

Sunday, February 11, 2024

From the cloud came a

voice,



*“This is my Son,
the Beloved;
listen to him!”*

Mark 9:7

**Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania**



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Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming, Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our worship service. The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. You will need to use the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals to sing the hymns.

Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. You can either kneel or remain standing when you come to the altar. We offer both wheat and gluten-free wafers, and both wine and grape juice. If you would like to receive grape juice, please take a glass from the tray that has already been filled when you come forward. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let Pastor Wayne know when he gives you the bread.

Children are always welcome! Please feel free to walk around in the rear area of our worship space if your child becomes restless. Rest rooms (with diaper decks) are located in the hallway to the right of the entryway. You can find cloth bags containing activities for children aged 3 and older in the back of our worship space. We ask you to please return the cloth bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates while you are worshipping) at the end of today's service.

CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Transfiguration of Our Lord

(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Dallas Blair

Noah Zimmerman, trumpet

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

ELW # 853

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.

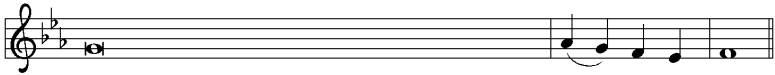
THE KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



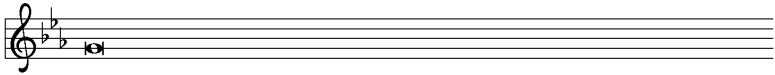
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



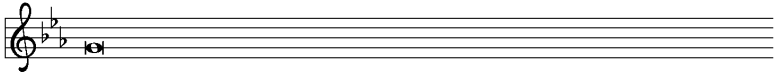
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, the light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illuminate the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

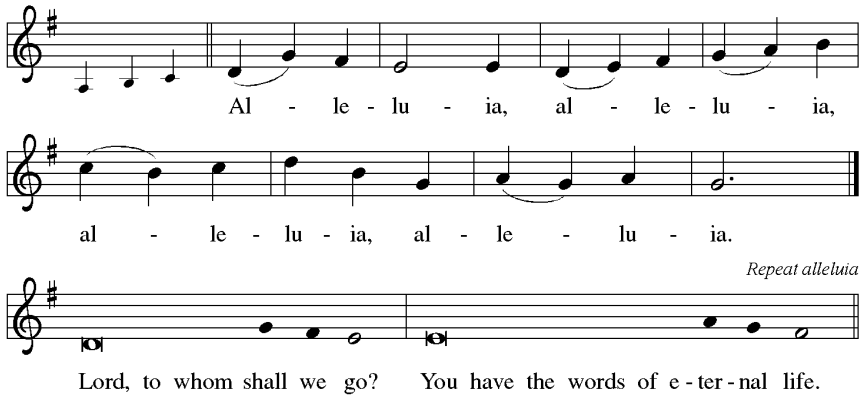
Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the

unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

ELW #315

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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.**

THE PRAYERS

P: Lord in your mercy, (*after each petition*)

C: hear our prayer.

**TODAY, WE ARE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Bonnie, Kim Barnes, Don Beckett, Laura Cable, Debbie Faust, Marlene Gerdes, Peggy Henry, Gary Keibler, Oren Keibler, John Magnus, Charlie Meade, Taylor Niemetz, Michael O'Donnell, Joyce Orlando, Paul Rizzo, Howard Rockette, Andrea Schwartz Nutter, Stephanie, Bob Stover, Sandy Tambellini, and Rev. HB West

Praying for Our Mission Partners & Friends:

Dan Hogan & Amanda Federovich-Hogan and Family

Audry Ferris

Jeff & Shane Ferris

Gloria Frick



P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING for God's work through the Church

*This is a time in our service that we use to remember that all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do is an offering to God. We have started using a new company to collect electronic gifts to ensure that more of your generous gift supports the ministry of Christ's Lutheran Church. You can continue to send contributions to support our ministry by downloading our new app [**Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)**] and using the "Giving" option. If you need assistance in making this change, please contact the Church Office.*

You can also send your offering to the church by mailing it to: Christ's Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668

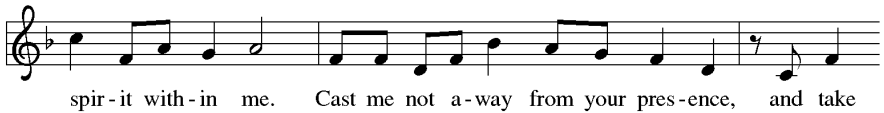
OFFERTORY

"Beautiful Savior

Dallas Blair

Noah Zimmerman, trumpet

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

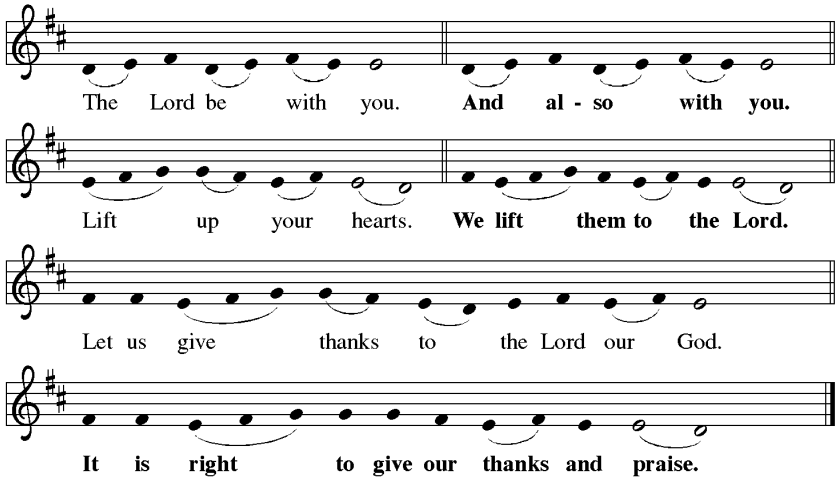


OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup, you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your son, Jesus in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

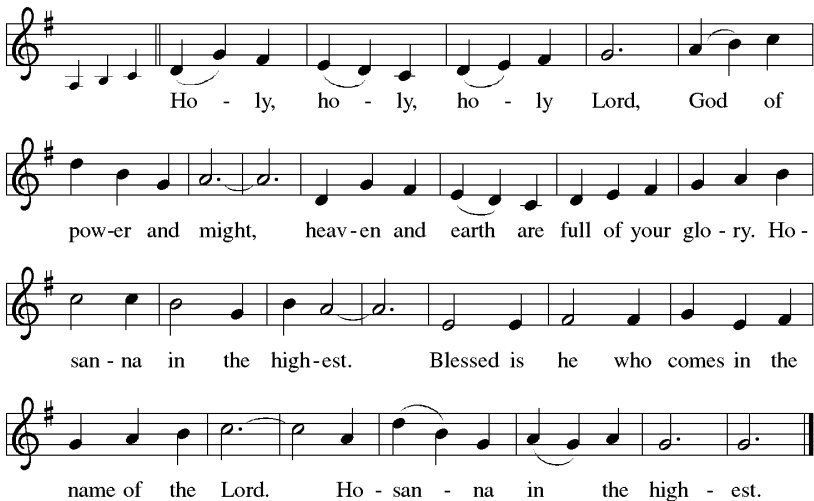
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . (*concluding*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(all)*

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.

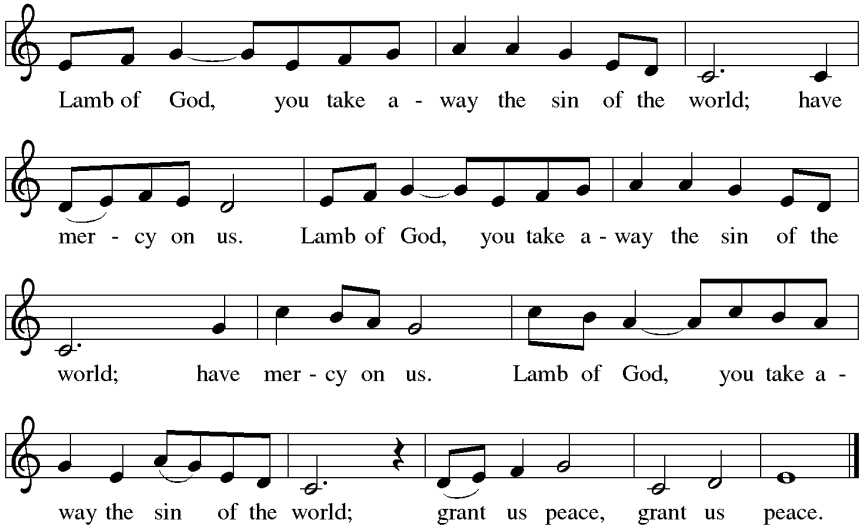
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

AGNUS DEI



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.

HOLY COMMUNION

(When Communion is finished, please stand)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

"AARON'S BLESSING"

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

May the Lord bless and keep you forever.

May the Lord always be by your side.

**May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you ev'ry day.**

May the Lord give you peace on your journey.

May God's love and peace fill your heart.

May the Lord bless and keep you forever.

May the Lord always be by your side.

SENDING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Te Deum"

Marc Antonie Charpentier

Noah Zimmerman, trumpet

Pastor

Rev. Wayne G. Gillespie

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Steven J. Myers

Organist

Kevin Clemens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We appreciate the continued commitment of our readers, worship assistants, reconcilers, tech team, and many others who make our worship services possible. This week, we especially thank:

Saturday: Barb & Dave Hall, Ed Buehner

Sunday: Nancy Smith, Cindy Shaner, Serena & Zach Carnahan,
Linda Reed, Harriet Schwartz, Karen Palestra

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING

We are currently seeking qualified applicants who are interested in serving as our Parish Administrator. A detailed job description will be posted on our church website and Facebook page. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to:

office@christsmurrysville.org

Please be aware that we do not always have someone in the office during regular office hours. Please email or call the Church Office to ensure that someone is in the office prior to coming to the church.



Annual Congregational Meeting & Soup Luncheon February 18th, 2024



Please join us for a soup luncheon during the Annual Congregational meeting on February 18th in the upstairs social hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the Entryway for those who would like to donate soup, bread, or cookies.

SHROVE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



Please join us in celebrating Shrove Sunday on February 11th following the 10:00 am service. There will be pastries and refreshments served in the upstairs social hall.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will have two Ash Wednesday services on February 14, 2024. There will be an in-person service at 1:00 pm and an in-person/livestreamed service at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Journey 2024

Shrove Sunday Fellowship – February 11

Following the Sunday Service

Ash Wednesday – February 14th

Confession, Ashes, and Communion – 1:00 p.m.

In-Person and Livestream Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Weekend – March 24

Easter Egg Hunt – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Evening Worship (In-Person) – 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday Morning Worship – (In-Person and Livestream
Worship) – 10:00 a.m.**

Maundy Thursday – March 28

In-Person and Livestream Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – March 29

In-Person and Livestream Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Weekend – March 30 and 31

Saturday Evening Worship (In-Person) – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Easter Fellowship – 7:00 p.m.



2024 Offering Envelopes: Please remember to pick up your envelopes. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes, please contact the church office by emailing office@christsmurrysville.org or by calling 412-795-1212. If you do not receive envelopes but

would like to, please contact the church office. Children's envelopes are available on request. We appreciate everyone's financial contributions through-out our church year!

Thank You

Thrivent Choice Dollars

By directing Thrivent Choice Dollars through the Thrivent Choice program, eligible Thrivent members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. **Christ's Lutheran is an eligible recipient.** 2023 Allocations, which can be made online or by phone, are required to be made by March 31, 2024, or the allocations will expire unused.



CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY

THANK YOU to all who have helped to keep the Little Pantry filled. The **second weekend** of each month is now designated as Christ's Little Pantry Weekend, although you can bring food to put into the Little Pantry with you on any weekend. You can be a part of this life-changing ministry by bringing one or two items with you when you come to worship on that weekend and by placing your generous gift in the collection box in the Entryway, or directly into the Little Pantry, which is located in our lower parking lot. Your kindness is truly appreciated. Let's work together to keep our Little Pantry full!!!

Current pantry needs: Soup, Peanut butter, Jelly, Box Dinners, Pancake mix (made using water), Syrup, Snack Bars, Juice, Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta, Crackers.

No Vegetables needed at this time.



**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
TO HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
DURING LENT.**

Heifer International is an 80-year-old non-profit organization that's helped 42.9 million households. Heifer currently works in 19 countries and helps 2.67 million households in the United States alone. Heifer has trained 7.6 million people since 2012. 64% of these people are women.

Heifer's mission is to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way while caring for the Earth. It goes into a community with a 5 year plan. People are taught to be self-reliant and to make a living income. Heifer supports and invests in local, small-scale farmers and in their communities. Heifer mentors entrepreneurs and helps them to build a business and to gain access to markets. Farmers can use the money that they earn by selling their produces to buy items that they need like medicines and to build the schools that educate their children. Families are required to pass along at least one offspring of each of their animals and to train the next generation by sharing acquired knowledge.

Heifer help families that are facing hunger and poverty by sharing the love of Jesus. Heifer International believes that, on Easter, God calls us to give thanks for the gift salvation through His Son and to share the love of Jesus by serving others.

Christ's Lutheran Church has supported Heifer International for many years. We donated \$830 last year and we have donated \$39,645 since we embraced Heifer International as a partner in ministry in 1992. Heifer International was able to DOUBLE our gifts last year because of other generous businesses and individuals, and we are glad to say some of Heifers other donors have indicated that they will MATCH our generous gifts again this year.

If you want to make a tax-deductible donation to Heifer, you can easily send your gift by using our app **Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)** or by sending a check, payable to Christ's Lutheran Church, that includes Heifer on the memo line. You can find more information by visiting <http://www.heifer.org> or by stopping visiting bulletin board in our Entryway.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Eric Waxbom

February 11, 2024 – February 17, 2024

Sunday 2/11 – LITTLE PANTRY SUNDAY

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 am	Shrove Sunday Fellowship
7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Monday 2/12

5:00pm	Kindermusik
6:30 pm	Outreach Team
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Tuesday 2/13

9:00 am	Kindermusik
9:00 am	Sewing Group
10:00 am	Congregational Life Team
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Troop 50509)

Wednesday 2/14

10:30 am	Kindermusik
1:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
5:30 pm	Kindermusik
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday 2/15

9:00 am	Kindermusik
6:30 pm	Council Meeting

Friday 2/16

Saturday 2/17

6:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship
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