



**December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent
Blended Worship Service**



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The Advent Wreath

One of the best-known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting amid growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. Sometimes the wreath is embellished with natural dried flowers or fruit. Its evergreen branches lead the household and the congregation to the evergreen Christmas tree. In many homes, the family gathers for prayers around the wreath.

Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress

Congregation responses are in bold

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. Sprite Johnson

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude: *Mary, Did You Know?* By: Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

Please stand as you are able

Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space

Welcome Jesus into our presence

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Lift up your heads



1 Lift up your heads, O you gates; swing wide, you
2 Up from the dead he as - cends, through ev - 'ry
3 With trum - pet blast and shouts of joy, all heav - en



ev - er - last - ing doors. Lift up your heads, O you
rank of heav'n - ly pow'r. Let heav'n pre - pare the high - est
greet the ris - en king. With an - gel choirs come line the



gates; swing wide, you ev - er - last - ing doors.
place, throw wide the ev - er - last - ing doors.
way, throw wide the gates and wel - come him.

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Refrain

That the King of glo - ry may come in, that the
 King of glo - ry may come in; that the King of glo - ry
 may come in, that the King of glo - ry may come in.
 may come in.

Last time
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Two candles are lit as the following prayer is read

PM: Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light these candles to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen

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

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

Long-expected God,

we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

PM: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. † You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

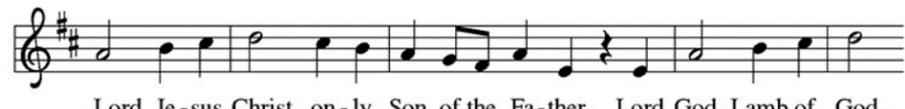
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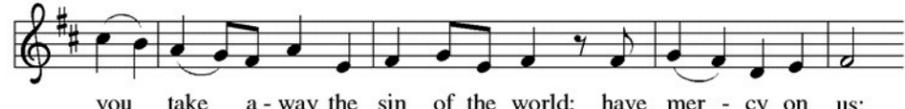
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



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



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

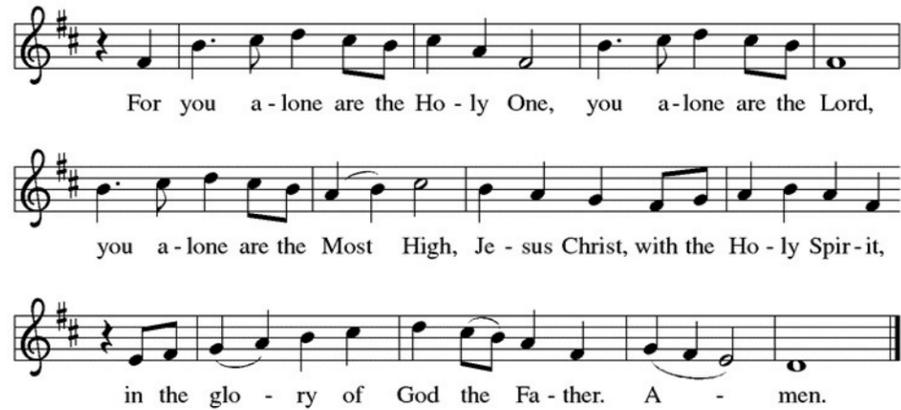


you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

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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.

PM: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming, nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Isaiah:

(Isaiah 11:1-10 Pew Bible
 Old Testament, page 496)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory.

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Emmanuel

Musical score for 'Emmanuel' in 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, his name is called Em - man - u - el; God with us, re - vealed in us; his name is called Em - man - u - el.' The chords are: C, C/E, F, G, G⁷, C, C/B \flat for the first line; A, A/C \sharp , Dm, G⁷, G/B, C for the second line; C/E, F, G, G⁷, C, C/B \flat for the third line; A, A/C \sharp , Dm, G⁷, F/C, C for the fourth line.

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A reading from Romans:

(Romans 15:4-13 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 125)

The reading concludes with:
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Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

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

(Matthew 3:1-12 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 2)

The reading concludes with:
The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

136 The King of glory

Refrain
Em Bm⁷ Em



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Em Bm⁷ Em



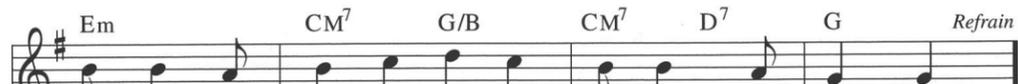
O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm/D D⁷ G



1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Em CM⁷ G/B CM⁷ D⁷ G *Refrain*



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch
Music: Israeli traditional
Text © 1968, 1995 Willard F. Jabusch, admin. OCP Publications

PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

77 Jesus, name above all names

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,
Em - man - u - el, God is with us,
bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

Text and music: Naida Hearn
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AM: In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence for personal prayer

With wisdom and understanding, inspire the faithful around the world. Unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for international student and teacher exchanges, for our partner churches, and for the shared mission of Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our shared ministry to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Adrienne Santiago, Margaret Van Scoy, and Mabel Kolarik.

With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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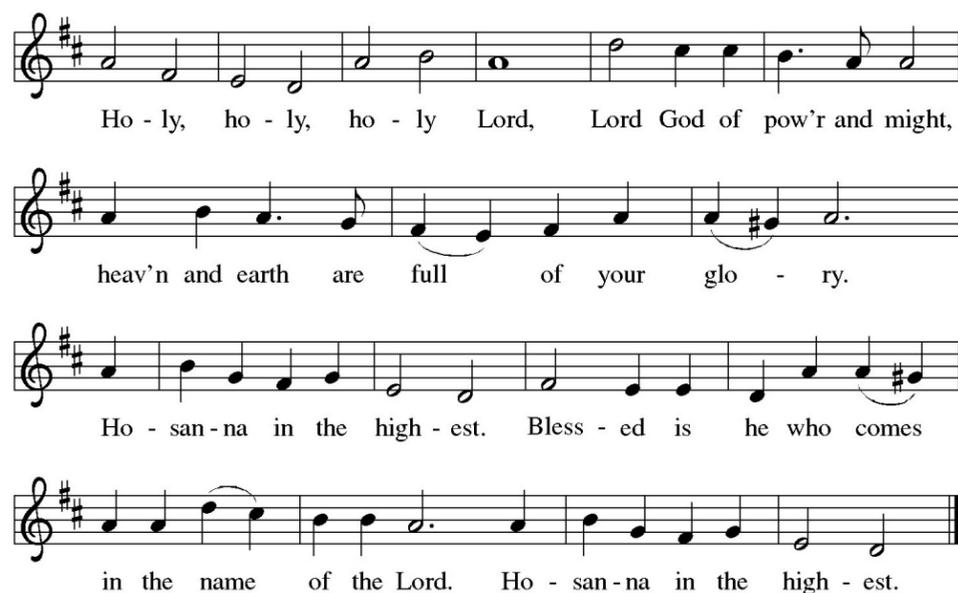


AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: 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.

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PM: 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.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your Light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit

All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us enthusiastically 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.

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

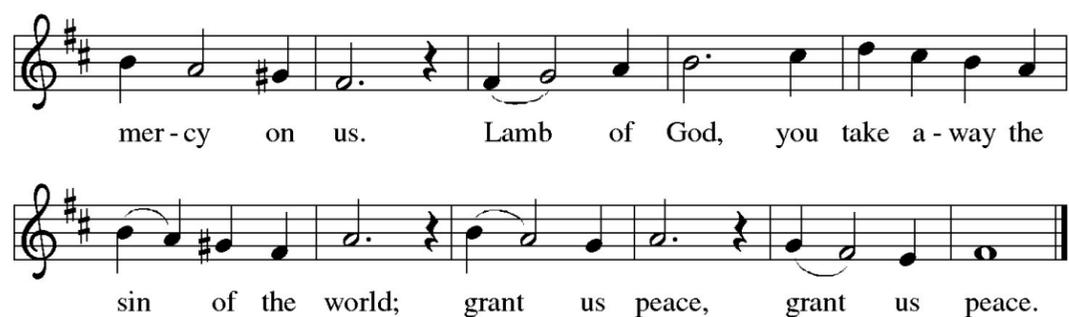


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

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Please be seated

Communion Music: *Breath of Heaven*

By: Amy Grant & Chris Eaton

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God. Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too. Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Please stand as you are able

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

PM: Today, communion will be taken to some of Zion's shut-ins. Our prayers go with those who deliver them, as they not only share Christ's Body and Blood with those who are unable to be present with us this morning, but they also take the blessings of the whole congregation.
Amen.

AM: Let us pray,
God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength come from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PM: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you † and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Hear the angels

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Em D/E C/E D/E
 1, 4 Hear the an - gels sing; Christ is com - ing!
 2 Hear the shep - herds sing; come and fol - low
 3 Hear the wise men sing; come and wor - ship

Em D/E Am⁷ B⁷_{sus} B⁷
 Hear them tell of the Sav - ior's birth.
 by the light of the morn - ing star.
 Christ the child, who was born to be king.

Em Bm/D C GM⁷/B
 Hear the an - gels sing; Christ is com - ing!
 Hear the shep - herds sing, "Come and fol - low; to
 Hear the wise men sing, "Come and wor - ship.

Am⁹ G⁹ F[#]m⁷ Bm⁷ Em D/E
 "Glo - ry to God, and peace to the earth."
 wor - ship the child we will trav - el a - far."
 Gold, spice, and myrrh are the gifts that we bring."

Refrain

Em D/F# G D Am D
 Al - le - lu - ia! An - gels sing!
 Shep - herds sing! Al - le -
 Wise men sing!

G D Am⁷ D/F# C/E D/F# G D
 lu - ia! A Sav - ior is born, al - le - lu - ia!

Am⁷ D G D Am B⁷_{sus}
 Christ is com - ing. All of heav - en and earth, a - dore.

Text: Robin Cain
 Music: Robin Cain and Phil Kadidlo
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PM: May God who comes among us, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always.
Amen.

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music: *Emmanuel*

By: Bob McGee

Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church



Advent Study Sessions
December 7, 14 & 21
Dinner 5:30pm
Service 6:15pm



**Bible Readings for
December 14, 2025**

- ~ Isaiah 35:1-10
- ~ James 5:7-10
- ~ Matthew 11:2-11



**This week we pray for:
Evelyn and those
affected by war.**

**Submit your prayer
requests to
Jayne Schrader at
Prayer@Zion-NC.com**



**Please return all gifts for
the Giving Tree by:**

**White tags due Sunday,
December 14**
**Blue tags due Sunday,
December 21**



**ADULT
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

**SUNDAYS
10:15-11:15**



**FLEECE BLANKET COLLECTION FOR
NORTH CANTON CARES TEAM**

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We collected 83 blankets!
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for the kids and their families!**



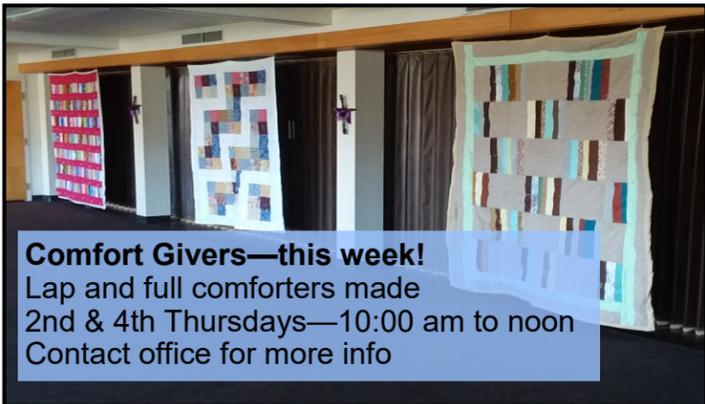
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Continue to give as in 2025
 Increase my gift as in 2025
 Weekly or monthly increase
 Additional designated gift
 Have a member of the Stewardship Committee contact me personally

Name _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

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Christmas Cookies Sign Up in Luther Hall

We need over 100 Dozen Homemade Cookies

Cookies given to each family at December 16th Food Pantry Distribution

Need by Monday, December 15th



Food Pantry Needs

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Jelly
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Canned fruits
- Hearty Canned Soup
- Laundry Detergent





**Christmas
Quilt Raffle**
1 Ticket for \$5
Red Tickets

All Proceeds Benefit
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**Lottery Tree &
Christmas Basket Raffle**

1 Ticket for \$1
Blue Tickets

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Today's Worship Leaders
 Guest Minister: Rev. Sprite Johnson
 Assisting Minister: Beth Heller
 Acolyte: LJ Brown
 Accompanist: Susan Kaschak
 Audio/Visual Technicians: Paul Bagocius and
 Chris Thompson
 Chancel Guild: Beth Shaheen and Sally Bunyan
 Reader: Cindy Bagocius
 Trustees: Randy Elsass
 Flowers By: Arnie Givler, Linda Smith, Corlene
 Coulter, Clarence & Vicki Givler in
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