# 14th Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.



Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10



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Welcome to Worship on these Sundays after the festival of Pentecost, the birth of the church in the first century. Our worship themes include being a church who loves our neighbors as ourselves, as we love God who first loved us and showed us how to love by the example of Jesus.

In the summer months, we welcome many visitors who find more time for church. Please fill out the worship slips on the front of your bulletin, and let us know your thoughts and questions by putting the worship slip in the offering plate as it's passed around.

10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Celebrating our public worship, we also protect our kids in real time on livestream by redirecting the cameras to other views during children's time and communion.

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 • "Waltz in E Major," Op. 39, No. 2 – Johannes Brahms Greta Devol and Amanda Dove, piano

Welcome

# Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as we begin. "Manna" is a reference to the "bread from heaven" that sustained the Jewish people (Israelites), led by Moses through the wilderness after their escape from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 16:1–36).

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.** 

Drawn to Christ and celebrating God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

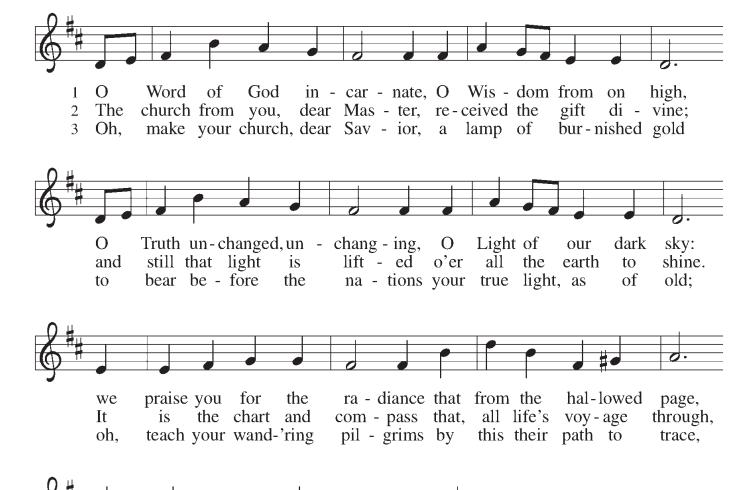
God, our strength, help us in our fear. It is hard to believe there is enough for us, let alone enough to share with other people. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trust in you. We run from your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Guide us with the words of life, and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

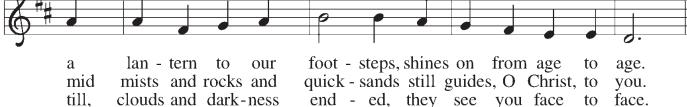
Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is more than enough. Through Jesus, ♣ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.** 

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 514: O Word of God Incarnate

**MUNICH** 





Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

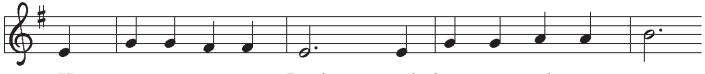
Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

#### 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.** 

## Kyrie

### stanza 1: Cantor ◆ stanzas 2-3: All



- 1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our sin.
- 3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

# Canticle of Praise





Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

# Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time • Pastor Mark Peterson

First Reading • Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18

A reading from Joshua.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²aAnd Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm • Psalm 34:15-22

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

# Second Reading • Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

# Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel • John 6:56-69

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

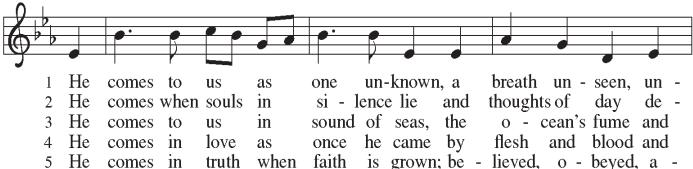
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

The assembly is seated.

#### **Sermon** • Pastor Mark Peterson

The assembly stands.







heard; as though with - in shriv-eled seed in heart of stone, or part; half - seen the fall - ing star up - on in - ward eye, small and still wind that stirs the foam; yet up - on the breeze, a with - in life, a death, a birth; bear our mor - tal frame a dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark-ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be-ing stirred. of night with-in night with-in the heart. cross the sky the heart, of tops of trees, a voice to call home, a voice to call us home. us sav - ing name, for ev - 'rv child of earth, for ev - 'rv child of earth. Lord, our Say - ior and our Lord. un-known, our Sav-ior and our

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The assembly is seated.

### Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Charlie Parker Pierce**, daughter of **Kevin and Alexes Pierce**, in her baptism. Welcome her into Christ's family today! Charlie's sponsors are Payton Gallowitch and William Coyle.

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.

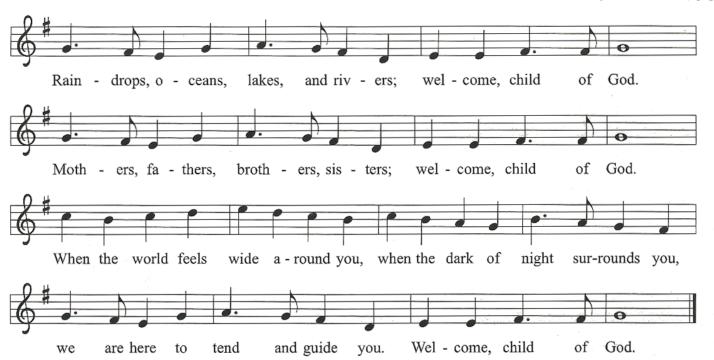
Let us pray.

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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#### Bible Presentation

## Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** You are invited to greet one another with these words: "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

# Offering

Thanks to your offerings, Augustana helps families fulfill their baptismal promises to place in their children's hands the holy scriptures through today's Bible Presentation.



-Ministry Highlight brought to you by Stewardship Committee

"Nocturn" –Billy Joel Kari Kusek, piano

The assembly stands.

# Offering Response • ELW 691: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

BARBARA ALLEN



- 1 Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.
- 2 The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure.

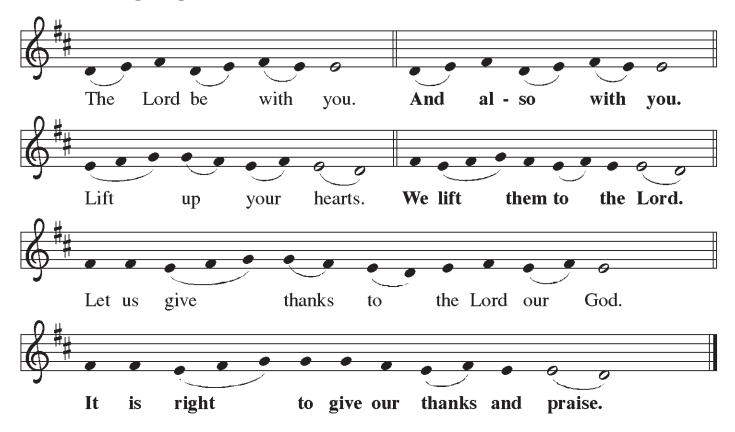
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## Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving

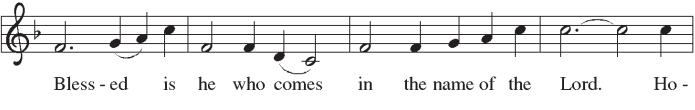


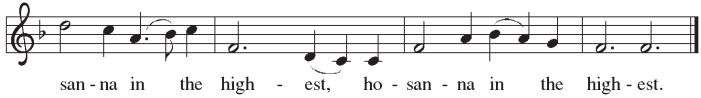
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





## **Eucharistic Prayer**

God of our struggles and celebrations, you have brought us this far along the way.

You stayed with us in times of suffering, and guided us on the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to liberate those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage, love and wisdom to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and people of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, 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.

## Holy Communion

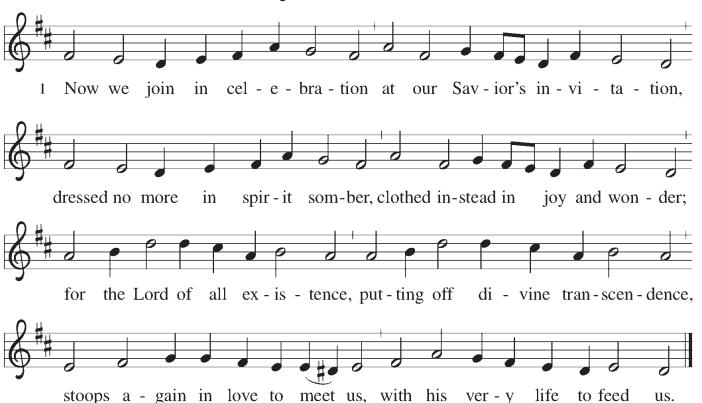
The assembly is seated.

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 hymn.

#### **ELW 462: Now We Join in Celebration**

#### SCHMÜCKE DICH



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"How Great Thou Art" – Rebecca Belliston Kari Kusek, solo

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art!

-Stuart K. Hine

## 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

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own heart. In your name we pray. Amen.

#### Blessing

The blessing of God, whose Light transforms our hearts and sustains us,

₩ be upon 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 779: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

Dismissal Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Recessional on NEW BRITAIN" -David Lasky

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.
- 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.
  Activity bags for children are available just outside of Christ Chapel. On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are also welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. 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.
- 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.
- Accessible seating for people with assistive health and mobility devices is available on the south side of the sanctuary.
- 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 (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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10:30 a.m. Jena Requist

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