT HERE! In THIS PLACE! REAVELED--NOW!-- His Father Who loves His Son--listen up!-- -Loves HIM ...B...E...C...A...U...S...E... the Father loves US!....

Their Spirit lives here too. For here, even WE--JUST ANYONE!-- eat and drink His Body and His Blood; just ANYONE hears the Word of Absolution and has pardon for certain; and just ANYONE streams Water Living...UPHILL! Talk to God! MAKE HIM REAL:

'Dear God: you are JESUS' Father; so NOTHING keeps you from being MINE! You are Real God that Jesus can count on; B...E...C...A...U...S...E..., You reveal Yourself just fine: in me. What else are You going to do with me; Your Spirit, your pastor, your Holy Christian Church: What else, than pardon, forgive, excuse...me?! Moses scares me to death.'

The Spirit came; He comes today; and He streams out FROM....Y'ALL, just like ANYONE else in the Name of Jesus.