

Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2026 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE Ich rufi zudir, Herr Jesu Christ Johann S. Bach

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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

JAMES MACMILLAN

Andante ♩ = 80

Organ

mp Lord, have mer-cy. *mf* Lord, have mer-cy. *mf* Christ, have

10 *mp* mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. *mp* Lord, have mer-cy. *mp* Lord, have mer-cy.



Gloria

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in D major (one sharp). It is divided into two parts: 'PRIEST / CANTOR' and 'ALL'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17 indicating the start of new lines of text. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, key signature, and note values.

PRIEST / CANTOR **ALL**

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

3 We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,

7 we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

9 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

11 you take a - way the sins_ of the world, have_ mer - cy on us;

12 you take a - way the sins_ of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seated at the

(13) right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For_ you a - lone are the_

(14) Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,

17 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *Please be seated.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

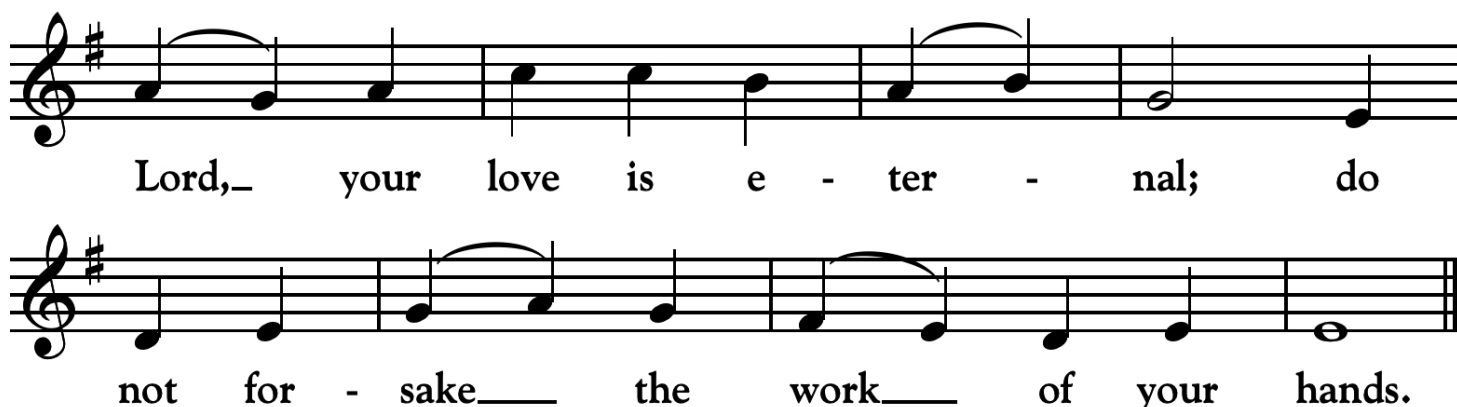
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain in honor of Venerable Thomas Dingley (†1539)



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R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
when I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Alleluia

Tone VI



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"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16: 18)

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Khader Khalilia

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on a Rock

Hymn #652

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, **the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

GREETING OF PEACE

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

The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.

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OFFERTORY MUSIC Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

~French carol arr. by Gustav Holst

OFFERTORY VERSE *Please stand.*

YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

²
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

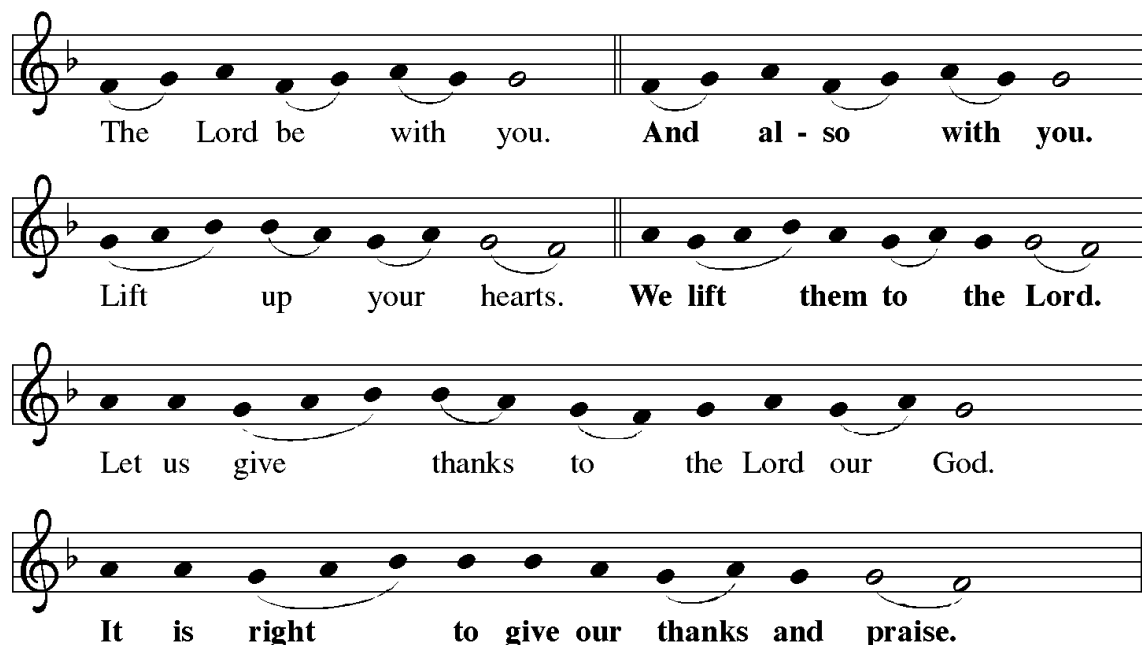
Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! to our God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray: 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 musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
- Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...We praise your name and join their unending hymn...

Sanctus

Moderato ♩ = 92-96

Organ

10 *mp* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

18 *mf* hosts, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na

27 *mf* in the high - est. Blessed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

ff Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever. **Amen.**

OUR FATHER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Slowly **Agnus Dei**

8 Organ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on
15 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. It includes a 'Slowly' tempo marking and a 'mp' (mezzo-piano) dynamic marking. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.' The third staff begins with a 'mf' (mezzo-forte) dynamic marking and continues the melody with the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.' The score concludes with a double bar line.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *Please stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION *Please stand.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior

Hymn #820

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Johann S. Bach

LEADERS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

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PARISH NOTES – August 23, 2026

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~ Anthony Serrano, The Family of Richard Boyle, John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerame, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado, Lenore Kerl, Peter Syrdahl, Anthony Serrano

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

Today we are using "Mass setting: St. Anne's Mass by James Macmillan".

"The Word In Season" devotionals for October, November and December 2026 are now available on the foyer table.

Please note: All checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.



Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:

It is \$10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and \$40 per floral arrangement for the altar.

Social Ministry:

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Collection -Last Day Sept 6th

Grace Lutheran Church is once again collecting **School Kits** for **Lutheran World Relief**. These simple supplies provide children around the world with the tools they need to attend school, learn, and build a brighter future.

Please include the following in each School Kit:

- **4** wide- or college-ruled 70-sheet **spiral** notebooks (approximately 8" × 10½")
Please do not include loose-leaf paper.
- **1** ruler (30 centimeters, or one with centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- **1** pencil sharpener
- **1** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades are ideal)
- **5 unsharpened** #2 pencils with erasers (secure together with a rubber band)
- **5** black or blue ballpoint pens (**no gel pens**; secure together with a rubber band)
- **1** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **1** eraser (approximately 2½")
- **1** sturdy drawstring cloth backpack (approximately 14" × 17" with shoulder straps; **please do not use standard backpacks**)

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of a School Kit through Lutheran World Relief helps equip children with essential school supplies and shares Christ's love in a tangible way.

Blessed Birthday Wishes for August to:

Aug. 1- Pat Monsen

Aug. 2- Maria Carlson

Aug. 9- Katie Jamison

Aug. 15- Brenda Grandell

Aug. 20- Dorothy Fyfe

Aug. 25- Linda Pergola

Karen Morales

Aug. 26- Nicole Khouzami

Upcoming Festival Celebrations

Please join us for the celebration during the **10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist:**

Sunday, September 13

The Feast of the Holy Cross

All are welcome as we gather around God's Word and the Holy Sacrament to give thanks for Christ's saving work and to be strengthened in faith.

Faith Formation

First Holy Communion Classes

First Holy Communion classes will begin on **Sunday, September 13, at 9:40 AM** in the meeting room. Children and their families will learn about the gift of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, where Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

Classes will run for **4–6 weeks**, and participants will receive their **First Holy Communion during worship on Sunday, November 8.**

To enroll your child, please speak with **Pastor Khader**

Sunday School – Please note that Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 9:40 a.m.**

Virtual Bible Study – Please note that our Virtual Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

Confirmation Class – Please note that Confirmation Class will resume on **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, at **9:30 a.m.** in the Pastor's Office.

Weekly Events at Grace Lutheran – 7/19/2026-7/25/2026

Sundays	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Greek Apostolic Church Service
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Sons of Bill (Men's AA Meeting) – <i>In-person</i>
Saturdays	1:30 pm –	Al-Anon Meeting – <i>In-person</i>

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