

#### Reformation Sunday Affirmation of Baptism October 29, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1



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**Reformation Day** is a celebration of God's grace—that in Jesus, we are set free from fear and sin and sent to love and serve others. This day also reminds us that we can't somehow manage or contain God's grace as individuals or as the church. Rooted in the past and growing into the future, our faith is always reforming in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.

This morning some of Augustana's young people will take part in the Affirmation of Baptism (or Confirmation). We pray for their journey of faith as they affirm for themselves the promises parents and sponsors made for them on the day they were baptized.

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 • "Allegro in C Major" -George F. Handel

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 creates, redeems,

and sustains us and all of creation. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

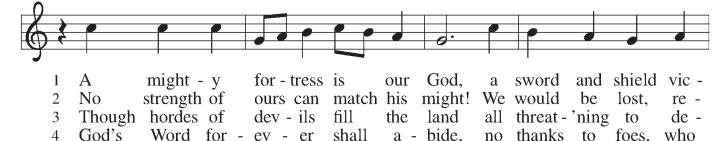
Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, ♣ strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

10:30 a.m. For the Gathering Hymn, 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.

#### Gathering Hymn • ELW 504: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG





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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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# Greeting 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.**

#### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

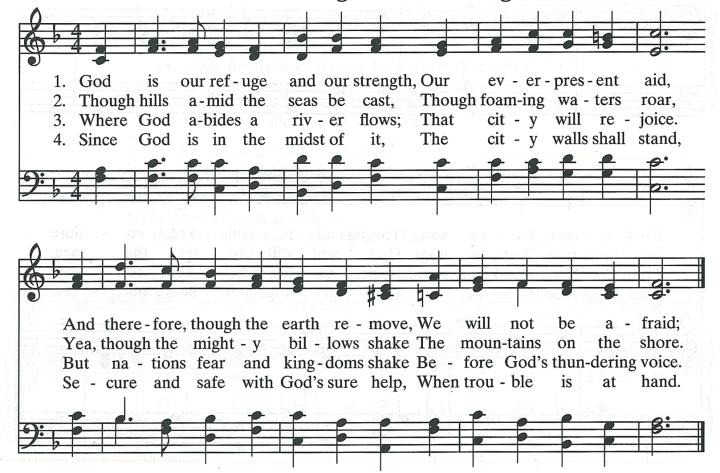
#### First Reading • Jeremiah 31:31–34

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 46: God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength WINCHESTER OLD



#### Second Reading • Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement

by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.





Cantor: If you continue in my word, you are truly | my disciples,\* and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free.

(John 8:31-32)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

#### **Gospel** • Matthew 22:34–46

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

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? <sup>37</sup>He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, "The son of David." <sup>43</sup>He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet" '? <sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

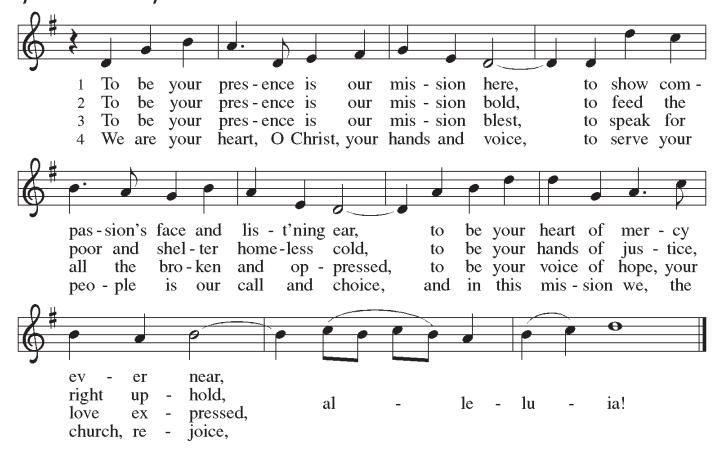
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#### Children's Sermon

Sermon • Pastor Gail Mundt

#### Hymn of the Day • ELW 546: To Be Your Presence

#### **ENGELBERG**



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#### Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and **Presentation** for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

> I present these people who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

**Robert Brown,** son of Erin and Jacob Brown

Caroline Hope Johnson, daughter of Patrick and Heidi Johnson James Warren Kusek, son of Mitch and Kari Kusek Sonja Katherine Massie, daughter of Holly and Nick Massie

Maya J. Stone, daughter of Julia and Colin Stone Allison Terry, daughter of George and Karen Terry

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.** 

#### **Profession of Faith**

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?

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: 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. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

#### **Affirmation of Baptism**

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?

#### Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

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 **Robert, Caroline, Jack, Sonja, Maya,** and **Allison** 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.** 

#### **Anthem** "Alleluja" –Johann Kuhnau Chancel Choir

Alleluja, gelobet sei Gott, singen wir all aus unsers Herzens Grunde. Denn Gott hat heut gemacht solch Freud, der wir vergesen soll'n zu keiner Stunde.

Hallelujah, Praised be God. We all sing from the bottom of our hearts. For God has made such joy today that we should never forget.

#### Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:
God of grace, hear our prayer.

#### Reception of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of God's love, and for these brothers and sisters in Christ, who are becoming part of our Augustana community today. We rejoice with you and look forward to worshiping, learning, serving and growing in faith together.

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 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?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help me and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to welcome, encourage and pray for these sisters and brothers?

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

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism and your call to become part of the Body of Christ. Nourish us in faith, and open our hearts and minds to one another and to the world. Bless our congregation and these new members; we pray this in the name of Christ. **Amen.** 

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**The assembly is seated.

#### Offering

Today we join with millions of Lutherans around the world to celebrate Reformation Sunday. Our giving still brings Martin Luther's good news of "Grace Alone" to those longing to know God's love.



"God is Our Refuge" –Allen Pote Chancel Choir

God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

God is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

God is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us.

God is the air, we are his song.

We will celebrate God's presence all the day long.

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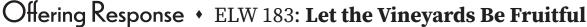
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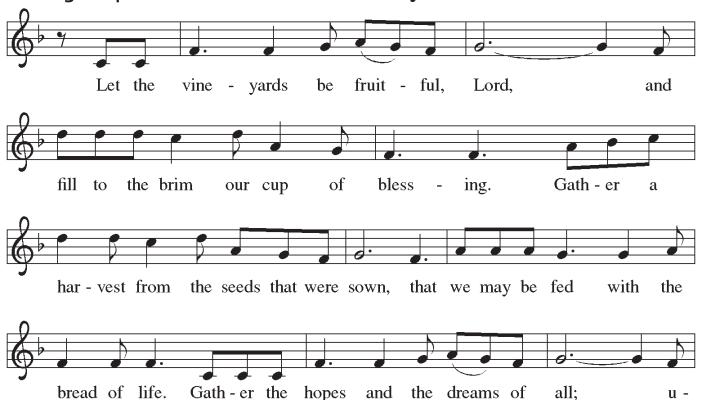
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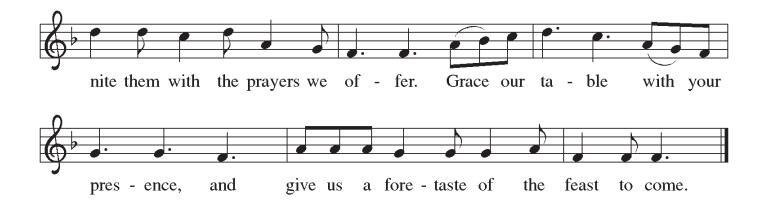
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

–Jay Johnson, based on Psalm 46

The assembly stands.







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Music: Liturgy of Jov, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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#### Offertory Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.

#### Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God;

blessed is your Son, Jesus, our host at this table;

blessed is your Spirit, who settles in us and among us, and within these gifts of bread and cup, transforming them, making them sacred, and filling not our bodies, but our souls.

So with gratitude and praise we come to your table, ready to be filled,

ready to be sent out, ready to be your people in the world.

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.

We lift our prayer to you, using the words recited by all generations, saying:

#### Lord's Prayer

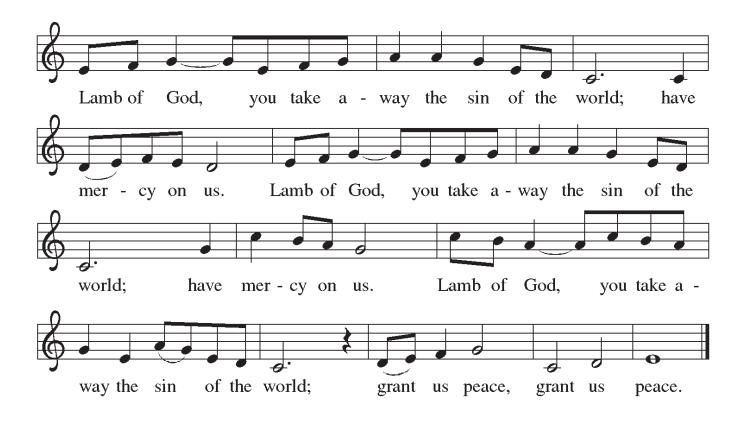
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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



"Sinfonia" -David N. Johnson

#### 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

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Blessing

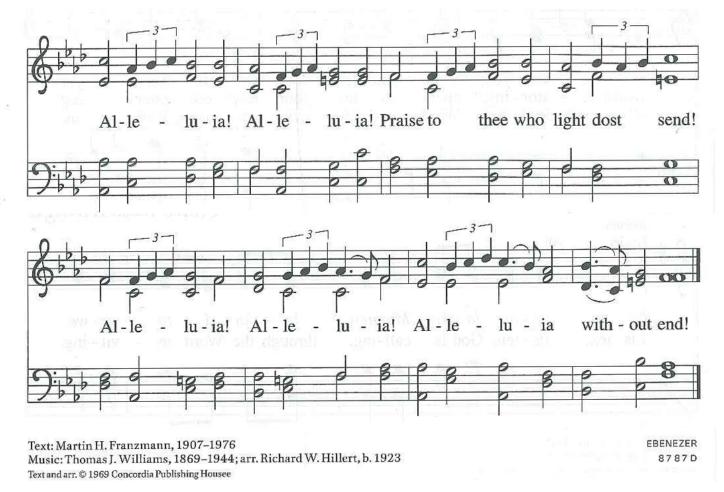
The God of glory, ♣ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

During the Sending Hymn, please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.

#### Sending Hymn • ELW 511: Thy Strong Word

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### Dismissal Go in peace. God is at work in and through you. Thanks be to God.

## Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" - Charles W. Ore You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of Nina Forgo by Mark Caldwell.



#### 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.
- Hearing assistance headphones are available for worship in the sanctuary.
   Ask an usher for an easy-to-use device for enhanced listening during 10:30 a.m. worship.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- 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. Childcare is available in the nursery, 9 a.m.-noon, for newborns through children age 5, and the Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9:30–10:15 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- 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 and water stations 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.

#### 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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**Altar Guild:** 

October Paul Whitehurst

**Bus Driver:** 

Michael Graham

Cantor:

Blake Nawa`a

**Communion Bread:** 

October Ron Glusenkamp

**Communion:** 

8 a.m. Jim Dierker 10:30 a.m. Kari Kusek

Mitch Kusek

**Communion Linens:** 

October Mark Caldwell

**Livestream Assistant:** 

10:30 a.m. Kari Blanchard

**Musicians:** 

Dawn Kramer, trumpet Tim Libby, trumpet

**Prayers:** 

Kisanet Abraha

**Readers:** 

8 a.m. Laura Libby

10:30 a.m. Michael Zumwalt

**Ushers:** 

8 a.m. Paul & Kathy Edstrom

10:30 a.m. Errol Buhr

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