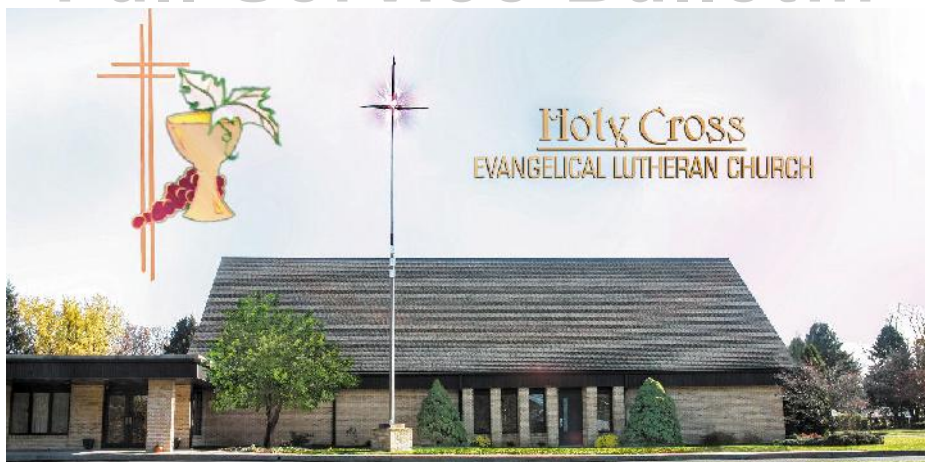


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION AUGUST 2, 2026 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship, read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray: **Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

CHILDREN of all ages are welcome! The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

LISTENING DEVICES for the hearing impaired are available at the sound board (in the back of the sanctuary).

INTRODUCTION In today's first lesson, God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the Eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the Bread of Life, we are sent to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (ELW # 461)

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F



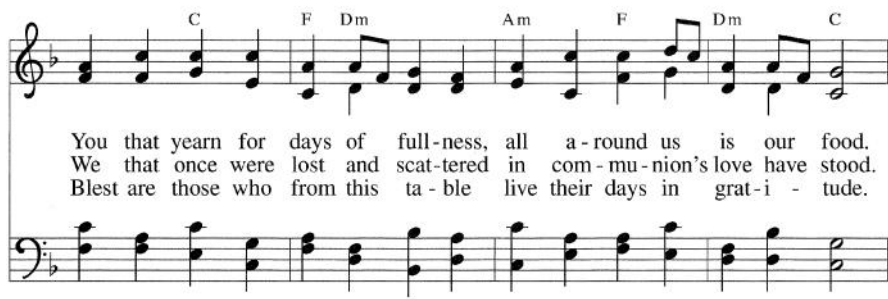
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F



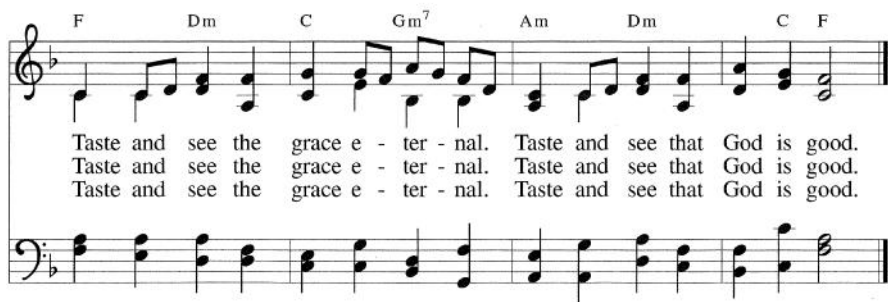
Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

C F Dm Am F Dm C



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

HOLY MANNA
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INVOCATION ($\mathbf{\text{†}}$ = All may make the sign of the cross.)

D: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, $\mathbf{\text{†}}$ one God, the Source of life, the Word of salvation, the Spirit of mercy.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

D: Let us confess our sins to God, Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

D: God of compassion, **C: We confess that we have neglected Your commandments and have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words and in our deeds. Forgive our sins, Merciful God, those known and unknown, things done and left undone. Make our hearts burn with love for You and those in need, so that our lives may witness to Your never-failing love. AMEN.**

D: Brothers and sisters, buried with $\mathbf{\text{†}}$ Christ by baptism into His death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

D: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)*

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God” (WOV p 29) →



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



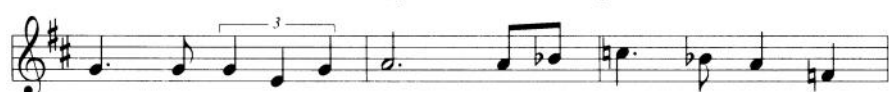
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. *Refrain*



II Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. *Refrain*



III 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together: C: **Glorious God, Your generosity waters the world with goodness, and You cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

(congregation reads indented)

The LORD is gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and rich in love.

The LORD is good to all;

He has compassion on all He has made.

The LORD upholds all those who fall

and lifts up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to You,

and You give them their food at the proper time.

You open Your hand

and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all His ways

and loving toward all He has made.

The LORD is near to all who call on Him,

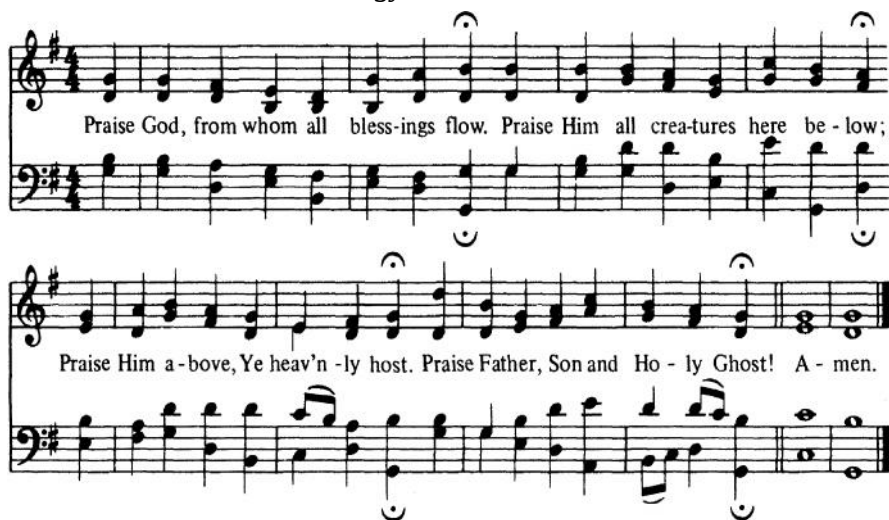
to all who call on Him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him;

He hears their cry and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love Him,
but all the wicked He will destroy.
 My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise His holy name
for ever and ever.

PRAISE SONG “Doxology”



WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

(Please sit.)

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 55:1-5.....Pew Bible page 1148

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 9:1-8, 30-33.....p. 1758

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

COLLECT FOR CHILDREN *(When children are present.)*

L: We will dismiss for Children’s Church after the Gospel reading.

Let us pray the Collect for Children together: **C: Lord, we lift up to You the children of our church, asking for Your protection, guidance, and blessings over their lives. May they grow in faith, wisdom, and love, finding their identity in You and walking in the purpose You have**

for them. Surround them with Your grace, strengthen their families, and raise them to be lights in this world for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” verse 1 (Maj # 317)

Mary A. Lathbury, stanzas 1, Alexander Groves, stanzas 3

William F. Sherwin

1 Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst
 3 Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, Thy ho - ly

1 break the loaves Be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page
 3 Word the truth That sav - eth me; Give me to eat and live

1 I seek Thee, Lord; My spir - it pants for Thee, O liv - ing Word.
 3 With Thee a - bove; Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art love.

D: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 14:12-21.....p. 1520

D: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children may go to Children's Church.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION verse 3 ↑

(Please be seated. See space for sermon notes in Announcements insert.)

SERMON Deacon Michael Grube

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
(ELW # 674 - Text: Fred Kaan; Tune: Doreen Potter)*

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

The musical score is written for a three-part setting: Soprano (top staff), Alto (middle staff), and Bass (bottom staff). The melody is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The piano accompaniment is written for the right and left hands on grand staves. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are in English and are written in a simple, clear font. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the refrain, which is marked with a double bar line and repeat dots at the beginning and end.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father 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; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel as you are able.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

D: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

D: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

D: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

D: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: “Alleluia” (*Michael W. Smith*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly
are You, Lord God Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.
You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y.
Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

D: 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 in 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

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. AMEN.

(The congregation may bow in reverence and wonder at the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. For a gluten-free rice wafer say "Rice." Grape juice is in the pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p39)*



☞ 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung until all have received.)*

1. "Come, Celebrate Jesus" (Maj # 370 - favorite) →

Come cel-e-brate Je - sus, come cel-e-brate Je - sus,

The bread and the wine, the mo-ment in time. Come cel-e-brate

Je - sus, the Spir-it that frees us, His ta - ble

has been laid, come now and cel - e - brate Him.

cel - e - brate Him. (cel - e - brate Him.)

1. D.C.

2.

2. "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (ELW # 484 verses 2-5)

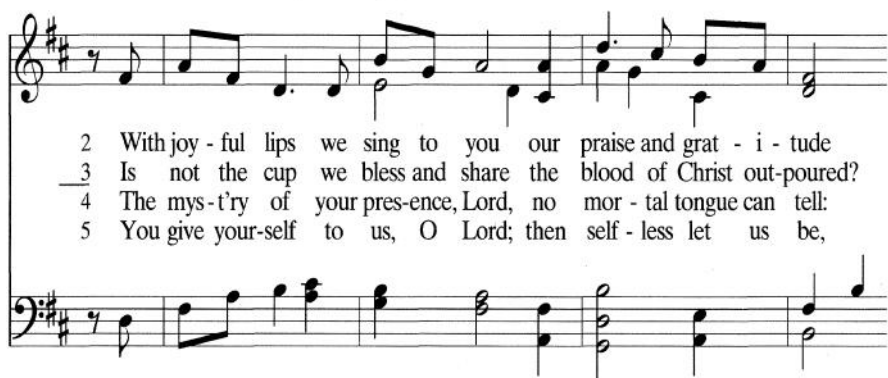
Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

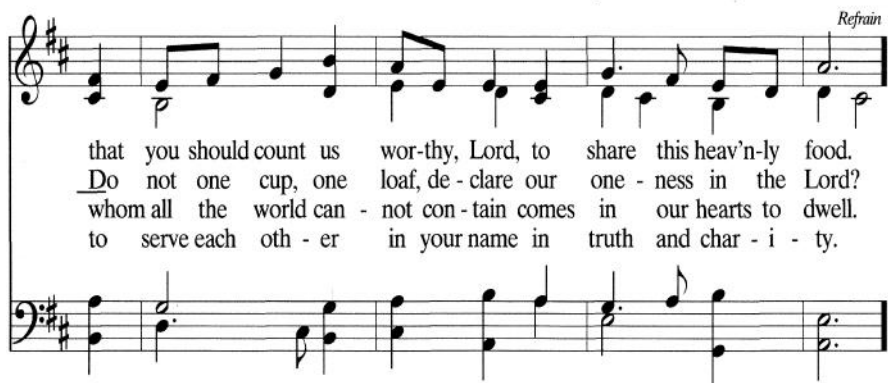


Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, b. 1916
 Tune: Robert E. Kreutz, b. 1922

BICENTENNIAL
 CM and refrain

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD’S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C:** O God, our provider, You nourish us with holy food and drink, and You open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with Your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim Your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

D: God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and forevermore. **C:** AMEN.

SENDING HYMN

“The Church of Christ in Every Age” (ELW # 729) →

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you!
C: And also with you!

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS *Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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Holy Cross, to the Glory of God

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

AUGUST 2, 2026

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY

GREETERS: 9:30-Diane Hahn, Irene Graham
SOUND: 9:30-Josh Miller
LIVESTREAM: 9:30-Jonah Kincaid
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST/COMMUNION: 9:30-Seth Miller
LECTOR: 9:30-Penny Miller
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
GUEST PREACHER: Deacon Michael Grube
USHERS: 9:30-Sharon Wagner, Irene Graham
ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan & Irene Graham
COUNTERS: off for the week
SEXTON: **Volunteers needed**
PHONETREE: Stephen Zeiner
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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