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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

WELCOME to Worship today! What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered at the **10:30 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

+ For personal preparation for communion, use the following prayers:

Before communion (communing): Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament): Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

+ Lutherans who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

+Guests are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

+ Children, Teens, and Adults who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

+ White grape juice is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

+ Gluten-Free wafers are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

+ Communion at the pew is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

+ Those with wheelchairs or walkers are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

AS WE GATHER

There is a lot of good news in the Readings of the day, but you won't find it in today's Holy Gospel, which points out that our fallen hearts produce much of the evil around us. Likewise, the Old Testament Reading warns against not telling the next generation about God's goodness. But the Epistle, which uses the imagery of a suit of armor, tells us to rely on God and His gracious goodness. And the Introit has the Gospel in full measure! While asking for God's forgiveness; we also rejoice that He re-creates us, cleaning us inside out. What a great reason to gather to sing His praises today!

Prelude Welcome/Announcements Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
 With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
 If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
 Thou art the portion I have sought;
 Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
 In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
 And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
 Give strength and patience unto me
 To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford. ►

- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
 To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
 That I may die unfearing;
 And in its narrow chamber keep
 My body safe in peaceful sleep
 Until Thy reappearing.
 And then from death awaken me,
 That these mine eyes with joy may see,
 O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
 My Savior and my fount of grace.
 Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
 And I will praise Thee without end.

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Stand

Invocation/Absolution and Confession

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess
 our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord
 Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and
 iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly
 deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am
 heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I
 pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,
 innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son,
 Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful
 being.**
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and
 ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of
 you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I
 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
 and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2

- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- C** **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- C** **Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- C** **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** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

Kyrie *LSB 186*

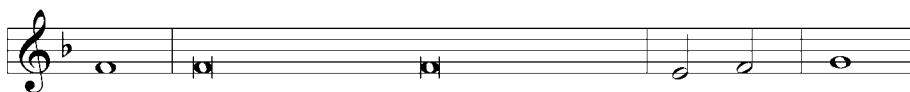


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

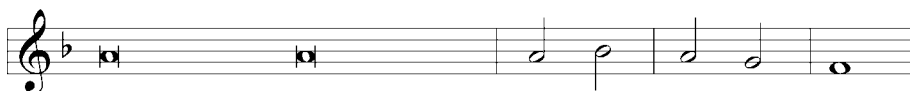
Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



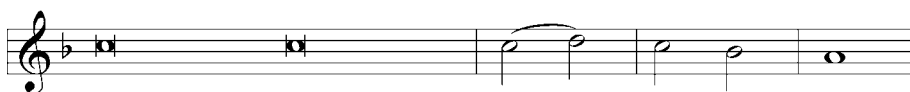
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



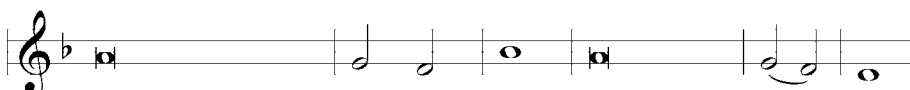
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



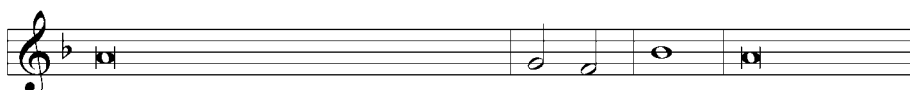
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



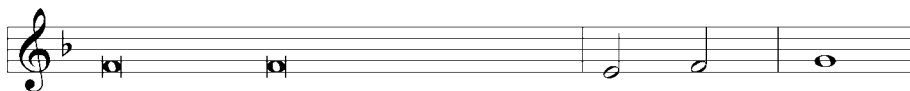
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



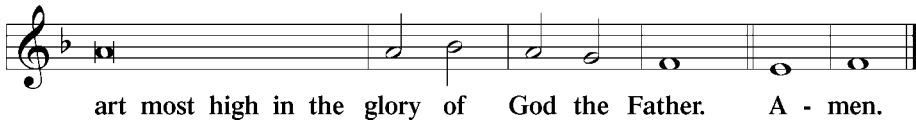
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Ephesians 6:10–20*

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*



Verse:

P Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

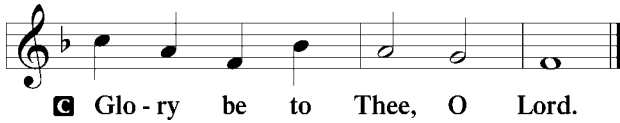
Alleluia *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 566 By Grace I'm Saved

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain. ►

- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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Sermon

The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

Stand

Offertory *LSB 192*



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

8:00 AM Service concludes here at the end of this page

The Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

Collect for Grace

- P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

LSB 166



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.



Sit

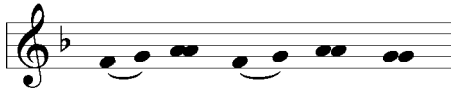
Closing Hymn: 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee (page 19)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Service of the Sacrament for 10:30 AM Service continue here

Preface *LSB 194*



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (see back of the hymnal)

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution of the Elements

Distribution Hymn: 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. **Refrain**

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood. Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted, It finds its only joy in Thee. **Refrain**

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely, The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely, With Jesus I to heaven rise. **Refrain**

4 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master, With aid and comfort e'er is near. **Refrain**

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. **Refrain**

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Distribution Hymn: 696 O God, My Faithful God

- 1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do, With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should, While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words, That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech, May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place, I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace, Lest I offend the weak.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes, With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends, For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might, To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life, Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul, That it may live forever;
And let my body have, A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day, When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice, With those who love Your name.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Distribution Hymn: 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways, To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace, To know and do His will!
- 2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word, And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands, Offend against my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Text: Public domain

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

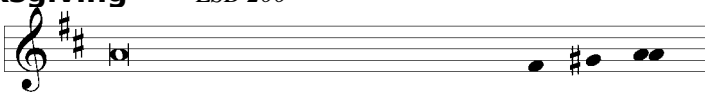
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

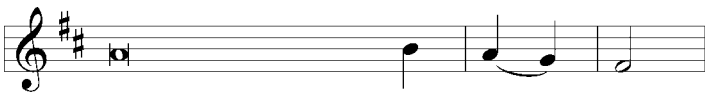
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Salutation



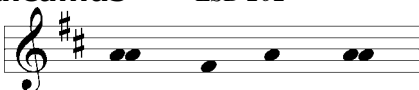
P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



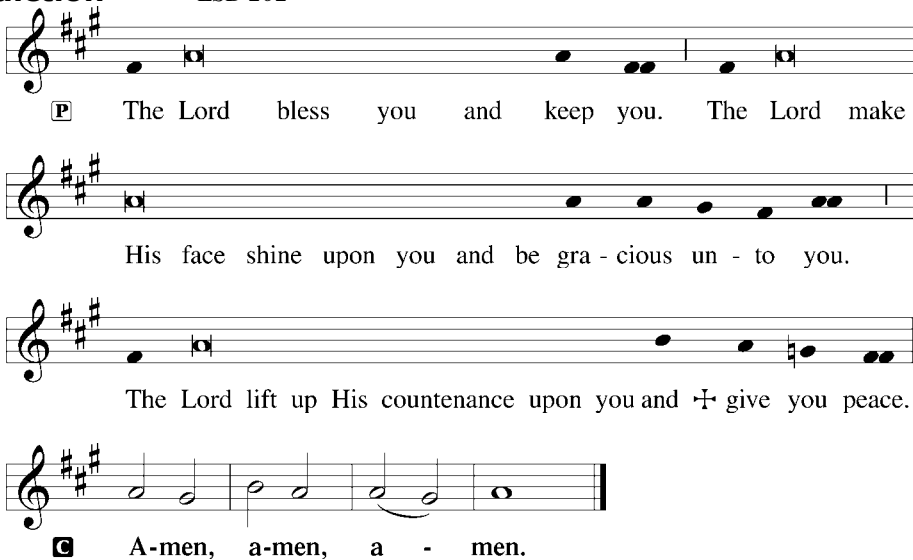
A Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn: 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

- 1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.
- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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