# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.



Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 8



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**Welcome to worship** on summer Sundays after Pentecost! These Sundays are ordered numerically after the celebration of Pentecost which is traditionally considered the birth of the church in the first century. This year it was on May 28. Our worship is infused with the themes of our life together as church and our lives of faith in the world. We celebrate faith breathed into us by God as we consider how we live our faith for God's sake and for the sake of the world and each other.

Also, for summer Sundays, Chancel Choir has melted back into the pews, and the ad hoc Summer Choir sings week-to-week with the folks who are able to be here each Sunday. You're welcome to give it a try! In addition, S'more Fun and Worship gathers in our courtyard on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m. for supper followed by communion and camp songs, 6:30–7 p.m., led by guitar. See your announcement page for details.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

Prelude • "Vocalise" -Daniel Gawthrop

#### Welcome

# Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, who is with us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, we confess to you the sin of our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Amen.

God promises boundless grace in every time and place. Hear the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of  $\ \ \ \ \$  Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.



Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt. Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

# Greeling

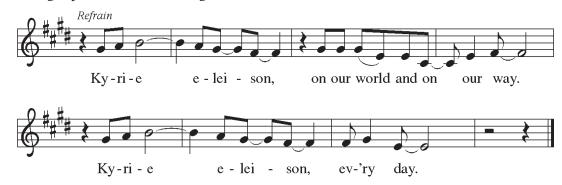
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison is Greek and translates as "Lord, have mercy."

All sing Refrain, and cantor sings verses.

Refrain:



Cantor: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

# Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading • Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

A reading from Genesis.

[Laban, Rebekah's brother, received a visitor who said,] <sup>34</sup>"I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup>My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup>but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

<sup>42</sup>"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup>I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup>and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup>"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup>She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup>Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup>Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup>Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

<sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." <sup>59</sup>So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."

<sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>62</sup>Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup>Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup>and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm • Song of Solomon 2:8–13

Read responsively.

8The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

<sup>11</sup>For now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

## Second Reading • Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

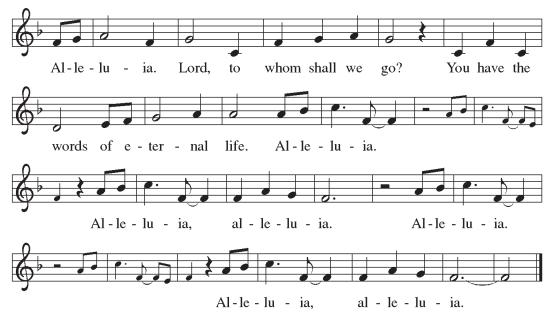
<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

## Gospel Acclamation



#### Gospel • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:]  $^{16}$ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

#### Anthem • "Beside Still Waters" -Bernard Hamblen

Summer Choir and Tim Garrington, piano

Weary and sad at heart, bent beneath thy load; heavy is thy burden, dark is the road: Then, in the loneliness, help draweth nigh; Jesus kind Shepherd, will hear thy cry: beside still waters He leadeth thee; His love will guard thee tenderly, thy grief shall pass, thy doubt shall flee, beside still waters He leadeth thee.

Lost in the darkness, far from thy goal; no voice to cheer thee; none to console: broken in spirit, hope seems in vain; then, in thy hour of need, joy comes again. Fear not, oh pilgrim, dark though the way; press on, and faint not, soon comes the day: "Lead on, kind Shepherd"; this be Thy prayer; Jesu will guide thee to pastures fair.

Beside still waters He leadeth thee; His love will guard thee tenderly, thy grief shall pass, thy doubt shall flee, beside still waters He leadeth thee.

-Bernard Hamblen

#### Children's Sermon

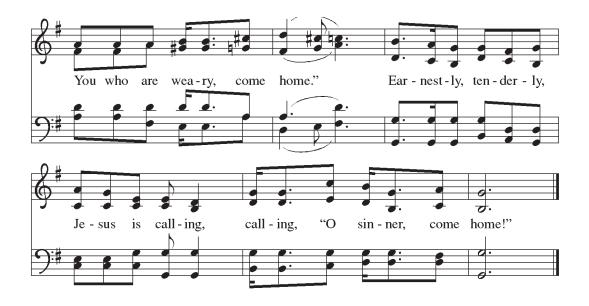
Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 608: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

THOMPSON





Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

The assembly is seated.

#### Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Anders Arvid Brekke**, son of **Jay and Gina Brekke**, in his baptism. Welcome him into Christ's family today! Anders' sponsors are Matt Brekke, Shannon Winters, and Anthony Winters.

#### **Presentation**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

#### **Profession of Faith**

The assembly stands.

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?

We renounce them.

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

We renounce them.

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

We 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. Amen.

#### Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray.

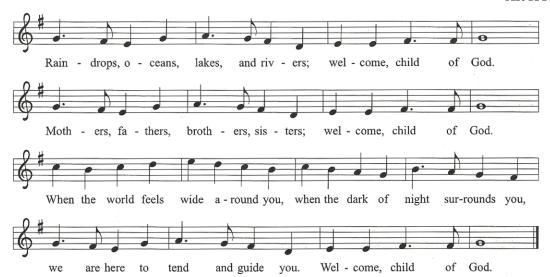
We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Please stand as we sing a word of welcome to the newly baptized.

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# Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

# Offering

"God has created me and all that exists," Martin Luther wrote. Giving our offering helps us remember that all we have in life is a gift from God the Creator.



"Precious Lord" –Thomas Dorsey, arr. Jack Schrader Susan Patterson, solo

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night lead me on to the light. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

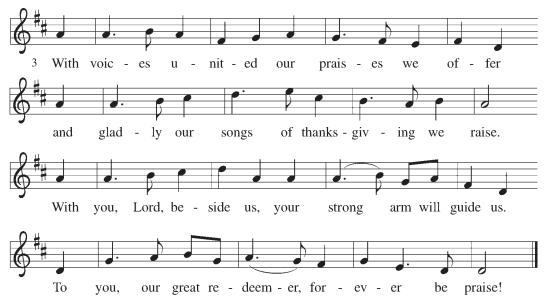
When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near, when my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

–Thomas Dorsey

The assembly stands.

## Offering Response • ELW 870: We Praise You, O God

KREMSER



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626

# Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

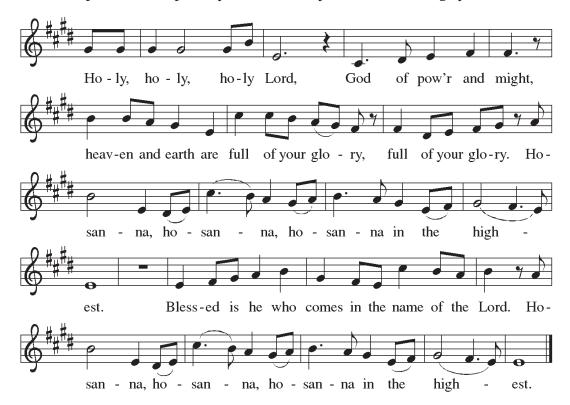
# Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, and great is your glory.

You so loved the world that you sent to us Jesus, your Word made flesh.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill your holy will and show us the way.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, we give thanks to you, O God, not as we ought but as we are able; accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless us, your servants, and this bread and wine, so that we may be filled with grace, and forgiven and formed to live as your people for the sake of the world.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your church, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## Lord's Prayer

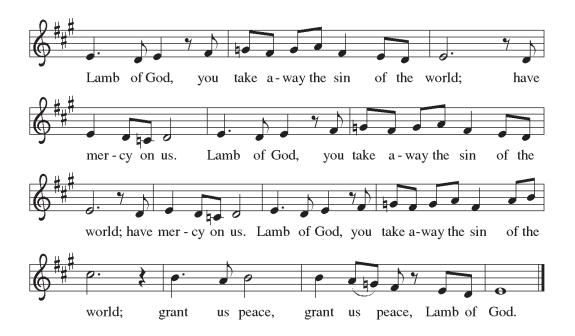
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

# Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning. We share this meal with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in this sacrament. All the bread used is gluten-free, and both wine and grape juice are available in the tray of glasses. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms when you come forward. (If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home.)

If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.



"A Simple Song" from *Mass* –Leonard Bernstein Susan Patterson, solo

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē.

Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē.

Sing like you like to sing.

God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Laude and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.

I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laudē.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,

and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.

# Blessing after Communion

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.** 

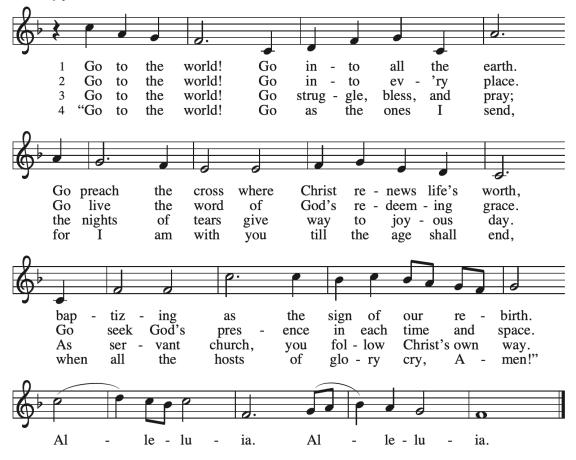
## Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God, for nourishing us at your holy meal. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed \* bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.** 

Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.



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#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. Thanks be to God.

# Postlude

"Improvisation" –Andrew Peters

You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.



#### Welcome!

- How good to have you here! Thanks for signing the worship registration slip and placing it in the offering plate.
- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. Just outside of Christ Chapel and on either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Augustana's nursery staff is on hiatus in July, but, along with the Caring Corner, the nursery is available for children accompanied by an adult who may need a quiet place. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the <u>Giving page at Augustana's website</u>, <u>augustanadenver.org</u>. You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

## Worship Ministries

Altar Guild:

July Tracy Lutz

**Bus Driver:** 

Michael Graham

**Cantor:** Susan Patterson

**Communion Bread:** 

July Kent Mueller

**Communion:** 

8 a.m. Tim & Laura Libby 10:30 a.m. Pam Uyemura

Heather Frank

**Communion Linens:** 

July Margaret Aarestad

Library:

Katherin Howell

**Livestream Assistant:** 

Hunter Arnell

**Prayers:** 

Pastor Gail Mundt

**Readers:** 

8 a.m. Roger Lipker

10:30 a.m. Kari Kusek

**Ushers:** 

8 a.m. AJ Levy

Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Wil Crook

Bill Crossen James Kastens Craig Tamminga Miles Tamminga

# Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world

# Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (<u>augustanadenver.org</u>) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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