



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
DULUTH, MN**

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

St. Columba by Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements

***Processional Hymn** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* ELW 445



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We praise you, O God, for water.

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We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God,

as you affirm the promises of love and life
you made in baptism

to Amelia, Claire, Ella, Grace, Lilli, Laila, and Peter.

Bless them now as they affirm their faith and
commitment to live as your beloved ones.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

God of steadfast love and grace, we give you thanks that you claim us as your beloved children. Continue to inspire all of us through your Holy Spirit. Give us faith so we have hope in difficult times. Give us courage to resist evil. Give us compassion to serve our neighbors. Give us joy, in the expansive welcome of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon - Katie

Daniel 3:1-28 (Chosen by Confirmand Laila Davis)

A reading from Daniel:

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³ So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, ⁴ the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and

languages, ⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.” ⁷ Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁸ Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹ They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹ and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷ If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace

of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary ²⁰ and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹ So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. ²² Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵ He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god.”

²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent an angel and delivered these servants who trusted in their God. They disobeyed the king’s

command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Laila Davis

Psalm 28:1-2, 6-9 (Chosen by Confirmand Amelia Heppelmann)

¹O LORD, I call to you; my rock, do not be deaf to my cry;
lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

**²Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you,
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.**

⁶Blessed be the LORD,
who has heard the voice of my prayer.

**⁷You, LORD, are my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in you, and I have been helped;
so my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to you.**

⁸You, LORD, are the strength of your people,
a safe refuge for your anointed.

**⁹Save your people and bless your inheritance;
shepherd them and carry them forever.**

Reflection: Amelia Heppelmann

***Gospel Acclamation** Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones ELW 424

*O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34 (Chosen by Confirmand Claire Langford)**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily: Pastor Liz Davis

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry

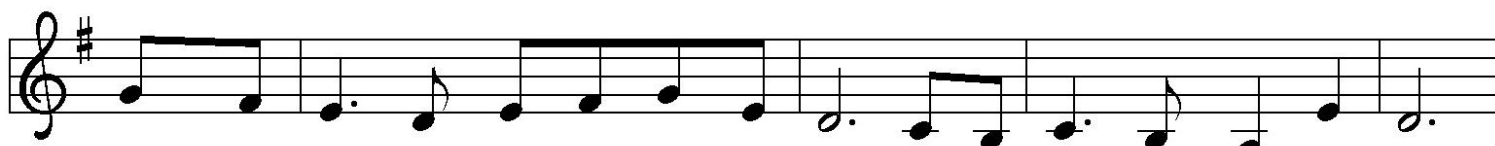
ELW 732 (LCGS Favorite)



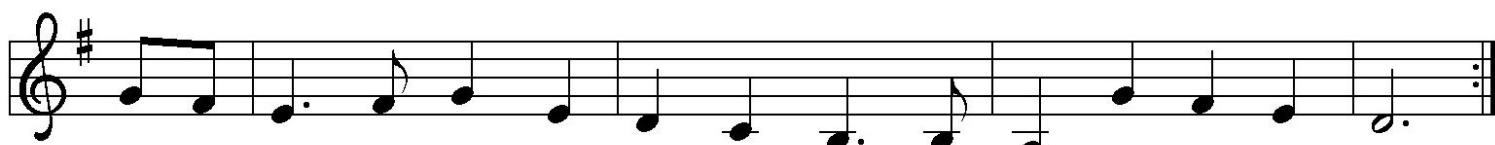
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



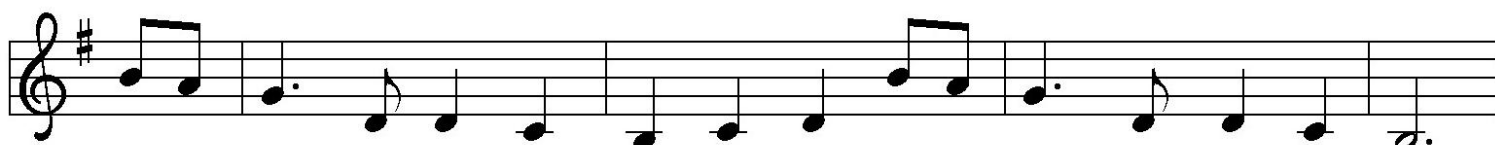
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



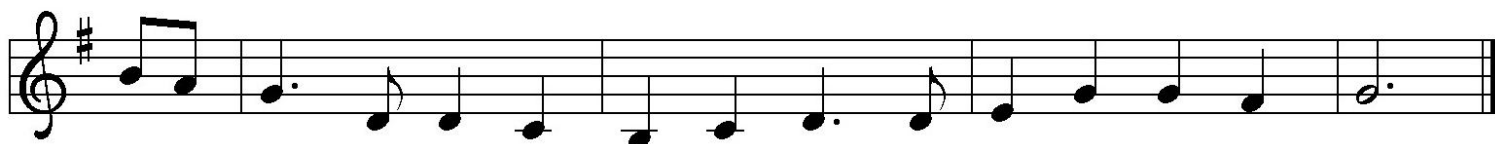
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Presentation: Craig Bursch, LCGS Vice President

Peter Charles Ahrens

Laila Elanor Davis

Lillian Mae Guidinger

Grace Elizabeth Hehir

Amelia May Heppelmann

Claire Marie Langford

Ella Ann Shepard

Profession of Faith

Peter, Laila, Lillian, Grace, Amelia, Claire, Ella, and all the gathering community, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Peter, Laila, Lillian, Grace, Amelia, Claire, Ella: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Laying on of Hands: Prayer for the Spirit and Blessing

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Peter Charles Ahrens, Laila Elanor Davis, Lillian Mae Guidinger, Grace Elizabeth Hehir, Amelia May Heppelmann, Claire Marie Langford, Ella Ann Shepard

the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***Peace - Pastor**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***Prayers of the People: Holden Evening Prayer (Chosen by Confirmand Peter Ahrens)**

In peace, in peace we pray to you: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For peace and salvation, we pray to you: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For peace between nations, peace between peoples: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For we who are gathered to worship and praise you: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all of your servants who live out your gospel: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all those who govern that justice might guide them: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all those who labor in service to others: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Grant weather that nourishes all of creation: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

For all the beloved who rest in your mercy: **God of mercy, hold us in love.**

Help us, comfort us, all of our days: **Keep us, hold us, gracious God.**

Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Offering

ELCA Youth Gathering Video: “Why the Gathering”

Reflection: Amelia Heppelmann

***Offering Presentation Hymn: Sanctuary (Chosen by Confirmands Laila Davis, Lillian Guidinger, Grace Hehir, and Amelia Heppelmann)**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***Words of Institution**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

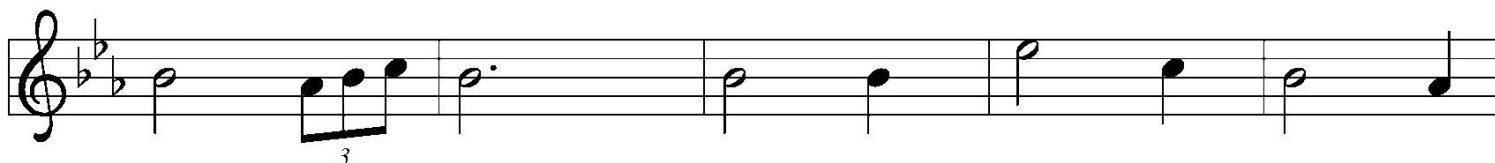
Distribution

In communion, we experience Jesus for us. The simple elements of bread and wine/juice convey Jesus' love, forgiveness, and grace. All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Ushers will invite your pew; continue forward to the communion server on your side of the sanctuary. Please put a hand over your heart for a blessing only. If you wish to receive communion, hold open your hand to receive a wafer. Please tell the server if you need a gluten-free wafer. Dip the wafer in the wine (red) or juice (clear). You may immediately eat the wafer. Continue along the outside of the pews to return to your seat.

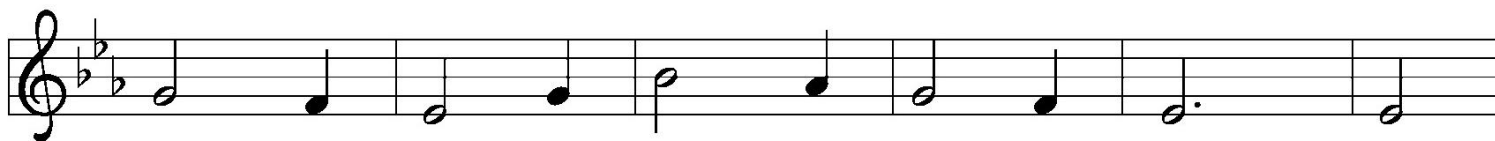
Song during Communion: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (LCGS Favorite) ELW 502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing: Philippians 4:6-7 (Chosen by Confirmand Ella Shepard)**

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.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *Let All Things Now Living* (LCGS Favorite) ELW 881(next page)



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

***Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

Improvisation on Borning Cry

~Thank you for sharing your favorite hymns and songs! Favorite hymns of LCGS will be noted in the bulletin. We would love to hear and share your stories about hymns that are important to you; please contact Pastor Liz or Parker.~

This Week at LCGS

Oct 11, Confirmation Sunday

8:45AM Sunday School

8:45AM Choir rehearsal

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Oct 12, Monday OFFICE CLOSED

9:00AM –3:30:00PM Quilters

Oct 13, Tuesday

4:00PM Food Scraps Drop Site party!

6:00PM Congregational Council

6:30PM Women's Ministry

Oct 14, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

NO Confirmation

October 15, Thursday

1:00PM Al-Anon

7:00PM AA

October 16, Friday

8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible
Conversation (ZOOM)

October 17, Saturday

October 18, Sunday

8:45AM Choir Rehearsal

8:45AM PUMPKIN Sunday School

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM FAVORITE TEAMS! Coffee
Fellowship

1:30 PM Damiano Serving

**Thank you all our volunteers who signed up this morning
and the following who prepared ahead!**

Altar Guild

Projections Preparer

Projectionist

Streaming

Hospitality

Grace Monson

Bruce Johnson

Karen Guerndt

Brian Fischer

Next Week: Sue Boutin

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