# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



October 20th - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.

In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship-ELW (red book)

Behold, I Make All Things New Liturgy (blue booklet)

Page numbers (P.) in front of the blue booklets, (#) in back of ELW congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

#### **GATHERING**

PRAYER BELL - PRELUDE: "Trumpet tune" - Henry Purcell

The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

#### **WELCOME**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #676 "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

#### \*GREETING

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray... Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 91:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | Lord your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup>no evil | will befall you,

nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10** 

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



\*GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

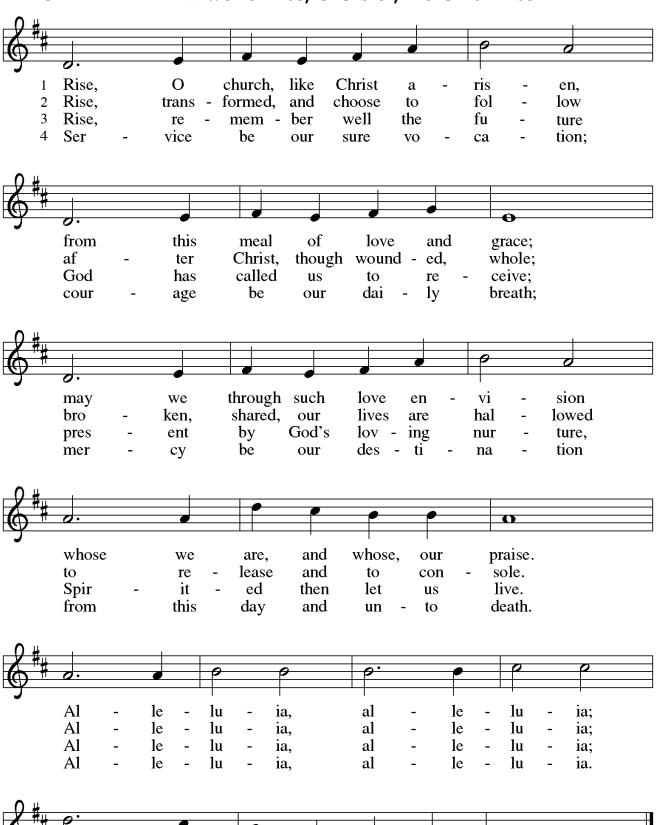
 $^{41}$ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.  $^{42}$ So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.  $^{43}$ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,  $^{44}$ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.  $^{45}$ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON** 

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #548 "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"



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#### \*APOSTLE'S 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 power of 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.

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

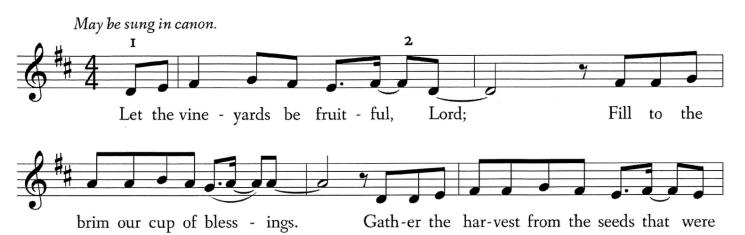
\*PEACE OF CHRIST: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

## **MEAL**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** "Ayre" – Henry Purcell

## \*OFFERTORY SONG:

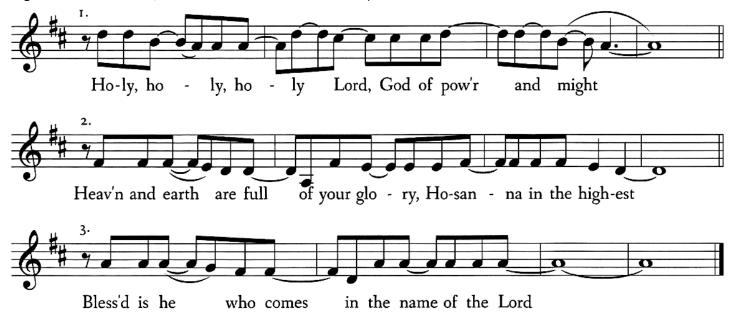






It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

(sing once in unison, then in canon as directed)



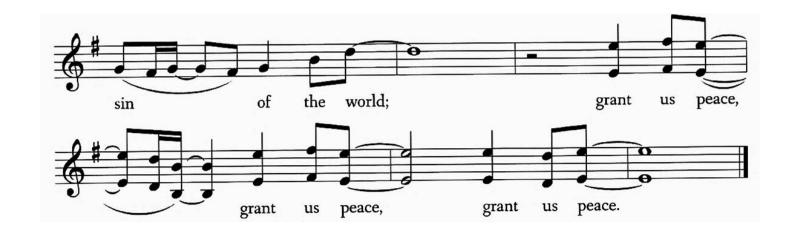
#### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION - THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: Our Father...

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you.

- Worshippers are welcome to kneel or stand at the Altar Rail
- Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.
- Egg-free wheat wafers are also available
- If you prefer only a blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.
- Place wine/juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.

#### **COMMUNION SONGS:**





## ELW #637 "Holy God, Holy and Glorious"



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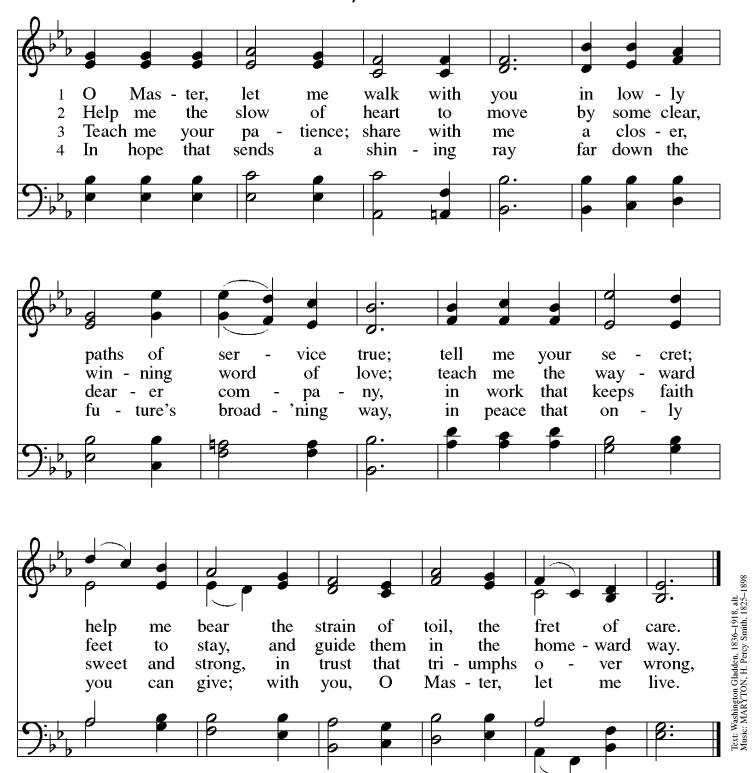
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ELW #818 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"



# TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK: Renewal** 

#### \*BLESSING - SENDING SONG: ELW #538 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"



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## \*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### PRAYER BELL - POSTLUDE: Recessional - Michael Praetorius

The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PRESIDING & PREACHING: Pastor April Ulring Larson; ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; USHERS: Paul & Miriam Skrade; READER: Paul Skrade; ASSISTING MINISTER: Sue Blom; CANTOR: Reg Laursen; FELLOWSHIP: Steve and Sara Hopkins, Jutta Anderson, Jeri Laursen, Liz Pfile, and Bev Nelson.

GOOD SHEPHERD CALL COMMITTEE: Megan Buckingham (Convener), Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: Individual and Congregational Responses to Christian Nationalism This discussion will focus on action: what can we do as individuals and what might we want to do as a congregation in response to Christian Nationalism. Lyle Otte & Laura Barlament will moderate the discussion, drawing on resources from the ELCA study guide We Are Christians Against Christian Nationalism.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:** Sunday School for Pre-K—2nd Grade and 3rd—6th Grade are happening today following worship! Helpers are requested on Sundays to be a positive presence with each age group.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:** The Stewardship Committee announces this year's theme: *Many Voices, One Song: Love, Renewal, and Generosity.* The Campaign gives us a special opportunity to give thanks for God's abundant grace and support of Good Shepherd at this critical time. Over the next three weeks, watch for information during worship services, in the newsletter, and watch your mail for your campaign invitation. Thank you for everything you do in faith and ministry.

GOOD SHEPHERD IS HIRING: Good Shepherd is actively seeking to fill 2 positions: Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator and Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator. They are both part-time positions that can be filled by one or more people. Full position descriptions and instructions for applying are posted on our website under "Connect", on Decorah Now, and in paper form from the Gathering Space at Good Shepherd. Please share these positions with anyone you think may be a good fit, and continue to pray for the future persons to hold these positions.

NURSERY UPDATE: Stock Our Bookshelf! The Education Committee has been working on purchasing furniture, toys, creative items, and supplies for our updated nursery, and you should start seeing some transformations soon! In the meantime, you are invited to help us stock our new bookshelf. We have a book registry available at Dragonfly Books if you would like to purchase a book for this new space. You can visit Dragonfly, call, or even access the registry and purchase online at <a href="mailto:goodshepherddecorah.org/nursery-book-registry">goodshepherddecorah.org/nursery-book-registry</a>. For more information, contact Melissa Bills, chair of the Education Committee at melissabills@gmail.com.

EAT, PLAY, LOVE POTLUCK AND PLAYTIME: Today, anytime after 4:30 p.m., Phelps Park: Come spend time with other Good Shepherd families on the third Sunday of each month for a potluck and playtime. There's no agenda or program—just time for fun and connection with other families of Good Shepherd! On October 20, bring a dish to pass (and if you can't, there's always more than enough to go around!) and meet at Phelps Park at 4:30 p.m. or after. Reach out to Allie Scott (920-203-1352) or Sonya Geenen (309-912-8979) if you have any questions.

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM SELECTS ANTI-RACISM BOOK AS A RESOURCE FOR CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS Wait - Is This Racist? A Guide to Becoming an Anti-racist Church, by Kerry Connelly, et al, 2022, will be our guide as we read, discuss, and reflect on how to respond to the pledge in our Racial Justice Statement: To be certain that we are welcoming to all in all that we do. Books have been provided to all committees. Copies are available in the Church Library for borrowing and can be purchased for \$10.00 from **Tristan** in the Church Office.

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM NEXT WEEK:** Join us in celebrating 4 Good Shepherd youth next Sunday, October 27, as they affirm their Baptisms during worship. **This** service will also be a JAZZ WORSHIP service.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KIT ASSEMBLY:** We will meet THIS Tuesday Night, October 22, at 6 pm in the church fellowship hall to assemble baby care kits. If you have questions, you can contact Gail Judisch, 563-380-7276.

- Volunteers are needed on Friday November 1 to load vehicles that will be taking the kits to Olson Trucking on Saturday. The kits will then be delivered to the warehouse in St Paul along with donations from other churches in Northeast lowa. Packing boxes are also needed. Contact Bev or Gail if you can help.

**GATHER BIBLE STUDY:** Following LWR Baby Care Kit assembly, all are welcome to the Gather bible study at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR IOWA MIGRANT MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7:00 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Sanctuary: Two great songwriters are coming together for a great cause! Namoli Brennet, nationally and internationally touring musician, based in Decorah, and Aimée Ringle, multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter and storyteller, a Luther grad based out of Port Townsend, Washington, will take the stage at Good Shepherd to benefit the lowa Migrant Movement for Justice. Information about IMMJ is here: <a href="www.iowammi.org">www.iowammi.org</a> Brennet and Ringle will share their warmth and friendship in concert. Brennet is a three-time nominee for the German Music Critics Awards, and her performances are a delightful mix of humor, meaning, and top-notch musicianship. Ringle's command of guitar and language is matched by a beautiful voice and breathtaking honesty. Admission is a suggested donation of \$15-\$25 at the door.

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:** 

Tristan: 9 AM – 12 PM Monday-Thursday Erica: 10 AM – 5 PM Wednesday-Thursday

The office will be closed Fridays for the next few weeks.

# Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. There are no time constraints to our care for others as we offer their needs up to God. People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.

#### Those with health concerns:

- William Kurth
- Stacey Nalean-Carlson
- Mickey Slind
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ulring
- Phillip Swanson, son of Ted & Joann Swanson and brother of Kristin Swanson
- Renee Scheuerlein, daughter of Bonnie Flora and sister of Melanie Folkerts
- Harland Nelson
- Bob Fahrenkrug, grandfather of Sarah Wicks
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson
- Stephanie Hoff

# Those who grieve:

- Norma Refsal and family, upon the death of her husband Harley Refsal on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Laurie Biedermann, Linda Martin, and all the family of Millard Nelson upon his death on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Denise and Matt Tapscott and family, upon the death of Denise's mother Evelyn Ford on August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Jeff and Cindy Ernst and family, upon the death of Jeff's mother Darlene on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

# Those serving the needs of others through the Church:

- Maryn Olson, Director of Lutheran Disaster Response
- Kathryn Thompson as she starts her call at LuMin in LaCrosse and will be ordained here at Good Shepherd in November

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Tristan/Erica at: <a href="mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org">office@goodshepherddecorah.org</a>

# **Good Shepherd Worship Schedule**

**Today, Sunday, October 20:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Orange Flock

Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 6th Grade

Adult Forum: Christian Nationalism; 11:00 am; Gathering Space

# Sunday, October 27: Reformation Sunday — Affirmation of Baptism

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion; Affirmation of Baptism; Jazz Worship

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. April Ulring Larson

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall; Orange Flock

Sunday School Programming Pre-K - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 6th Grade

**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther College Students!** It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship — follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

## THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE!

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at **goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement**.

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