

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

We stand OPENING HYMN

#688

“Lord of Light”

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

1John 1:8-9

Most merciful God... **we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you- who believe and repent- of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Glory to God in the Highest”

9 AM p167 Luke 2:14

5 PM see p148

Refrain **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

1 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Last refrain **Glory to God in the highest. Amen, amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: 1 JOHN 4:12
If we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is perfected in us.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:18-24

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 8

¹O LORD our Lord,

how exalted is your name in all the world!

**²Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

⁵what is man that you should be mindful of him,
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**⁶You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

⁷you give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet:

**⁸all sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,**

⁹the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**¹⁰O LORD our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We stand. GOSPEL VERSE

9 AM only P151



GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:1-12

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them. ²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

#603

“God, When Human Bonds are Broken”

We sit. SERMON

It's Not About Me

Rev. Jared Stillions STS

My Relationships

We stand. PROFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

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.

*means whole, entire Christi

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Thank you, dear Father, that *we* may call you our Father, and trust Jesus our Brother, and know each other as sisters and brothers, united to Jesus through your Holy Spirit. Thank you that this happens even when our earthly family is troubled or absent. Help us extend your family-love to all who need you most.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You appointed Jesus as our High Priest and elder brother. Form your Church into his temple and his home. Make it attentive and faithful to your Word. Use it to challenge and comfort to us, for we struggle with sin and temptation. Let us take heart and cling to Jesus, who was tempted as we are, save without sin. Grant that we may share his life forever.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give strength, faith, and charity to your persecuted servants. Soften the hearts of their tormentors, and turn many from scorn and hatred of Christ to life-giving faith in him.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By ties of blood and faith, this congregation is a family. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Help us to be *your* family, and to befriend and help new sisters and brothers in Christ. Give us boldness to invite, patience to teach, wisdom to counsel, kindness to embrace, and gentleness to encourage them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deal gently with families who are struggling, especially when divorce looms large. Help couples to forgive, repent, repair, and renew. It's easy to tear asunder. By your grace, cause them to remain joined together according to your will. Heal the bitterness and anger that poison hearts and lives. Help parents to be mindful of their children's welfare, even above their own.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom, integrity, and humility to earthly leaders. Make the welfare of their people more important than their own agenda or power. Teach us to live, so far as it is possible, in peace with one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who stand in harm's way on our behalf. Equip them with courage and compassion; competence and fairness; a zeal for justice and a heart for mercy. Bring them home safely and soon when their task is done; and bestow your peace on us all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let all who suffer in mind, body or spirit find welcome and healing in our Savior's arms. We pray especially for: {List}. Besides these, we pray for those who have been divorced; and for all who may find your words about marriage and divorce to be hard or hurtful. Bless, heal, forgive, and love them. Help us to be gentle and humble, that they may firmly believe that we love them too.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most holy Father, thank you for your steadfast mercy and loving kindness to all who died trusting your dear Son. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Unite us with Jesus by the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to live in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another. In your good time, gather us into your house, where with all the redeemed, we shall delight in beholding our Elder Brother and rejoice in your fatherly love forever.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Incline your ear to our prayers, dear Lord; and answer them according to your most gracious and holy will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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We stand #692

“We Are an Offering”

1 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

2 All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

3 We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM Spoken

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy...

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

All honor and glory are yours...now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"

John 1:29

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.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

“Thank the Lord”

9AM only



☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Let us pray, Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#694

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

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Men in Mission would like to thank everyone who had a part in the Sausage & Sauerkraut Meal! It would not have been successful without all of you!

The LAMB Board has invited a St. Peter Member to serve on the Board. Meetings are held at the Methodist Church Annex, on the fourth Thursday in Jan, Apr, July, & Oct at noon. If you would be interested, please contact Kari in the office by Oct 22nd.

Wednesday, Oct 9th YOU ARE INVITED to Open House at Peter's Place from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm (506 N. LaGrange)

Sunday Oct 13th Pastor Appreciation Sunday: Women in Mission would like to invite you to a celebration for Pr. Jared immediately following the 9:00 am Service. Pr. Jared is celebrating his 7th Anniversary with St. Peter. Thank you, Pastor, for all you do for St. Peter including all the behind the scenes. It is greatly appreciated!

Monday, Oct 14th Solid Rock RADA Fundraiser begins (order forms can be found in the Church Office)

Tuesday, Oct 15th Women in Mission's Country Store 10:00 am-2:00 pm. If you would like to help them set up, they will begin at 1:00 pm on Monday, Oct 14th. Don't forget to bring your goodies to help Women in Mission have a successful Country Store.

Wednesday, Oct 23rd Faith Family Formation Night 6:00 pm -7:30 pm (Meal included) Please RSVP on the GroupMe App.

Saturday, Oct 26th Ulrich & Lewis Wedding

Thursday, Oct 31st Trunk or Treat in the parking lot 5:30 pm -7:30 pm
(We Need Volunteers to decorate vehicles and pass out candy) Treat Donations would be appreciated!

YTD (Jan-Aug '24) \$186,900.05; **EXPENSES** \$214,718.49
DIFFERENCE +/- -\$27,818.44 (due to increased insurance rate)

Openings for:

Radio: Dec 8, 15, 29 (*Please check to see you are paid up for the Radio Sponsorship of \$50*)

Flowers: Oct 27; Nov 10, Dec 1, 8

Serving This Weekend Oct 6

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Marilyn McAda

Communion Set Up: Sharon Schaefer

Communion Clean Up: Karen Satterly

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Rodney Horton, Richard Renger, & Clint Satterly

Acolytes: Liam Sralla and Cole Kocian

Power Point Sunday: Sophie Teltschik

Altar Flowers given by Judy Winfield in memory of Evelyn Lishinski

Radio Ministry given by Michael & Whitney Adee Family in celebration of Benson's Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

Organist: Denise Drozd

Readings for Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:10; Mark 9:30-37

Attendance:

Sunday, Sept 29: 9AM 107

SAVE THE DATES IN NOVEMBER

Friday, Nov 1st Tickets go on Sale (Solid Rock Bingo- Jan 11th) *Table of 8-\$450; individual \$40*

Sunday, Nov 3rd St. Peter Blood Drive

Sunday, Nov 3rd Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (*immediately following the 9:00 am Service*)

Thursday, Nov 7th SHARPS Drive (*LMC parking lot*)

Saturday, Nov 9th Vavrusa/Benz Wedding

Sunday, Nov 10th Congregational Thanksgiving Meal and 80 & Older Celebration

Friday, Nov 15th Solid Rock's RADA Fundraiser ends

Sunday, Nov 17th 1st Steps Class 10:30 am-3:30 pm

Sunday, Nov 24th Community Thanksgiving Service

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun Oct 6, 9:00 am Worship Service (*LAMB Sunday*), 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service (*LAMB Sunday*)

Mon Oct 7, 1:00 pm Quilting, 6:00 pm FH Rental

Tue Oct 8, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Wed Oct 9, 6:00 pm Confirmation Class

Thu Oct 10, 6:00 pm Solid Rock Board, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sun Oct 13, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Our Prayer List:– *Requests listed 4 weeks under **Concerns For** unless otherwise requested.*

Concerns for: Pr. Amy Little, Barbara Steen, Lisa Beyer, James Kubecka, Glenn & Pat Pagel, Pr. Brian McGee, Barb Grindeland, Jeanette DeBord, Debbie Hopper, Charlotte Hartmann, Bill Beaver, Christine Guidry, Milton Mika, Barbara Tackett, Larry Stillions

Extended concerns: Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Misty Fletcher Remmers, Cody Rice Jr, William Lane, Brandi Orsak, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

Other Concerns: first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*); San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Biden; our country; and those facing unrest & unemployment

Grieving Families of: Evelyn Lishinski, Bessie Garner, Sarah Sralik, Bubba Pustejovsky, Louis Kopnicky, Haleigh Matchett, Kylie Folmar, Rebecca Spies, Rogers Paul Guidry Jr, Irene Gummelt, Pr. Phil Baker, Carl Tieken, Dorothy Ehler

Serving Next Weekend Oct 13

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Cheryl Draper

Communion Set Up: Sharon Schaefer

Communion Clean Up: Karen Satterly

Organist: Carol Drozd

Ushers: Rodney Horton, Richard Renger, & Clint Satterly

Acolytes: Sylus Stacy & Karlie Hotz

Power Point Sunday: Barbara Koehn

Altar Flowers given by Darlene Stacy & Les Besetsny in honor of Carrie Besetsny's 96th Birthday

Radio Ministry given by Darlene Stacy & Les Besetsny in honor of Carrie Besetsny's 96th

Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Janis Muehr

Organist: Janis Muehr

ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *Lord of Light* (ELW 688)

Text by Howell E. Lewis; Music by Cyril V. Taylor

**1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:**

Refrain

**Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.**

**2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: Refrain**

**3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: Refrain**

**4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: Refrain**

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW) *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (ELW 603)

Text by Fred Kaan; Music by William H. Monk

**1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.**

**2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.**

**3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.**

**4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.**

**5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!**

CLOSING HYMN (ELW) *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* (ELW 694)

Text by John S. B. Monsell; Music by Johann Steurlein

**1 Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.**

**2 God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,
all things with large increase
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.**

**3 Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.**

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