# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



**ACTS 2:1-11 and LUKE 17:5-10** 

"Increase Our Faith?

HOLY COMMUNION 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 5, 2025

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# LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**BOLD** indicates congregational responses -\* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

#### **GATHER**

#### WELCOME AND PRELUDE

"Payane"

William Byrd

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b* 

C: Amen.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of slavery; you shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

#### THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

C: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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 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.

C: Amen.

#### \*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13

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

C: And also with you.

\*THE KYRIE Mark 10:47, pg. 147

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

### \*GLORY TO GOD

Luke 2:14, John 1:29, pg. 148

AM: Glory to God in the highest; and peace to God's people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

#### MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who want to come forward for the Message are welcome to do so.

#### FIRST LESSON

HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 37:1-9**



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Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

Take delight in the Lord,

who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

# Refrain

The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone. the one who succeeds in evil schemes. do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land. because in you they seek refuge

# Refrain

#### STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

**ACTS 2:1-11** 

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

# STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. The memory verse is in bold.

Creation: Fall: Promise: Exodus: Conquest: Judges: + Kings and Prophets: Exile: Restoration: 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple: JESUS: +Apostles: Last Day: New Creation

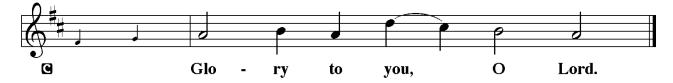
#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

\*GOSPEL LUKE 17:5-10

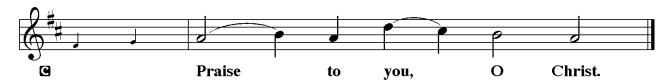
Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



**MESSAGE** 

"Increase Our Faith"

Coming of the Holy Spirit
Gift of Faith

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: I have got it all together. Indeed, your faith should be just like mine, right? Wrong.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The Lord will increase our faith in Christ, grace upon grace, from now to the fulfillment.

**So What?:** Remember your baptism every time you wash your face (Luther quote). Pray for growth in faith, hope, and love for yourself and your family.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

**ELW #596** 

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.** 

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3* 

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### THE MEAL

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**MUSICAL OFFERING** 

"Jesus Feed Us"

Brian Wentzel

\*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

#### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

P. The Lord be with you. C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts. C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*PREFACE AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9 pg. 153

Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: 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.

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

\*LAMB OF GOD John 1:29, pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

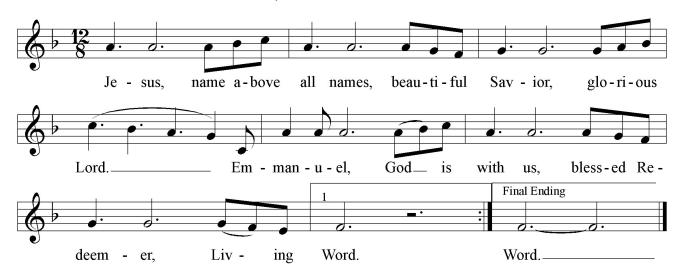
#### \*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. (Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

**ELW #494** 



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#### **SENDING**

#### \*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.** 

## \*SONG OF SIMEON Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

#### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

**ELW #812** 

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** "Faith Eternal"

**Edward Broughton** 

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**OUR ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Beth and Scott Swindler in honor our their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

#### **SERVING THE CHURCH**

Ministers	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor	
Administrative Assistant	Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister	Jeanette Myers
Acolyte	
Lector	Ann Edwards
Crucifer	Bram Comer
Head Ushers	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR	Debra Hoffman
Council Members of the Month	David Zibell and Perry Linkous



**GENERAL INFORMATION:** If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

**TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR** code goes straight to the "Easy Tithe" page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.

**SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES:** The shoebox collection will be from November 17-24. Boxes will be available beginning **October 12**. Please fill a box if you can!

SIP AND SEE BABY SHOWER FOR HELEN VEVERKA: All are invited to a Sip and See Baby Shower honoring Helen Veverka on Sunday, October 19<sup>-</sup> immediately following the 10:00 am service in the Family Life Center. Helen was born on June 5, 2025. Proud parents are Nick and Izzy Veverka and big sister is Evvy (age 3). For those wishing to shower Helen with a gift, diapers (size 1) and wipes or a gift of your choice are appreciated but not expected.

**CHURCH PICNIC SAVE THE DATE:** The fall congregational picnic will take place on **October 23** at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Please join us for hamburgers, hot dogs and fellowship!

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** November 2nd is All Saints Sunday, the day we celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed from this life into the next. To honor your loved ones, please fill out the form in the bulletin and return it by **Monday, October 20**, to the church office or email requests to churchoffice@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

**LOVE OFFERING FOR OCTOBER:** Our love offering for October is With Friends. Their mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people who are homeless, in crisis or at risk. With Friends is a Youth Crisis Shelter that has been serving our community since 1990. The shelter provides 24-hour emergency shelter to youth, as well as providing counseling, outreach services, skill building, spiritual enrichment, recreation, follow-up and referral services – all working to promote family involvement and working to reunite and strengthen families.



**Sunday, October 5** 8:30 am Fellowship with coffee

9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

8:00 pm Faith Group

Monday, October 6 8:30 am Preschool

10:00 am Esther Circle (FH)

7:00 pm Rebecca Circle (Gwen Lewis)

**Tuesday, October 7** 8:30 am Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday5:30 pm Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)6:00 pm Pickup basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, October 8 8:30 am Preschool

6:00 pm Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen

(Chapel)

**Thursday, October 9** 8:30 am Preschool

11:00 am Bible Study (Library)

**Friday, October 10** 9:00 am Men's Community Bible Study

**Saturday, October 11** 9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am Funeral James Hovis (S)

**Sunday, October 12** 8:30 am Fellowship with coffee

9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)



**DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!:** Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1,55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

# THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 41 October 5 to October 12, 2025

10/05 Morning Reading: Philippians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 23, 24, 25

10/06 Morning Reading: Philippians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 26, 27

10/07 Morning Reading: Philippians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 28, 29

10/08 Morning Reading: Philippians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 30, 31

10/09 Morning Reading: Colossians 1—Evening Reading: Isaiah 32, 33

10/10 Morning Reading: Colossians 2—Evening Reading: Isaiah 34, 35, 36

10/11 Morning Reading: Colossians 3—Evening Reading: Isaiah 37, 38

10/12 Morning Reading: Colossians 4—Evening Reading: Isaiah 39, 40



**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Margaret Berghello, Shirley Bradley, Gail Brown, Miles Carpenter, Ruby Cook, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, Ken Lentz, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford and Sid Woody.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Amy Cooper, Tucker Doyne, Kenny Falls, Jameson Franklin, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, Millie Holland, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kerspie, Don Kincaid, Mary Lankford, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Jeff Rawls, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner and Kennedy Williams.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)

#### **NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:**

Wednesday, October 8 ~ Evening Suffrages

Psalm 86 "An Undivided Heart" - Chosen "Intensity in Tent City"

Thursday, October 9 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Acts 2:1-11 "Pentecost"

**Sunday, October 12 ~ Ante Communion** 

Acts 7:51-60 and Luke 17:11-19 "Kyrie Eleison"

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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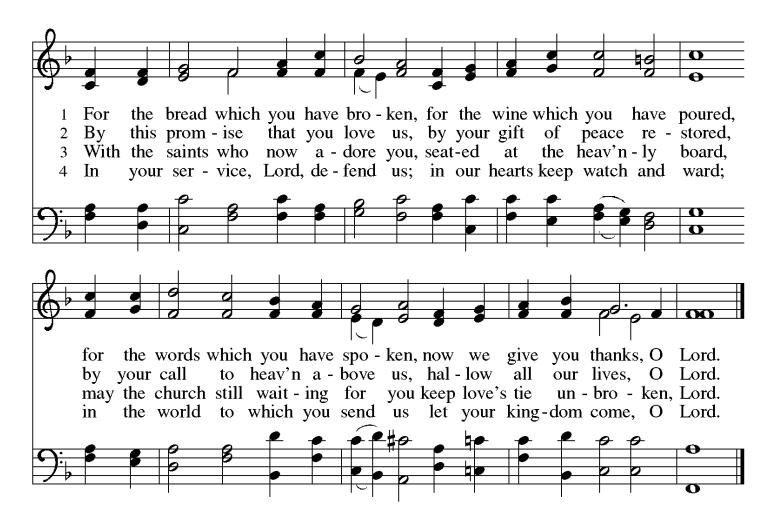
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# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

# For the Bread Which You Have Broken



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

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# Faith of Our Fathers



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