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**16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

## **Breaking Chains Messy Worship**

### **GATHERING SONGS:**

*God So Loved the World* and  
*Open Up the Heavens*

### ***Welcome to Messy Worship & Opening Prayer***

#### ***How Great Thou Art***

1 Oh Lord, my God When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

#### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2 And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin. **Refrain**

- 3 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. **Refrain**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P May the God who embraces all be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Children of God, lift your hearts to the One  
who makes you welcome in every moment.

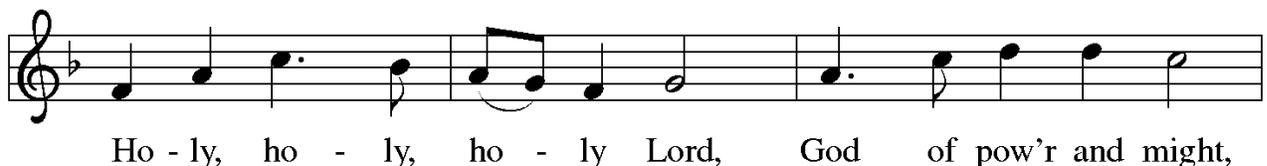
**C We lift them to the Lord our God  
who is our host at this meal.**

P People of God, offer your praise and thanksgiving  
to the One who comes bringing new life to us.

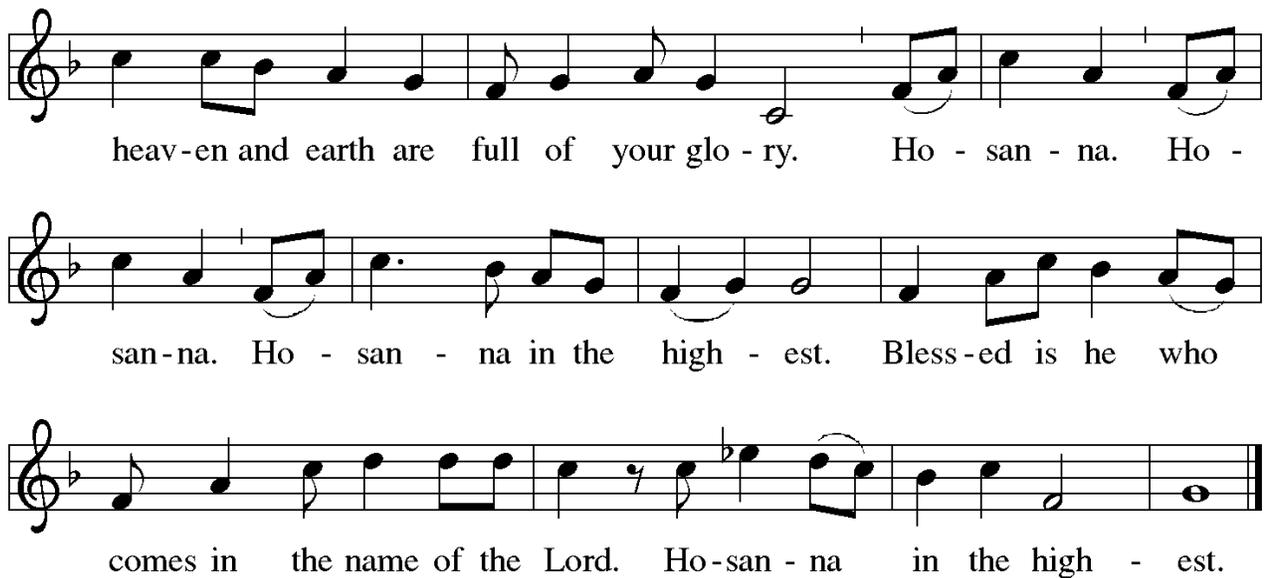
**C The sad dirges of our lives become praise songs  
for the One who makes us whole.**

P We will thank you forever, God of Reconciliation. Through your imaginative Word, all things were created: summer fruit to delight our taste buds, and winter's ice sculptures to bring us pleasure; spring's breezes to disturb our complacency, and autumn's rainbow leaves to dance across our lawns. Offered life in your garden of joy, we took refuge in the world's shadows; invited to build a home in your love, we grasped the blocks of betrayal on which to build false lives; chosen to make known your grace for all, we proclaimed the lies of the Evil One. Yet, you would not let us wander from sin to sin but sent the prophets to speak in the presence of the unfaithful, of your forgiveness and hope. And when our sharp tongues slashed their words to ribbons, you sent in the fullness of time, Jesus the Messiah, to bring us back to you. And so, we join our voices with all who have gone before us and all who will come after us, singing your praises forever:

### *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - ELW p 144*



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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

**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

**C** 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

**P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**COMMUNION** (*Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request*).

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SONG: *There Was Jesus***

- 1 Every time I tried to make it on my own  
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall  
All those lonely roads that I have traveled on  
There was Jesus
- 2 When the life I built came crashing to the ground  
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found  
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now  
There was Jesus

### **Chorus**

- In the waiting in the searching In the healing and the hurting  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces Every minute every moment  
Of where I been or where I'm going Even when I didn't know it  
Or couldn't see it. (There was Jesus)
- 3 For this man who needs amazing kind of grace  
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay  
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day  
There was Jesus (There was Jesus) **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

There was Jesus on the mountain in the valleys  
(There was Jesus) in the shadows of the alleys  
(There was Jesus) in the fire in the flood  
(There was Jesus) always is and always was

No I never walk alone You are always there  
(Never walk alone) **Chorus**

### **Ending**

There was Jesus (There was Jesus) (There was Jesus)

## READING AND REFLECTION 1 – LIFE IS MESSY

### READING: GENESIS 3:1-6, 23 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” <sup>4</sup> “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>23</sup> So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

### REFLECTION

#### SONG: *Truth Be Told*

1 Lie number one  
You're supposed to have it all together  
And when they ask how you're doing  
Just smile and tell them  
Never better  
Lie number two  
Everybody's life is perfect except yours  
So keep your messes and your wounds  
Your secrets safe with you behind closed doors  
Truth be told  
The truth is rarely told

#### Chorus

I say I'm fine, yeah I'm fine, oh I'm fine,  
Hey I'm fine, but I'm not  
I'm broken

And when it's out of control  
I say it's under control but it's not  
And you know it  
I don't know why it's so hard to admit it  
When being honest is the only way to fix it  
There's no failure no fall  
There's no sin you don't already know (yeah I know)  
So let the truth be told

2 There's a sign on the door  
Says come as you are but I doubt it  
'Cause if we lived like that was true  
Every Sunday morning pew would be crowded  
But didn't you say church should  
Look more like a hospital  
A safe place for the sick  
The sinner and the scarred and the prodigals  
Just like me  
Truth be told  
The truth is rarely told  
Am I the only one who says **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

Can I really stand here unashamed  
Knowing that your love for me won't change  
Oh God if that's really true  
Then let the truth be told. **Chorus**

### **Tag**

There's no failure no fall  
There's no sin you don't already know  
So let the truth be told.

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## **Reading and Reflection 2 – Freedom in Jesus Christ**

### **Reading: Paul's letter to the Galatians 5: 13-18, 22-23 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup> For

the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. <sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

## Reflection

Song: ***No Longer Slaves***

1 You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

## Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

2 From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins. **Chorus**

## Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God. **Chorus**

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## Reading and Reflection 3 – Loving God and Loving Our Neighbor

## Reading: Mark 12: 28-31 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup>One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” <sup>29</sup>“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup>The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

## Reflection

### Song: *Take It to the Street*

1 I am not a stranger to mercy  
For You found me  
Wrapped Your truth around me  
I am not a stranger to grace  
I have seen it in Your Face  
I am not a stranger to kindness  
We're the broken  
With Your life inside us  
You have brought Your gospel to me  
And I breathe it ev'ry day

### Pre-Chorus

How did I become Your miracle  
Now to take Your truth and tell the world

### Chorus

I'm gonna take it to the streets  
I'm gonna sing it 'til we meet  
Heaven is open  
Come on all the earth rejoice  
I'm gonna take it to the streets  
Wake up the dead heart from its sleep  
Heaven is open  
Now's the time to raise our voice

2 I must tell the world of this mercy  
For You found me  
Wrapped Your truth around me  
I must tell the world of this grace

I have seen it at Your cross  
I must tell the world of this kindness  
We're the broken  
With Your life inside us  
You have brought Your gospel to me  
Help me live it ev'ry day

### **Pre-Chorus**

How did we become Your miracles  
Now to take Your truth and tell the world

### **Chorus**

I'm gonna take it to the streets  
I'm gonna sing it 'til we meet  
Heaven is open  
Come on all the earth rejoice  
I'm gonna take it to the streets  
Wake up the dead heart from its sleep  
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Now's the time to raise our voice

### *Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus*

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## **PRAYERS OF THE DAY**

### **BLESSING**

#### **SONG: *The Blessing***

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His Face toward you  
And give you peace

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

May His favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations

And your family and your children  
And their children and their children  
May His presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you  
He is with you He is with you

In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming And your going  
In your weeping And rejoicing  
He is for you He is for you

He is for you He is for you  
He is for you He is for you  
He is for you He is for you

Amen Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen

The Lord bless you  
And keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His Face toward you  
And give you peace.

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### **SONG: *Child Of Love***

- 1 I was walking the wayside  
Lost on a lonely road  
I was chasing the high life  
Try'n to satisfy my soul
- 2 All the lies I believed in  
Left me crying like the rain  
Then I saw lightning from heaven  
And I've never been the same

## Chorus

I'm gonna climb a mountain  
I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus  
I am a child of love

3 I've felt the sting of the fire  
But I saw You in the flames  
Just when I thought it was over  
You broke me out of the grave

## Interlude

Yeah yeah oh  
I am a child of love  
Yeah oh  
I am a child of love

## Bridge

Nothing can change the way You love me  
Nothing can change the way I belong to You  
Yes I do  
Nothing can separate

## Interlude

I'm gonna climb a mountain  
I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom  
I am a child of love

## Ending

Oh yeah oh  
I am a child of love

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Pastor Cheryl Matthews

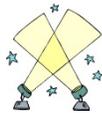
Breaking Chains

Communion Assistants: Jessica Millar, Mayzie Millar, Natalie Millar

Coffee Fellowship: Kathy Wagner

Ushers: Volunteers

Altar Care: Sharon Mork and Deb Johnson



## Financial Spotlight

*In the coming months, there will be articles highlighting different ministries, funds and budget line items so that everyone is aware of the many things happening at Christ Lutheran Church. September's spotlight is on **THE SPOT**.*

The Spot is an after-school program for children Kindergarten through 8th Grade on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30pm to 5:30pm starting in September. Transportation is being provided from Menomonie Middle, Menomonie High, and Wakanda Elementary Schools. We provide children with a safe, supervised environment, healthy snacks, reading and homework help. We have age-appropriate activities, learning opportunities, and outdoor active time. We follow the school calendar and guidelines.

We need volunteers to help staff the Spot. There are many opportunities available from helping a student with their reading or creating crafts to serving snacks. The Spot maybe the only place a student is able to get extra help with homework during the week. If you love reading, crafting, having fun or possibly making a difference in a young person's life, please contact Josie to volunteer in the program.

The cost of running this program generally equates to 6-8 volunteers each week and approximately \$700 for the school year. This coming year we are adding the expense of **renting** a bus from Menomonie Transportation for approximately \$5200 for the school year. While the bus rental was a part of the budget approved at January's annual meeting, we still need your help. Please consider donating to the program. There is a display board in the church narthex with envelopes in which to place your donations. Each envelope has a donation request between \$20 and \$50.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25

### **Sunday, September 25**

- \* 9am Worship with Holy Communion and Breaking Chains
- \* 10:15am Faith Formation
- \* 10:15am "The Chosen" (season 2)

### **Monday, September 26**

- \* 5:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, September 27**

- \* 9am Mission Workday

### **Wednesday, September 28**

- \* 3:30pm THE SPOT after-school ministry
- \* 5pm Wednesday's Table in Fellowship Hall
- \* 5pm CLC FoodShelf

### **Wednesday, September 28** (cont.)

- \* 5:30pm CIA Youth Group
- \* 6:15pm Christ Time
- \* 6:15pm High School Youth

### **Thursday, September 29**

- \* 6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Sunday, October 2**

- \* MISSION SUNDAY
- \* 9 am Worship with Holy Communion
- \* 10:10am CLC-Halvorson Cemetery Board meeting
- \* 10:15am Faith Formation
- \* 10:15am Mission Brunch

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**    **Week of September 25, 2022**  
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**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored today by the Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) in honor of the homebound members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

**VISION STATEMENT:** “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Byron Anderson; Thom Bartels; Sharon Becker; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae Danovsky; Janet Dean (Nancy Alseth’s sister); Jeremy Eckert (Joel’s brother); Kathy Falk; Paul Haviland; Gordy & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Lily (Dan Tye’s great-niece); Sharon Larson; Jone Lindbo (friend of Arla & Darrin Falk and family); Roger & Carolyn Lund (Nancy Bourget’s and Arla Graff’s brother and sister-in-law); Rob Mathis (Kathy Hinzman’s son-in-law); Andy Meser (Barb’s great-nephew); Dale Schmitz; Frank Smith; Shawn Stary; Twila Tiller; Chelsea, Cassandra & Kenny Tye; Luke Tylee (Linda Tylee’s husband); Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahm’s brother); Cindi Wieman; Abusa (Pastor) Sinos Chimwaye and our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); all those who serve in our military & their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

**WEDNESDAY’S TABLE MENU** for September 28: to be determined. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

**AN EPISODE OF “THE CHOSEN”** video series (season 2) will be shown each Sunday for discussion in the Fellowship Hall wing conference room at 10:15 following Sunday worship. Bring your coffee!

**VENDORS/CRAFTERS WANTED!** Christ Lutheran Church is hosting a Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair on Saturday, November 19, from 9am to 3pm. Booth cost is \$30 and includes one table and two chairs. If interested, please contact Kaye Wurm at [kayewurm@gmail.com](mailto:kayewurm@gmail.com) or Beth Hein at [heinfamily73@gmail.com](mailto:heinfamily73@gmail.com) for more information or to reserve a spot. All proceeds go toward the church's general fund.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** has resumed practice on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

**PASTOR CHERYL WILL BE** at the Synod Pastor’s Retreat beginning Sunday afternoon. She will be back on Wednesday, September 28.

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY** is still seeking individuals to provide home cooked meals for Stout students during the fall semester. Providing a meal on Monday nights has been a huge success to our program and something that students look forward to each week. Our meals begin at 6:00pm and we serve around 15-20 students each week. Below are the dates still needed. September 19, October 3, 24, November 7, 28. December 5. If you are interested, please contact Sara Reed, Director of Lutheran Campus Ministries to UW-Stout at [lcmstoudirector@gmail.com](mailto:lcmstoudirector@gmail.com) or 715.563.6336.

**THANK YOU TO THE CLCW** for purchasing the new chairs for the Fellowship Hall. **THE BOY SCOUTS** have raised a new flag on the flagpole in the front of the church. The flag was donated to the church by Jane Smith and family in memory of Jane's husband, Jerry, who died in January, 2020.

**EMAILS HAVE BEEN** received by members of the congregation requesting gift cards on a number of occasions. The emails look like they are from Pastor Cheryl, but they are not. Pastor will not ask you to supply gift cards for anything by email. If you received such a request, please delete it and do not respond in any way.

### Memorials

**To The SPOT in Memory of:** 9/18 - Evelyn Hintzman from Brian Tumm; Evelyn Hintzman from Cheryl Lowery; Kay Brummeyer and Evelyn Hintzman from Darrin & Arla Falk



It has been a whirlwind first few weeks of Faith Formation! But we are up and running with LOTS of youth voices filling the halls and classrooms on Sundays and Wednesdays. I am very grateful for all the volunteers that have come forward to assist with all our classes and groups.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday, September 28 is our first 9th grade check-in on faith statements.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Interim Pastor: Cheryl Matthews (608-863-1697)

Lutheran Campus Ministry Director: Sara Reed (lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com)

### **Music Ministry**

Chancel Choir Director: Brian Klein

Organist: LuAnn Dohms

Substitutes: Andrew Maki, Mary Merritt

Choir Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms

### **Youth Ministry**

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink (cosmo.clc@gmail.com)

### **Sunday School (COSMO)**

Superintendent: Josie Wilterdink (cosmo.clc@gmail.com)

Accompanist: Mary Merritt

### **Maintenance**

Custodian: Tom Surdick

### **Missionary Sponsorship**

Patrick & Jackie Bencke, Japan (jackie@bencke.com)

### **Food Ministry**

Coordinator: Heather Lannon (clc.pantry.table@gmail.com)

### **Office Staff**

Church Secretary Office Hours: Monday through Thursday—8:30am to 3pm

Friday—church office closed (Please note that the pastor's day off is Friday.)

Secretary: Jillyn Geissler (The.Office.CLC@gmail.com).

Treasurer: Dick Rank/Tricia Rank-Larson (Financial.CLC@gmail.com)

### **Radio Ministry**

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30am

Limited Range (Parking Lot) Frequency on 107.7 FM

### **Livestream Ministry**

Audio Visual Specialist: Darrin Falk (techuser.clc@gmail.com)

### **Internet Ministry**

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