

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Traditional Service

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**



**We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning**

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***Our Mission:***

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,  
and our support*

***Our Vision:***

*To build and strengthen the body of Christ*

**Holy Communion**

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

**Assisting at Worship:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>June 21</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Brad Bresee	Savanna Conner
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
<b>Acolyte</b>	—	—
<b>Usher</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Sound System</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Video</b>	Brad Bresee	Savanna Conner
<b>Counters</b>	Linda Jones,	Laurie Hecht
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner	

## Welcome/Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
(Reflection) Compassionate God,

**C** we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**P** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C** Amen.

## Gathering Hymn

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



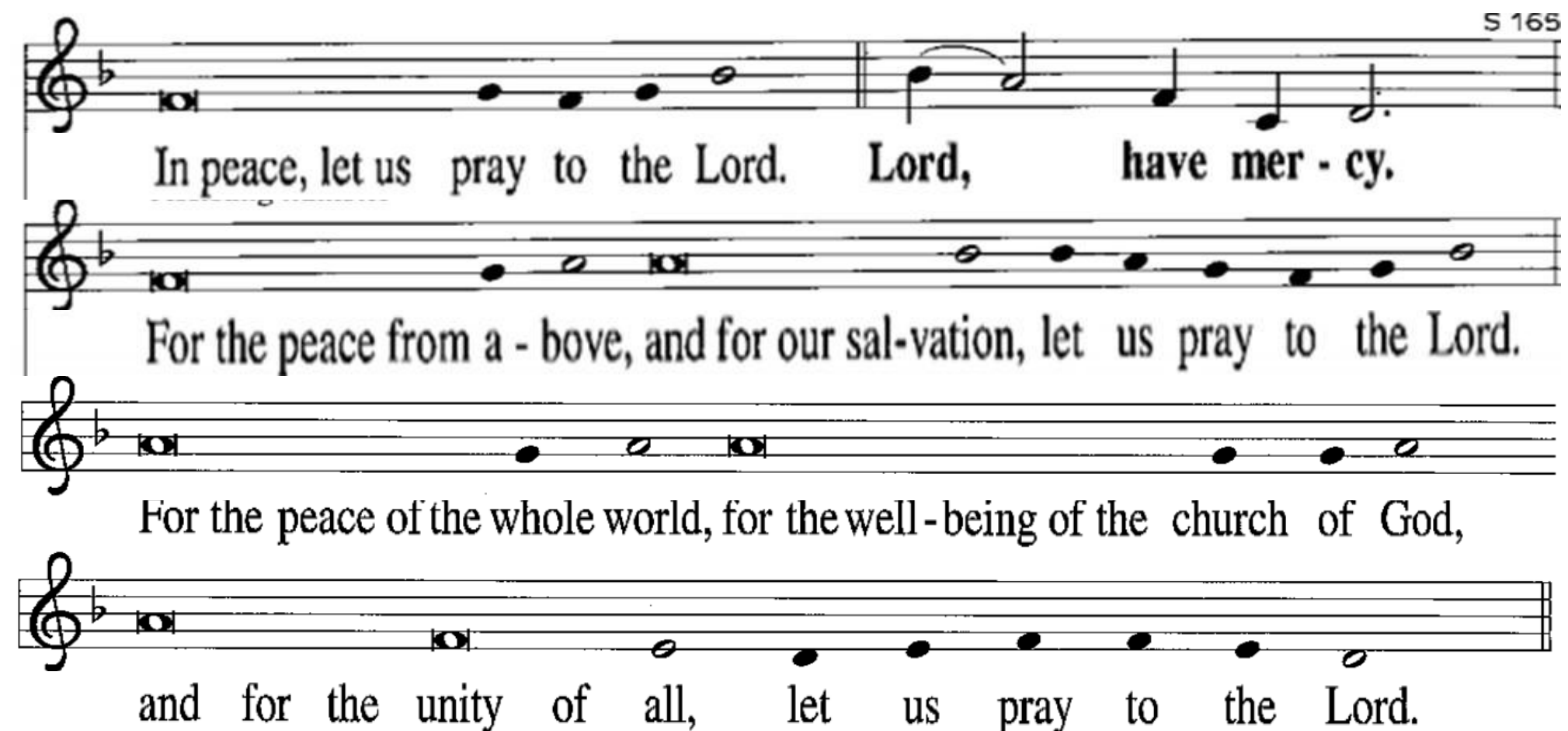
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and  
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,  
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

**Greeting**

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

**C** And also with you.

**Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)**



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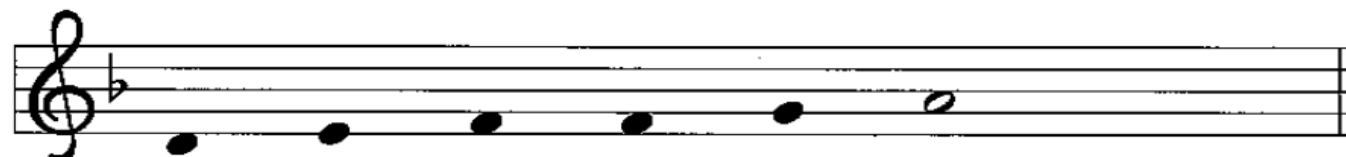
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.  
 For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.  
 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



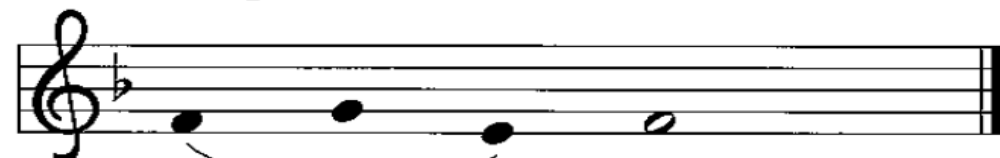
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

### ***This is the Feast***

*Refrain*

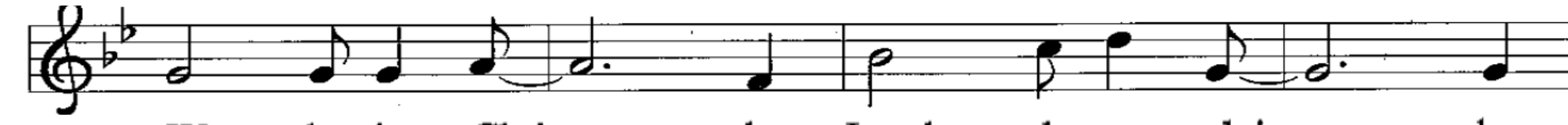
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This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us Pray: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**Lesson**

**Exodus 19:2-8a**

The Israelites journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 9:35-10:8**  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had

compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.

**A** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ

### MESSAGE

#### *Hymn of the Day*      *Take My Life, That I May Be*



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## ***Apostles' Creed***

- A.** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:
- C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## ***Prayers of the People***

- A** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.....God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

## ***Peace***

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

***Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared***

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

## ***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self***

**A** Let us pray together. *(brief pause)* Loving God,

**C** we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

## ***The Great Thanksgiving***

**P** The Lord be with you.      **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.      **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## ***Preface***

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord***

S 17

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

## ***Eucharistic Prayer***

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## *Invitation to Communion*

**A** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

## *Lamb of God*

S 174

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the  
world; grant us  
peace, grant us peace.

**Distribution of Communion** [sit]  
**Communion Music** Instrumental

**Post Communion Blessing**

**A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Compassionate God,  
**C** through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen

**Blessing**

**P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
**C** Amen.

**Sending Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story*



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

### **Dismissal**

**A** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my brother's  
by Laurie Hecht*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Linda's  
birthday with love by Steve Porada*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my brother,  
Bob Parker, by Jean Parke*

## *Announcements*

**S**econd Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For June **The Bethany Outreach Center** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**W**esleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

### **W**esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

June 15 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

June 16 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

## **SUMMER SERMON SERIES: WHAT IS YOUR LIFE COSTING YOU?**

You’re already carrying something: stress, pressure, expectations, exhaustion, the weight of trying to hold everything together. Jesus asks a deeper question: What is it all for? Join us this summer for a 7-week journey through the Gospel of Matthew: “The Real Cost of Following Jesus.” This is not a series about easy answers or shallow positivity. Jesus never promised comfort, approval, or an easy life. He promised something more dangerous — and more meaningful. If you’ve ever wondered:

- .Why following Jesus feels difficult
- .Why life still feels heavy even when you’re “doing everything right”
- .What is actually worth giving your life to

...this series is for you.

Beginning June 14 come to wrestle with the words of Jesus. Come to discover a life that matters. Because an easy life won’t satisfy you. But a meaningful one just might.

## This Week at the Church

*(See Newsletter for More Detail)*

**Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

<b>Sun. 6/14</b>	<b><i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach
	5:00-7:00PM	Little Gridder Cheerleading
<b>Mon.</b>	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
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