



Sunday - October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: LSB 510: *A Multitude Comes from the East and the West*



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
 2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
 3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
 4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand

To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
 In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
 For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing.
 Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.

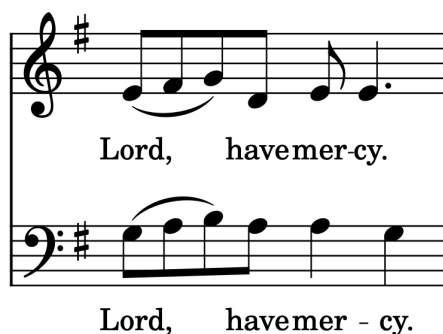
With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
 That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
 All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
 The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand

O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
 And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
 When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
 The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.

Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

KYRIE

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.



Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, havemer-cy.

Christ, havemer - cy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, havemer-cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We

praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo-ri - fy you, we

give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,

heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

mf Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you

take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you

take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on

us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and

have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 106



1. It is good to give thanks to you, LORD, to re -
 2. Our sin is the sin of our fore - bears: we have
 3. Our an - ces - tors scorned all your won - ders, at the
 4. Though time af - ter time you would save them, they in

mem - ber all you have done; then you will re - mem - ber our
 wronged you and have done e - vil, like those who once lived un - der
 Red Sea ques - tioned their God; they fell from their faith in the
 mal - ice dared to de - fy you; de - spite this, you came to their

prais - es when you look on your peo - ple with love.
 bond - age, paid no heed un - to all you have done.
 des - ert; there they put you, O LORD, to the test.
 res - cue when you heard all their cries of dis - tress.

O give thanks to the LORD, for God's love en - dures for - ev - er;
 O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD a - lone is good.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time: Cantor, 2nd time: All



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind

him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON: Pr. Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY- For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

For ev' - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 For ev' - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 for ev' - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with-out fear, and sim - ply to be,
 a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,
 for ev' - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for wo - man and man, a sy - stem that's fair.
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.
 for ev' - ry - one born, the right to be free.
 God will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus-tice and joy com-
 pas-sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre -
 a - tors of jus - tice jus-tice and joy!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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 INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters (*regions in crisis may be named*) and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering especially pray for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., and Pr. Sharon, and those we name at this time (*pause*). Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

I invite you, the people of God gathered here, to offer your prayers at this time, spoken aloud, in silence, or typed in the livestream chat (*long pause*).

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

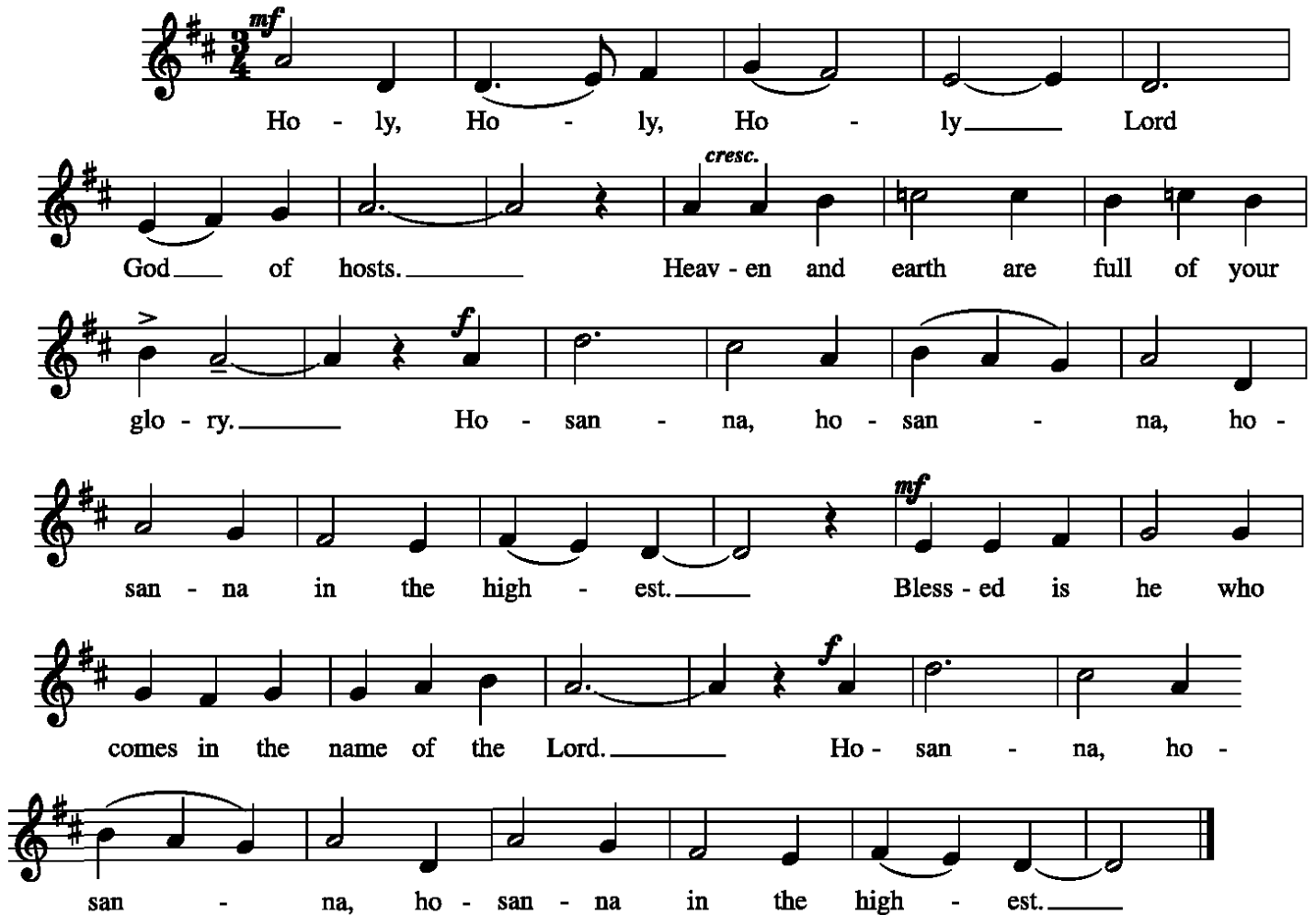
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord

God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -

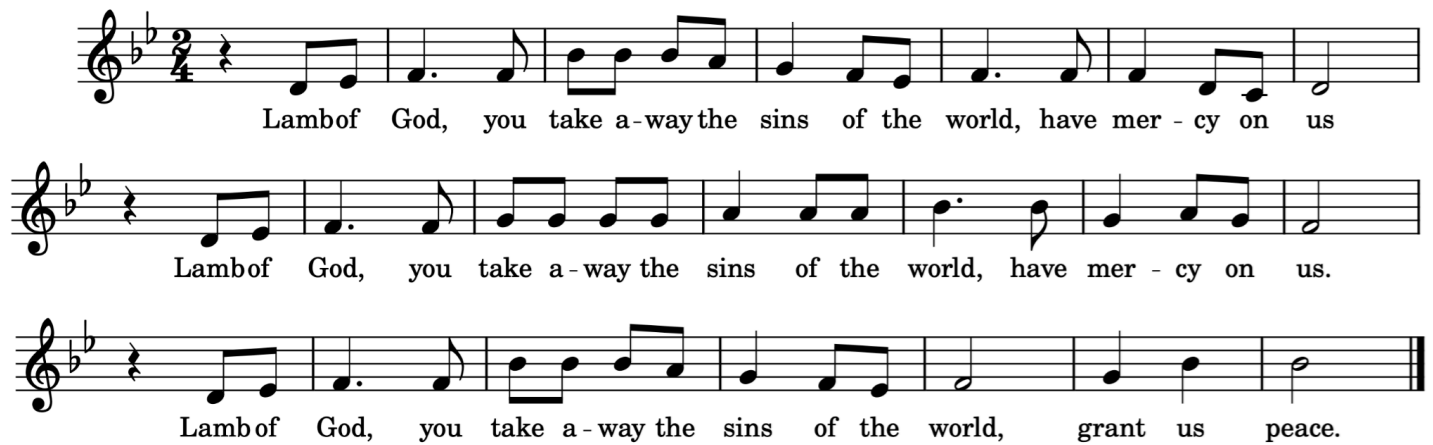
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

LAMB OF GOD

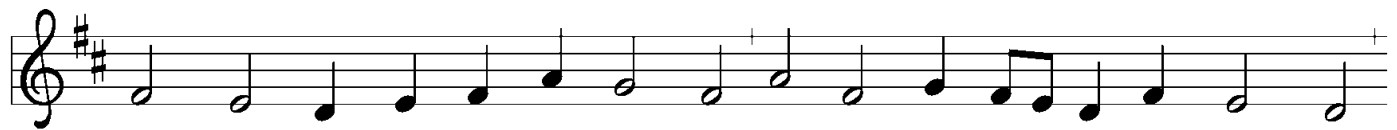


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN- ELW 462 - "Now We Join in Celebration"



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

SENDING HYMN: *The Wedding Banquet*

1. There once was a might-y King His son was get-ting mar - ried His
2. None were read-y when he called They made ex - cus - es and they stalled They
3. They found eve-ry-one they could They poor the hum-ble, bad and good

serv - ants searched the king - dom Oh, call - ing all the guests to come Oh
told the serv - ant let us be They did not lis - ten to the King
But there was still room to spare The King said, "Fill these emp - ty chairs!"

come, oh_ come, oh_ come, the feast is read - y here for you Oh

come, oh_ come, oh_ come, come to the ta - ble of the groom

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 17- Garage Sale

Bible Study every Sunday at 11:15 w/ Pastor Kyle (via zoom when he is away)

<u>PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP</u> Bridge Pastor Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero (510) 480-1476 kyle@christlutheranelcerrito.org <u>PRESIDING/PREACHING:</u> Pr Dee Emmert MINISTER OF MUSIC & LITURGY Daniel Alley GUITARS: George Fosselius DRUMS: Dominic Moisant LECTOR: WORSHIP ASSISTANT: COFFEE HOUR:	<u>This Week at CLC</u> Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship 11:15 Bible Study 1:30 PM Greater Love Worship Monday 9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts Tuesday 10 AM-3:00PM- WCCAE Respite Care 4:30-6:30 PM CCCT 7 PM Lady AA Meeting Wednesday 4:30-6:30 PM CCCT Thursday 4:30-6:30 PM CCCT 7 PM Handbell Rehearsal Friday 4:30-6:30 PM CCCT Saturday 9AM-3 PM Community Garage Sale 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting Next Sunday 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship 11:15 Bible Study 1:30 PM Greater Love Worship
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Jimmy D. Vince	Laurie P. Carolina S. Karen H. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Mark	Chris Phil C. Scott F. Christine H.L. Thelma & Mike G. John Z. Pr. Sharon
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