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Day of Pentecost

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The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence. Today we go back to before Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus tells the disciples that they will join him, but they claim that they do not know the way. With the disciples and all of us, Jesus says that we all know the way, because he shows us. What a gift Jesus gives us by offering that we are claimed and given new life by his action for each and every one of us.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome

Gathering Music

Arise in body or Spirit

Easter Good News

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- A** This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C** we will rejoice and be glad in it!

- P** Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C** I will go through them and praise the Lord.

- A** I shall not die, but live,
- C** and declare the works of the Lord.

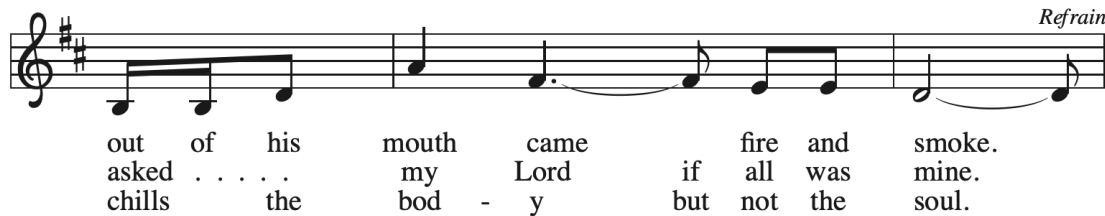
Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
 in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
 spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

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out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Easter Greeting

- ☐ Holy people of God, given new life through the gospel of Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Stanza 1


1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray... O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit.
- C** **Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading**Acts 2:1-21**

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

📖 A reading from Acts:

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



Refrain




Send forth your Spir-it and re - new the face of the earth.

²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.


²⁶ **There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.**

²⁷ **All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. **

²⁸ You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰ **You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.**

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. **

³² You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴ **May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.**

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! **

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

📖 A reading from **1 Corinthians:**

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

Arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

☐ The Resurrection Gospel from **John**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

☐ The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection. After reflection,

Arise in body or in spirit to sing the hymn.

Hymn of the Day

O Living Breath of God

ELW 407

You may sit or kneel for prayer.

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear: **We lift our prayer to you.** The assembly sings,*

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer response, ending with a double bar line and the word 'End'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, also ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

☐ Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Walk with and guide *Bishops Yehiel and Julie, Assistants Scott and Kate; our synod companion churches, Resurrection Lutheran Church in Saginaw; Community Baptist Church in Hastings; Country Chapel in Dowling; Minister of Music Cindy, and Pastor Ken.* We lift our prayer to you.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us**

A You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. We lift our prayer to you.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us**

A You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Be with those who safeguard the world, *including Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), Hudson Schick (Markwart) and Leopold Schick (Markwart).* We lift our prayer to you.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us**

A You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name especially *Jennie Anderson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, John Charles, Cherie Clements, Kim Domke, Celina Eichler, Greg Franks, Melanie Franks, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Bill Halstead, Cynthia Hansen, Jamie Heise (pregnancy), Walker Heise, Christine Jenkins, Joy Jenks, Carmen Karkau, Martha Klenk, Michelle Luedke, Ed Markwart, Larry Maupin, Dick Melcher, Carrie Miller, Virginia Moomey, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, Corey Normandin, Lincoln Osborn, Emma Poholski (pregnancy), Edith Rose, Rob Smelker, Payton Stancil, Kathy Surratt, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, Samantha VandenBusch, and Tom and Kathy.* We lift our prayer to you.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us**

A You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. We lift our prayer to you.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- Ⓐ You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. We lift our prayer to you.
- Ⓒ **The Spirit intercedes for us**
- ⒫ God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

Arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

- ⒫ The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.**
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Offering Song

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples.
- ☑ **Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

- Ⓟ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

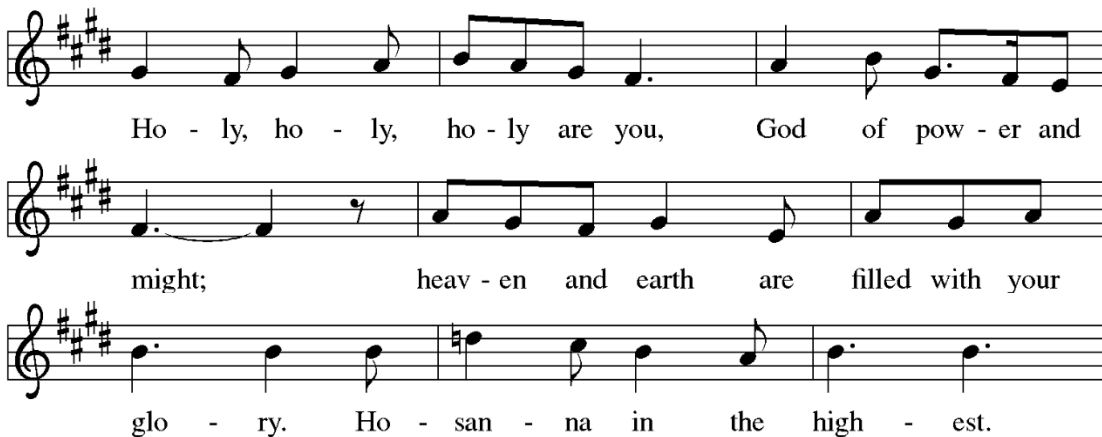
- Ⓟ Lift up your hearts.
- ☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

- Ⓟ It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow the way of humble service and love, and so, with the church on earth all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW 191



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Table Prayer

- Ⓟ We should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.
- ☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**
- Ⓟ 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 thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

☑ **Congregation:**

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Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

- Ⓟ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.
- ☑ **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**

- Ⓟ Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Amen, Come Lord Jesus; Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

A - men, Come Lord Je - sus; A -
men, Come Lord Je - sus.

- Ⓟ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains are scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Amen, Come Holy Spirit. Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -
men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it.

- Ⓟ All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u-ni-ty of the Spir-it all glo-ry and hon-or is

Musical notation for the lyrics "yours, O God, now and for - ev - er, A - - - men." The music is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for "yours, O God, now and for - ev - er," and the second staff contains the melody for "A - - - men."

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- C** **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- P** Holy things for holy people.
- C** **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

Sit

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

Additional Verses:

**You break the chains of hatred and fear:
 You are the way of justice and peace:
 You are the way of mercy and love:
 You are the bread of life for us all:
 You pour your Holy Spirit on us:**

Final time:

Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Spirit, Open My Heart
 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
- C** **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

- A** God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending Song

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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Sending

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace, share the good news.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

9:30 am

Assisting Minister – Randy Teegardin

Cantor – Kate Watson

Lector – Vickey Argo

Musician – Cindy Olson

Pastor – Ken Scheck II

Cup Bearer – Brenda Teegardin

Usher – Mark Anton

Fellowship - Laura Scheck

Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship Jesus, who walks with us in our times of hardship. Let us celebrate that God gives us the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ. Be emboldened to share God's grace with others.

Stewardship Information

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Attendance: 58 Views: 192
 Weekly Giving: \$1,870.00 Budget Amount: \$4,363.02

Offerings received to date through April \$170,737.91
 Offerings received in May + \$ 5,839.58
 Year to date total offerings \$176,577.49

Grace Projects Goal	\$30,000.00	Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Received To Date	- \$28,980.00	Helping Hands	\$221.00
Total Needed	\$ 1,020.00	Cement	\$0.00

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The Lakewood Area Choral Society will open its 41st season with a concert of sacred music at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 7th, at Peace Church in Middleville. A second concert (with much of the same music as the first) will be at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 28th, at Kilpatrick United Brethren Church in Woodland.

Faith books are still available in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to take as many books and you would like. We thank Steve Wales (Pat's son) for providing these books for us.

Women of Faith invites all women to join us Tuesday morning at church 11am – noon as we study Growing Older and Wiser in our Bible study. If you have to miss a day – it is okay – just join us when you can.

Pastor Ken's office hours are now 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Mon & Wed.

Parish Administrator is Cindy Olson. Her office hours are 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Mon – Wed.

The nursery is available weekly during the worship service.

Hand2Hand We give a thank you to all who generously supported Hand2Hand this school year. May will be the last month to donate until school resumes. Due date is May 24th. Thanks for supporting this ministry. Outreach Committee

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet this Thursday at 12:00 noon – all are welcome to come to communion at the beginning of the study and leave if you cannot stay for the bible study. We continue to study the book of Ezekiel.

Deep Breath

In the world of the Bible, the word *breath* is synonymous with “life.” Breath is necessary for a creature to be considered alive; where there isn’t breath, there isn’t life. Breath from God animates—brings to life—the creature formed from dust, the first human. When Jesus dies on the cross, three of the four gospels describe the moment using the phrase “breathed his last.”

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus appears to the disciples after the resurrection and offers his body to them for inspection. His scarred hands and side reveal that he is, in fact, Jesus, who was crucified. He is not an impostor. The disciples rejoice at the recognition. Next, Jesus breathes on them, a clear physical and symbolic assurance that he is not just a body but a *living* body. The breath that was once spent and gone has returned. He is not reanimated; he is *resurrected*. He has life in him again!

When Jesus breathes on his disciples, he also invites them to receive the Holy Spirit. This moment is extraordinary. Jesus animates the disciples in the same way God animated Adam: by bestowing divine breath, which brings not only physical life but spiritual life as well. Moreover, Jesus reveals that the Holy Spirit he promised to the disciples is, in fact, his own animating Spirit.

The earth-shaking wind of the Spirit at Pentecost is also an intimate breath of life. Through this divine exhale, there is the gift of life—body *and* spirit—and the enduring promise of resurrection. Spend a few moments today doing some deep breathing as you give thanks for God’s gift of breath and for the Holy Spirit.

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