

21st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday

GENEROSITY SUNDAY IV
"POTATO POWER"

November 2, 2025 | 9 AM

WELCOME!

Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. Our shared communion bread is gluten free and we offer wine and grape juice. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing.

If you would like communion in your seat, please let an usher know.

OUR VISION: In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.



We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

GATHER

Time after Pentecost Theme - Return Who God Has Made Us

GATHERING MUSIC ORCA and Adult Choirs - "Yonder Come Day" arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

FAITH FORMATION

"Teaching Sunday" today! - Adult Session Generosity Activity: Potato Paper Lamps ORCA Focus verse: Luke 20:36, 38



- 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,



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,

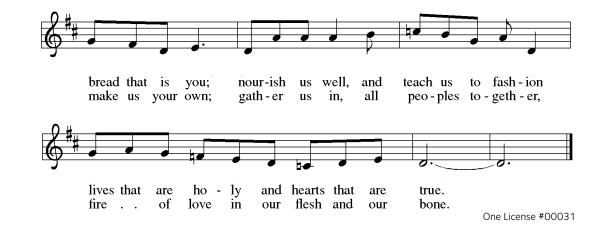




Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and

continued

^{*}Please rise in body or in spirit.



*GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

And also with you.

*PRAYER

We turn to God in prayer.

Gracious and generous God, equip us to steward your gifts we receive for the common good. Draw us again to you, and restore our trust in the treasures of your Spirit. Turn us to see your works, that our poverty is transformed by your abundance. Grow our life together and our hope for the world to come, by the promise of what could be through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

PROCLAIM

FIRST READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

When one turns to the Lord, the veil [over the mind] is removed. (2 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Our ears and hearts are open.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thank God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING Luke 18:9-14

The good news of Jesus Christ, from the Gospel of Luke.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.""

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE I SERMON

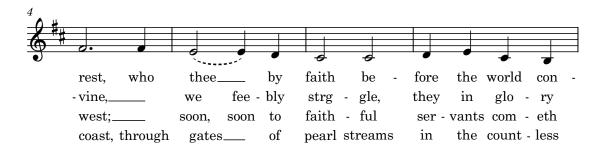
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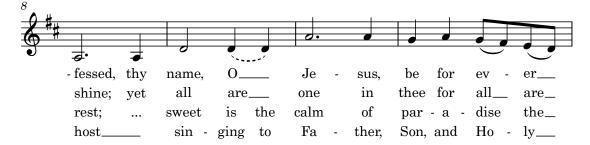


***SONG OF THE DAY** For All the Saints



- 1. For all the saints who from their la-bors
- 3. Oh, blest com mu nion, fel low ship di -
- 5. The gol den eve nong bright ens in the
- 7. From eart's wide bounds, from o cean's far thest







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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT



*APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church, let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene 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 THE PEOPLE

As we pray aloud and in our hearts, notice how you are standing, sitting, and how we use our hands and bodies. We give thanks for all that God gives us. We pray for the hands clasped in hope of God's help. We pray for healing hands, hands that build community, and extend our hands in blessing those that are in need.

Silence for contemplation.

Please close your thanksgivings, petitions, laments, and prayers with Loving God, and we will all respond

hear us as we pray.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. We pray especially for those named in our prayer list. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Loving God,

hear us as we pray.

For the relational ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give us a spirit of generosity, eyes and ears attuned to joy and sorrow, and hearts for connection. Bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Raise leaders among us and give new life to our ministries of hospitality, welcome, and accompaniment. Loving God,

hear us as we pray.

For whom and what else do we pray?

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful + ones whom you have gathered to yourself even in death, who now rest in you. We remember their lives, their witness, and examples in faith.

Today, we remember especially those members of this, your beloved community, who have died this year. We remember, believing they are present with us by the power of your Holy Spirit, gathered and called by name, and trusting they stand in your presence, gathered and called by name.

James Warren Freyberg

Present.

Carolyn Kristine Davis

Present.

Kenneth Mayo Prentice

Present.

Charlotte Lynn Wallstrom

Present.

Robert Norman McIntyre, Jr.

Present.

We also remember with fondness the presence of Henderson Widner beloved dog of Brianna and Jake Widner.

As we commemorate those who now rest in you, we name others that have gone before us.

(With the names spoken aloud, a bell rings. Please close your naming of all those you remember today with the word, "present," and the congregation shares in your remembrance with the response: **Present.**)

For these, and all your beloved dead, O God, we give thanks for their presence with us, by the power of your Holy Spirit. And we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus, your Son. Loving God,

hear us as we pray.

(at the close of the Prayers)
We turn over these prayers to you, O Lord,
trusting in your power to intercede for us (Hebrews 7:25)
and hoping in your power to save all who call on your name. Amen. (John 14:13-14)

COMMUNE

*PEACE

Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you. My peace I give you". (John 14:27)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We greet each other with sign of Christ's peace by gesture and word, such as "Peace be with you."

GENEROSITY STORY

Betsy McGregor

OFFERING

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

In this time of offering, we return to God the first fruits of the Spirit, which God has grown in us.

Gifts may be made online at www.ourredeemers.net/donate or by scanning this code.



OFFERING MUSIC

*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful and compassionate God, by your word, you create all that is good; may we return to you the first fruits of our life and labors, and gratefully receive what you have prepared for us in this meal, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted from 1 Timothy 4:4)

*AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

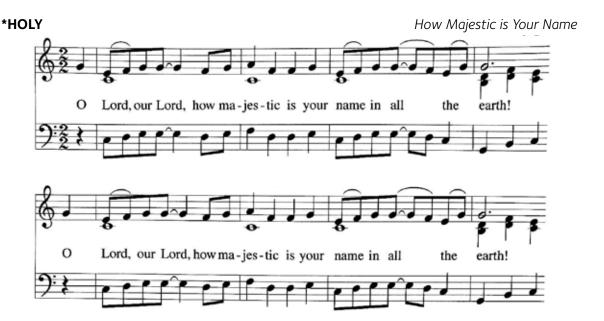
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with the company of the saints, with the church on earth, and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.





We give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to free the world from its bondage to sin.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the breaking of this bread, reveal for us the face of our risen Lord, Jesus, (Luke 24:30) the first fruits of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20) raised in offering for our life together. (Hebrews 9:14)

Turn us toward Christ and one another by the power of your Spirit,

that we may live in Christ, our true vine, to joyfully share the fruits of your love until he returns to harvest what has been planted, prepared, grown, and gathered, to glorify your holy name. **Amen.** (adapted from John 16)

*LORD'S PRAYER

United with all people, past and present we pray in the language of our hearts as our Lord, Jesus has 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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Many of us have experienced rejection, exclusion, and marginalization at different times in our lives, but we return here, knowing we will not be turned away.

So come, whether this is your first time, or your hundredth. All who have tried to follow, all God's people needing healing and wholeness; Come to this simple feast. God's table is big enough for all of us.

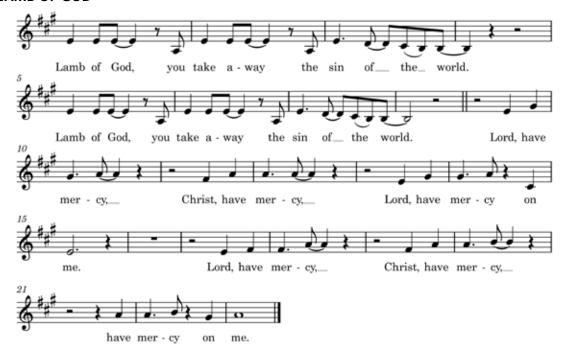
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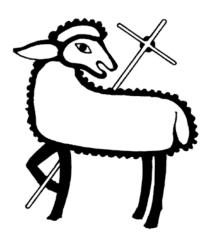
to commune, including children (as parents permit).



After communing, please feel moved to light candles in memory of those closest to you, who have died.

LAMB OF GOD





Make A Difference - Rachel Kurtz

COMMUNION SONG

You gave your life to make a difference You gave your life to make a change You welcomed all to your table You're telling us to do the same

I want my life to make a difference I want my life to make a change I want my life to do some good here I want my life to make a change

Working side by side no out or inside together we can make that change With a few or many with a lot or not any together we can make that change

Chorus

Crossing the great divide
Joy and peace will abide
Together we can make that change
Jesus is our peace
All fighting will cease
Together we can make that change

Chorus

We're the citizens with the saints We're the sunshine and the rain We're joy with the pain We're the change. You healed the sick and fed the poor You loved the prophet and whore And through us you will do more You're the change!

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TABLE BLESSING

Jesus said, "if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:3)

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting grace and in eternal life.

Amen.

SEND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

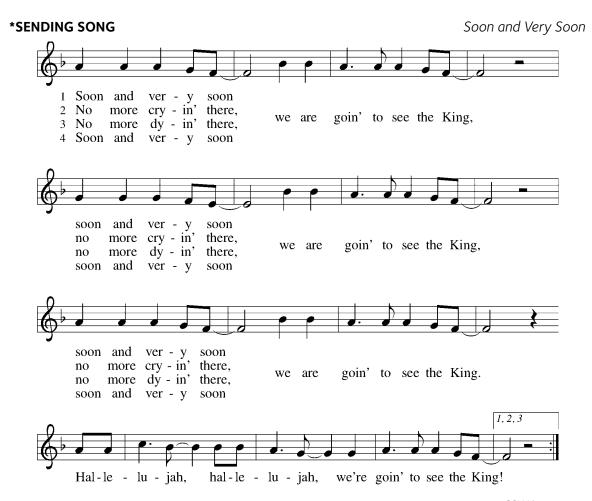
Next Sunday: 10:00 am Swedish Pancake Generosity Brunch Bring Commitment Cards!

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look on you with favor
and grant ♣ you peace.

Amen.





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*DISMISSAL

"Go, return on your way. Go in peace." (1 Kings 19:15)

Thank God!

We Pray for...

Barton Bjugstad, Faye Buckalew, Tom Carlson, Jennifer Carter, Pat D'Amico, Pete D'Amico. Gerry & Bob Faley, Cindy Funai, Don Hansen, Donnalyn Hansen, Hartje family, Shirley Holt and family, Horan family, Chris & Rusty Huffstetter, Helen Jones, Joy Kimotho, Bud Knapp, Curt Kruse family, Judy Malmgren, Roger Mandery, Martin, Erin Miller, Barbara Moen & family, Julie Osinki, Iko Rodenberger, Ambrose Roth, Kjersti Sangrey, David Schrader, Sharon Stearns, Carolyn Swanson, Eliot Wright & family, Jon Wright, Kelly Wright; asylum seekers, refugees, and those seeking housing and a home; those living with mental illness and loneliness; children and parents; immigrant families remaining separated; those outside in the elements; Road to Housing quests.

Grieving the Loss of

Tom Horan, Curt Kruse, Bob McIntyre, Benton Osinki, Charlotte Wallstrom, Henderson Widner

To include someone in the prayers, <u>email</u> the church (pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)
Requests received after each Wednesday will be put in the following week's bulletin.

IN OUR SERVICES TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp Reader: MJ McDermott Communion Set Up: Barbara Moen Communion Server: Pamela Altman Greeter: Barbara Moen Usher: Sonja Braasch Musicians: Gian Foddai, Betsy McGregor,

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worship

9 AM Informal Sunday Worship | In-person

Our 9:00 am service is casual and welcoming, perfect for exploring faith in a comfortable setting. Enjoy a mix of contemporary and familiar music, interactive worship, and opportunities to engage at your own pace. Children are always part of the community, with a staffed nursery available for little ones who need extra care.

11 AM Traditional Sunday Worship | In-person & Online

The 11:00 am service celebrates Lutheran tradition with prayers, responses, and gestures that draw us into a meaningful rhythm. Music is central, featuring hymns, organ, choir, and special music. Focused on God's grace, this service invites you to pause, be grounded in faith, and connect with a multi-generational community, whether in the sanctuary or online.

Stewardship Season: Cultivating Faith

Each Sunday during our Stewardship Season we gather around stories of generosity, thoughtful reflections, and fun, potato-themed crafts for all ages. Together we will ask how God is calling us to grow as a community of faith, to share our resources, and to serve the world.

The season concludes on Commitment Sunday, November 9, when we bring our completed Commitment Cards and share in a festive Swedish Pancake brunch.





faith formation

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUALITY

Adult Faith Formation - 10 AM Sundays

Today, November 2nd is "Teaching Church" Sunday - come explore "Postures of Worship" with Pastor Thomas, which he was not able to lead in September due to being sick!

November 9th is "Relating Church" Sunday - come eat a hearty Swedish Pancake brunch at 10:00 and enjoy a time of fellowship!

November 16th is "Embodying Church" Sunday* (see description below)

November 23rd is "Asking and Discerning" Sunday – come to this open discussion group, where we ask questions and consider how God is forming us in faith.

*Embodying Church"

Sunday, November 16, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for Embodying Music as Prayer! Led by Jodi Duke and Amy Hammett, you're invited to explore how listening to or creating music can be a form of prayer. Experience how music can embody our prayers of gratitude, celebration, lament, and call to action as the body of Christ. All ages welcome!

LiVE - Free Classes & Retreats

LiVE, a lay ministry of the NW WA Synod–ELCA, forms Christian leaders ready to live faith in today's world. Explore scripture, engage big questions, and connect with others across our community.

Practicing Faith Beyond Certainty Classes

7 PM, Wednesdays, November 5 & 12

Discover how faith can thrive amid doubt and change—grounded in Scripture, community, and real life. Registration is FREE (see how to register below).

To register at no cost, simply **enter the Congregational Bundle Code: LiVE2025**. Learn more about LiVE and upcoming offerings by using the QR Code here.



community

Swedish Pancake Generosity Celebration

Next Sunday, November 9, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us next Sunday November 9th for our Swedish Pancake Generosity Brunch, the joyful culmination of our Generosity season at Our Redeemer's! This special meal celebrates all the ways our community shares and is generous together. **We're also looking for volunteers** to help with setup on Saturday and serving on Sunday—your helping hands make this event possible. If you can lend a hand, please email Betsy McGregor at Bemac7309@gmail.com.

Church Ladies Meet Tomorrow

Monday, November 3, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

Join the women of Our Redeemer's tomorrow night at 5 PM at Old Stove Gardens Brewery! All are invited to enjoy an easygoing evening of conversation, laughter, and connection, with hearty bites, warm drinks, and plenty of nearby parking. All women (and those who identify as female) are warmly welcome—come as you are and celebrate the fall season with friends old and new!

Gardening in Good Company

November 7, 10 AM-noon

Bring your favorite tools, a hat, and maybe your rain gear—and come join the fun! With slower-growing fall weeds, it's a wonderful time to care for our grounds and enjoy good company outdoors. Questions? Contact: Connie Sandstrom, conniesandstrom05@gmail.com.

Celebrate PLU: An Evening w/ PLU President Allan Belton Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 PM | National Nordic Museum, 2655 NW Market Street

President Belton will share Pacific Lutheran University campus updates, the vision for the university, and how you can advocate for PLU's future. In addition to celebrating PLU's community, there will be a commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the first organized crossing of Norwegians to North America. Cost-\$25. Registration Link: https://bit.ly/403kjvf

Lucia Volunteers Needed!

Luciafest is coming. Save the Date! December 14

We have some big shoes to fill in order to have a wonderful and fun reception. To do that we are in need of willing co coordinators to plan, organize and host this annual traditon. Everybody loves cookies and dancing around the Christmas tree! Please let the Lucia team know if you can help. Tack så mycket! Contact Marie Nordquist: lutequist@yahoo.com.

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, November 2, Sunday
GENEROSITY SUNDAY #4
All Saint's Day

♣9 AM - Informal Worship
10 AM ORCA Harbor Seals (5-11 y/o), ORCA Sea Lions (6th grade)
10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall 10:15 AM Otters (3-5 y/o)
♣11 AM - Traditional Worship

November 3, Monday 5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night

November 4, Tuesday
7 PM - Church Executive Team

November 5, Wednesday
7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal
7 PM - Practicing Faith Beyond
Certainty - LiVE Project | Online

November 7, Friday

10 AM - Volunteer Grounds Crew | Our

Redeemer's Gardens
7 PM - Charlotte Walstrom Memorial |
Our Redeemer's

November 9, Sunday

COMMITMENT/GENEROSITY SUNDAY

⊕9 AM - Informal Worship

10 AM - Swedish Pancake Generosity
Brunch

⊕11 AM - Traditional Worship

Email <u>administrator@ourredeemers.net</u> if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's <u>website calendar</u>.



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