

Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

***PRAYER**

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.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

Beautiful Savior Hymn 838

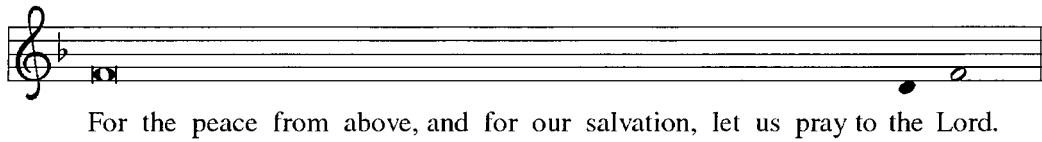
***GREETING**

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 - (Lord have mercy) page 138



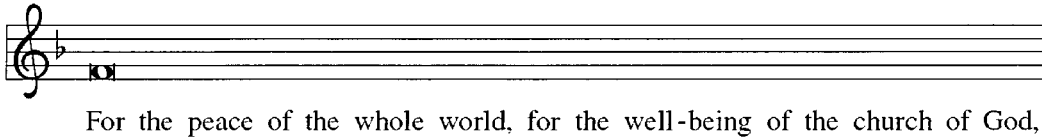
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



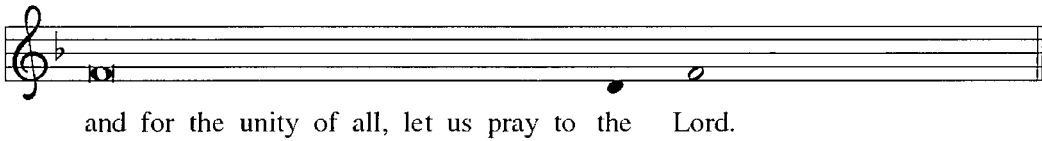
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



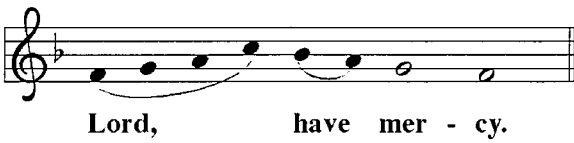
Lord, have mer - cy.



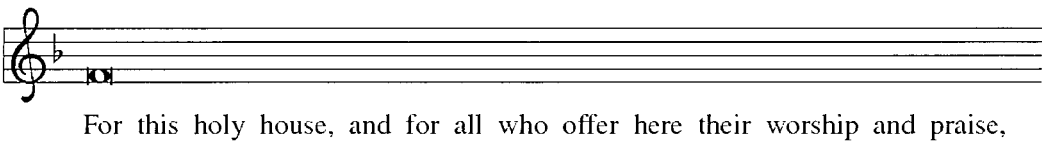
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



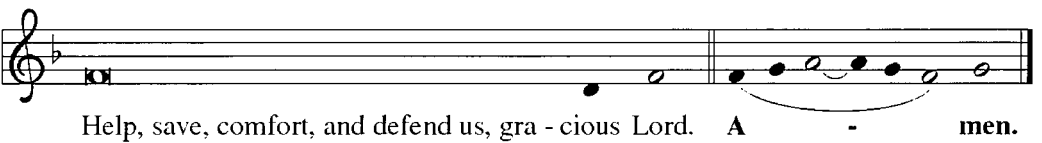
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE - (Glory to God) page 148

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

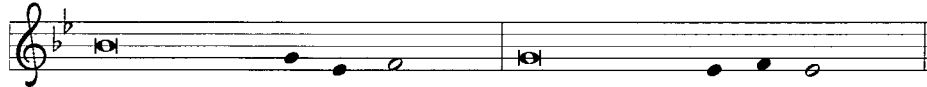
First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Tone:



R:



Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD;



wor - ship up - on God's ho - ly hill.

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.

² **The LORD, ¹ great in Zion,
is high a- ¹bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome;
God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ¹tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ¹ness in Jacob. R**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ¹fore God's footstool;
God is the ¹ Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call
upon your ¹ name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you ¹ answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- ¹lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ¹ that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered ¹ them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for
their ¹ evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹ holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One. R

SECOND READING - 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENIOR CHOIR - Love Grows Here Don Besig

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 142



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL - Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (*spoken*)

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.] The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Althea Seidel

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

How Good, Lord to Be Here! Hymn 315

***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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

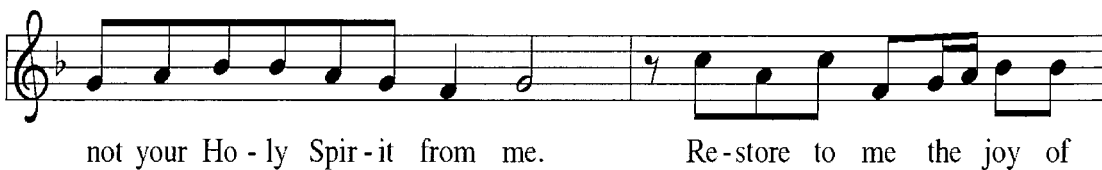
Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.** (After the prayer) **Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING - (*offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

***OFFERTORY HYMN** - (Create in Me a Clean Heart)



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

*PREFACE

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:

*SANCTUS - ("Holy, holy, holy") Page 14



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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

***THE 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

***AGNUS DEI - (Lamb of God)** Page 154

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 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** - Alleluia, Song of Gladness Hymn 318

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Althea Seidel - Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Christine Paradise - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Sue Ann Houser - Lay Assistant

Renee Nelson - Lector

Camden Snyder - Acolyte

Lynn Kern & Denise Rhoades - Greeters

♿ Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.

📵 Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, March 3 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m.;

Property Committee Meeting 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4 - Private Event 12 p.m.; Senior Choir 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday Worship Services 12 p.m. &

7 p.m.; Troop 412G 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 - Private Event 10 a.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Becky, Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Bev Birch, Linda Blessing, Terry Clearwater, The Family of Jane Demler, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Fred, Lohla, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Jim & Judi Light, The Family of Charles Malstrom, The Family of Megan, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, The Family of Sharon Widell, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: If Church is going to be cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on our website page: www.trinityleb.org. Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: facebook.com/htlclebanonpa. The decision will be made by 7 p.m. the Saturday prior to service.

MISSION TRIP: We need YOU to Join the fun by volunteering for the Mission Trip at Camp Kirchenwald from June 22-27, 2025. Ages 14 to adult can be a lodger at camp, or commute one to five days. There is something for every skill level from building to painting and gardening. Commitment forms are due March 23. Get yours from Heather Buffington or from the welcome tables. Questions: Heather Buffington (717)926-3917, Denise McDaniels (717)628-1461

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Our dates of photography are Tuesday, March 11, Wednesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 13 (just added.) Just for participating you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images and have the opportunity to purchase family portraits—our directory won't be complete without you! You can schedule an appointment by stopping in Luther's Place before or after church or by calling the Church Office.

CLEANING & HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS FOR AGAPE SHELTER – The Women of the ELCA's first service project for 2025 is collecting cleaning and household products for the Agape Shelter in the city of Lebanon from now until **TODAY**. The following cleaning and household products are on Agape's current wish list: paper towels, toilet tissue, Clorox wipes, 13 gallon tall kitchen trash bags and 33 gallon black drawstring trash bags. In the past we have also donated Lysol disinfectant spray (unscented, white can preferred), paper plates, tea towels, Windex glass cleaner, Pine Sol, Comet cleanser, dish detergents, sponges, scouring pads and Handi-Wipes. These "in kind" donations help to defray the shelter's maintenance costs thereby freeing up money for use to support programs to help their guests. We would like to invite the congregation to participate in this endeavor. Donations can be placed in the WELCA barrel located in The Giving Place through Sunday, March 2nd. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you. Karen Weaver, WELCA Projects Chair

LUNCH & LEARN IN LENT – Pack a lunch and join Pastor for a Lenten Study! The Lunch & Learns will take place Wednesday during Lent, March 9 through April 9 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Luther's Place. Pick up your copy of Planting Seeds of Deep Peace at either Welcome Table. All are welcome!



HOLY

1 Peter 1:15-16



ETERNAL

Psalms 90:2



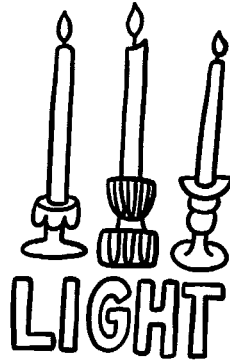
1 Cor. 1:9



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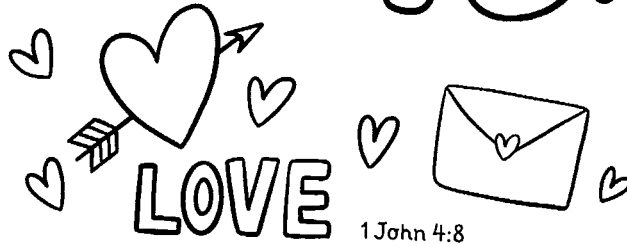
Deut. 32:4

GOD
is...



LIGHT

1 John 1:5



LOVE

1 John 4:8



GOOD

Psalms 34:8



EVER-PRESENT

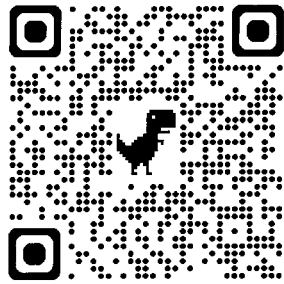
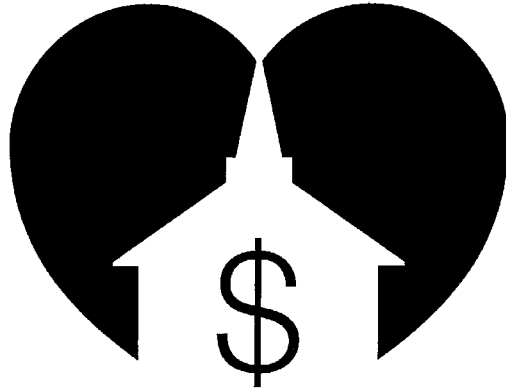
Psalms 46:1



MERCIFUL

Psalms 116:5

Donate Now!



YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Church Treasurer's Financial Summary

	For the Month Of	Actual	Budget
	Jan 2025	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income	37,408	37,408	25,631
Expenses	(43,136)	(43,136)	(44,646)
Net Income	\$(5,727)	\$(5,727)	\$(19,015)



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