

TIME AFTER PENTECOST / SUMMER

# **16TH SUNDAY** after Pentecost

*Sunday, September 28, 2025 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- Please turn off all cell phones.
- If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.
- Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.
- Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.

In the order of service, the words  
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

**Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

If we call out in need,  
the Lord will answer.

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor,  
trusting in the Lord who sets prisoners free.

Kneel or remain standing.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have sinned, O God,  
hoarding what we have,  
grasping for more,  
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.**

**We stay with our own kind;  
we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.**

**Forgive us;  
purify us;  
remake us,  
that we might love as you love.**

**Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord welcomes all  
who return from the exile of greed and self-interest.

Be at peace,  
for in Christ we find our way home again  
where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN • "SONG OF HOPE"

Sing! A New Creation 282

1. May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of just ice speed us on our way,  
- sake us when we go as - tray. Ev - en though the load of life is hard to bear,  
bring - ing light and hope to every land and race. Pray - ing, let us work for peace,  
we must not for - get that God is al - ways there.  
sing - ing, share our joy with all, work - ing for a world that's new,  
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE

Now the Feast and Celebration

In peace, in peace,

## *Refrain*

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second and third staves continue the melody.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all... ***Refrain.***

For your people here, who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word... ***Refrain.***

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
A - - - men.


The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second staff is for the Congregation. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

# HYMN OF PRAISE • "GLORY TO GOD"


Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain (may be sung continuously):

*Congregation:*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

*(Refrain begins)*



You are God; we praise you. You are



Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;




all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

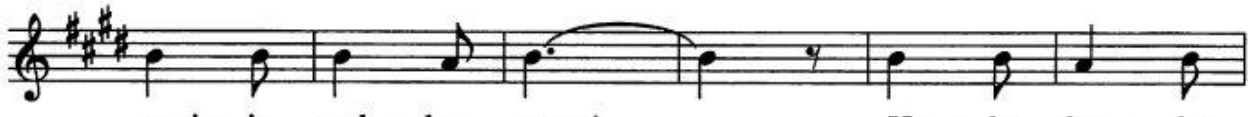
*To refrain*

Verse 2:

*(Refrain begins)*



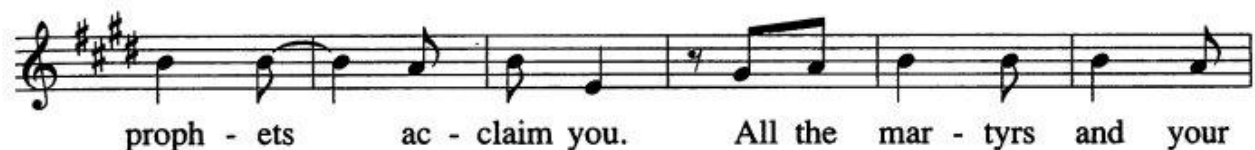
All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your



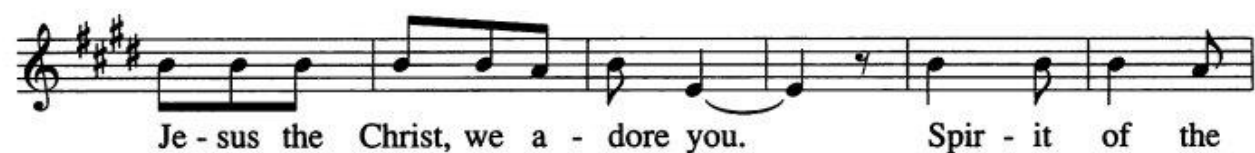
praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,



Verse 3:



Verse 4:



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, giver of all good gifts,  
you have created us for life together,  
and in Christ you have revealed to us  
that the true riches of faith are good works,  
generosity, and a desire to serve.

Strengthen us this day  
to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love  
with perseverance and gentleness,  
that we may take hold of the life that is really life,  
and dwell with you eternally.

**Amen.**

Sit.

10:45 a.m.

"Glory Bound" • Ruth Moody

Anne Anderson, Mariana Vargas, Bella Wilkins



## READING

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

### 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

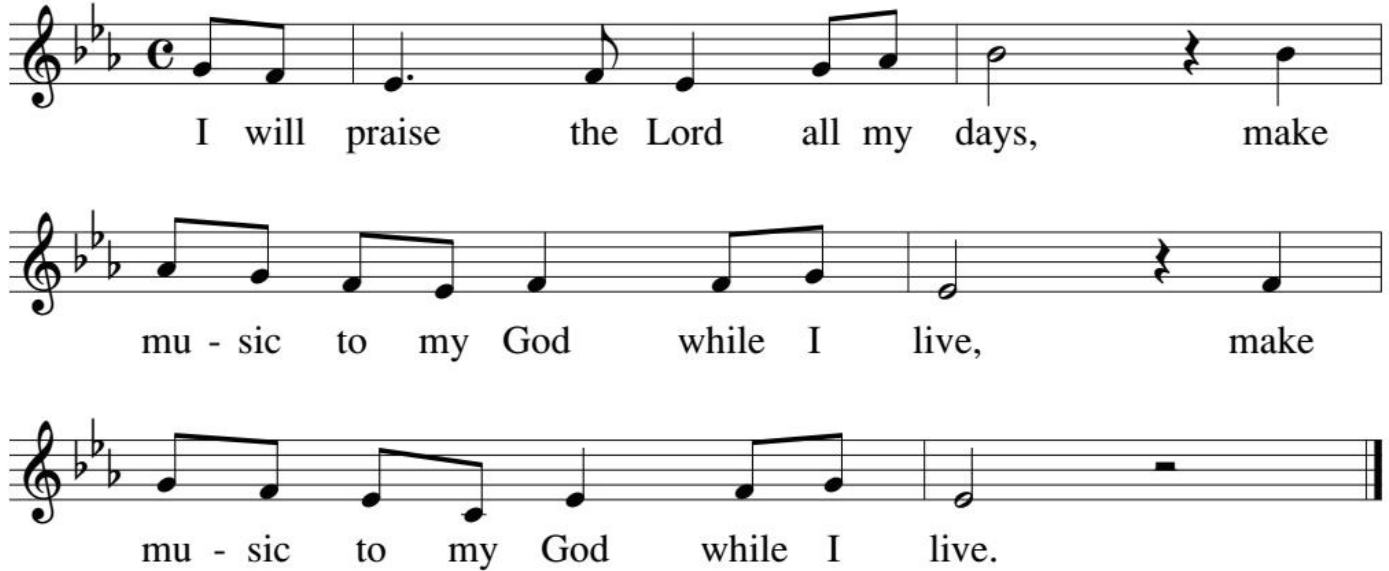
## PSALM • "I WILL PRAISE THE LORD"

Gather, Third Edition • Psalm 146

Cantor sings refrain; ***then all repeat.***

Cantor: verses; ***congregation: refrain.***

Refrain



I will praise the Lord all my days, make  
mu - sic to my God while I live, make  
mu - sic to my God while I live.

Put no trust in the powerful, mere mortals in whom there is no help.

Take their breath, they return to clay,

and their plans that day come to nothing.

They are happy who are helped by Jacob's God,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who alone made heaven and earth, the seas and all they contain.

***Refrain.***

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to the oppressed.

It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,

who raises up those who are bowed down,

the Lord who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan.

***Refrain.***

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God from age to age.

***Refrain.***

## READING

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit.

# CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY • "BUILD A LONGER TABLE"

All Creation Sings 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

# CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God,  
we come to you in prayer  
for the church, the world, and all in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Sit.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We bring nothing into this world  
and when we depart from this life  
we will take nothing out of it.

All that we have is a gift from God;  
therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.

You can participate in the Offering electronically  
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.



## OFFERING

10:45 a.m.

"We Will Rejoice" • Mark Miller

MVLC Sanctuary Choir

Hailey Thrush, cello, and Joan Kohler, flute

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Now the Feast and Celebration

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always  
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,  
through Jesus Christ  
who calls us to follow his way  
of humble service and love,  
and so with the church on earth,  
all creation and the host of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY

Now the Feast and Celebration

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

Sit.

## DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice open communion, which means that everyone is welcome at the Lord's table, because here we do not check credentials or polish our beliefs into shiny badges.

We come as we are: tired, tentative, hopeful, or curious because Christ is a generous host and warmly invites everyone.

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

# LAMB OF GOD

Now the Feast and Celebration



Lamb of God,                      you    take a - way the sin of the  
you    break the chains of ha - tred    and



world:  
fear:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,



mer - cy    on                      us.                      Lamb of God,                      you



take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant    us peace,



grant    us peace,                      grant                      us                      peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 479



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

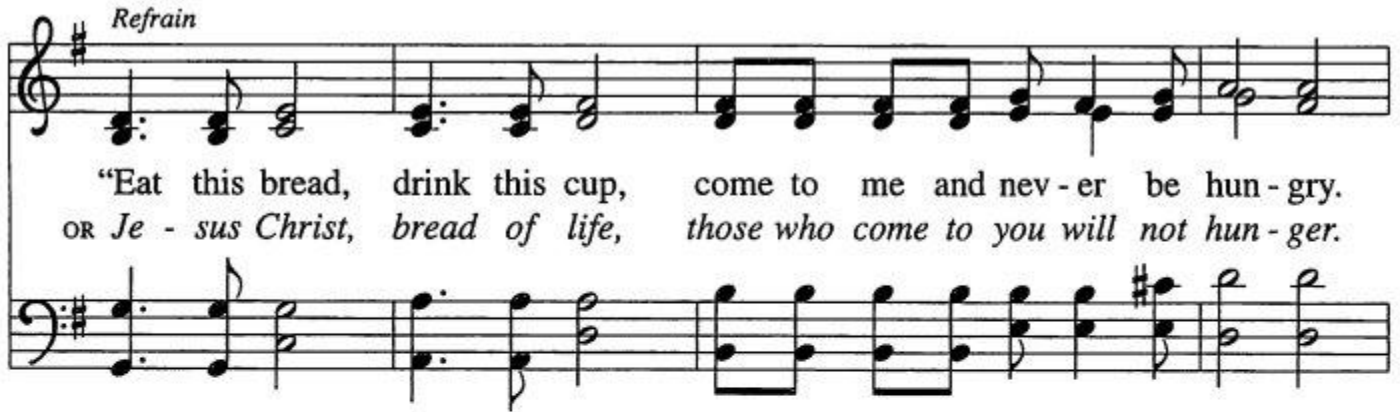


not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 472

*Refrain*



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 473

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Stand.



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

**through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example.” (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Gracious God,

**as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.**

**May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the sovereign Lord bless you,  
may the Christ of mercy keep you,  
and the Holy Spirit sustain you,  
in this life and the life to come.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "CANTICLE OF THE TURNING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak-ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Karen Lonn, Angela Machumu, Dotty Shireman.

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Jon Edmonds, Walt Freed, Skip Harrison (head usher), Sandi Swanson.

GREETERS: Carol Powers, Chris Ray.

ACOLYTE: Gretchen Schaefer.

LECTOR: Mary Beth Dahl.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Freed, Gloria Ratcliffe.

SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Tom Fairchild, Cathie Freiling.

GREETERS: Cathie Freiling, Diane Nelson.

ACOLYTE: Camdon Cornell.

LECTOR: Karen Urstad.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Ken Edmonds.

SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God:

- by Anne Roff in memory of her husband Rick.

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