Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 24, 2025

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who are visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with, and under the bread alone.

THE GATHERING

We begin worship confessing that we fall short of who God created us to be, and we ask God to forgive us.
We pray for God's patience as we remember our baptism by making the sign of the cross.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Philipp Kirnberger

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pr In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Pr Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

Pr Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pr 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 858: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

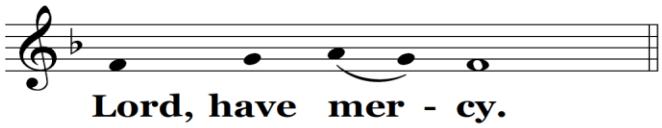
APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pr 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.

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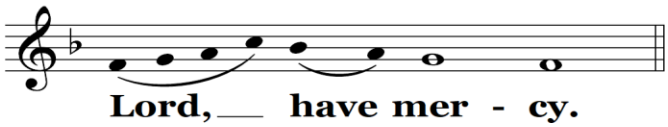
AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



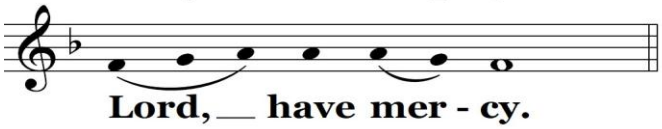
AM: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



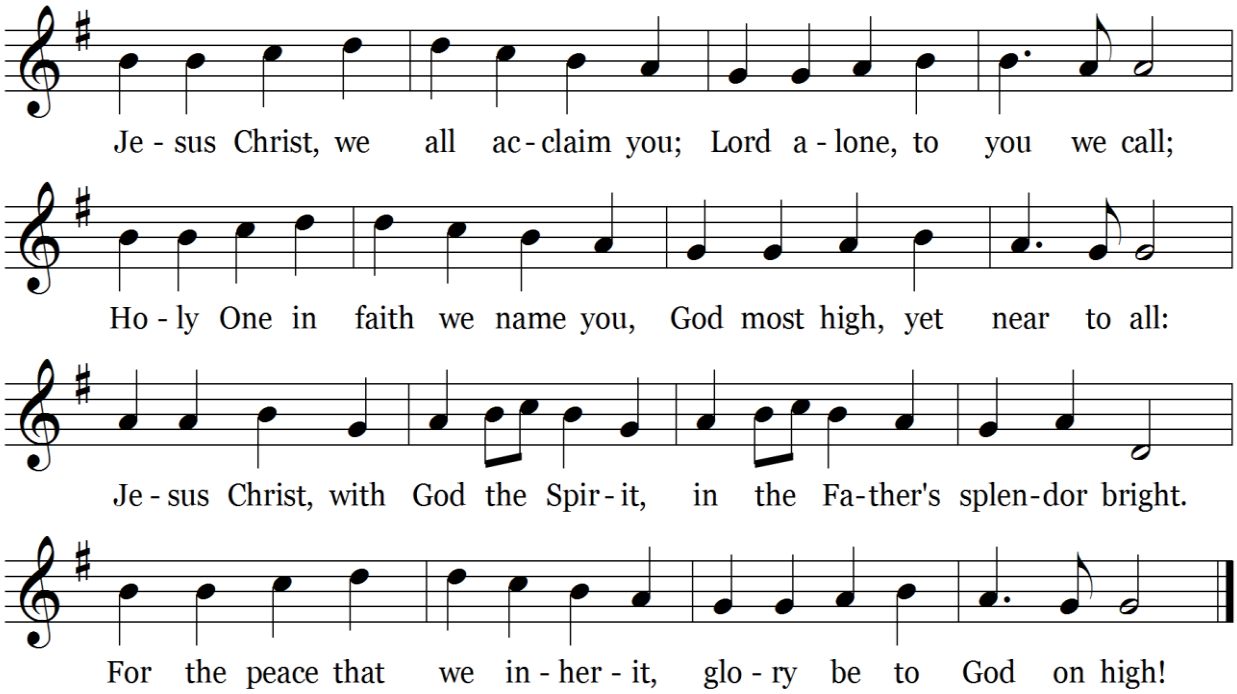
AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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



HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory Be to God on High!*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pr Let us pray.
O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

We hear the word of God's promise in Scripture and in preaching. This includes the readings, the sermon, hymns and the Apostles creed, prayers of intercession and the passing of the peace of Christ. "We will recount to generations to come the power of the Lord (Ps. 78:4)."

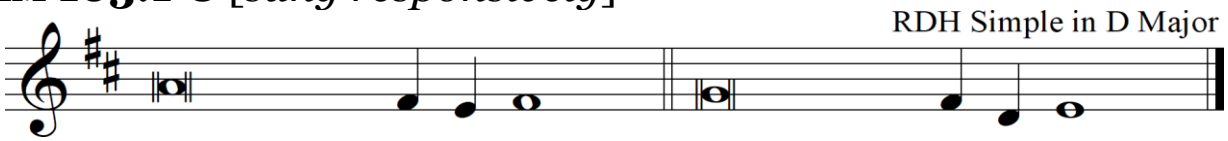
We sit

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the
speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of
the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the
noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in
parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered
garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall
be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be
called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. 13 If you refrain
from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you
honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your
own affairs; 14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride
upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor
Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks Be to God!

PSALM 103:1-8 [*sung responsively*]



1 Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
2 **Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and forget not | all God's benefits—**
3 who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;
4 **who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**
5 who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
6 **O LORD, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
7 You made known your | ways to Moses and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
8 **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and
darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice
whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.
20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches
the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight
that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and
to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels
in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in
heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made
perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled
blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not
escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less
will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26 At that time his
voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not
only the earth but also the heaven." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates
the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be
shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot
be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable
worship with reverence and awe, 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks Be to God!

We stand

GOSPEL VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Pr The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th Chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord! ***(spoken boldly)***

10 Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just
then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen

years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When
Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your
ailment.” 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight
and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because
Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on
which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the
Sabbath day.” 15 But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not
each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead
it to water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan
bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath
day?” 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire
crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Pr The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ! ***(spoken boldly)***
We sit

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON: WHAT IS GOD DOING?
Reverend Ron Philabaum

We stand
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 611: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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.

We stand

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
After each portion of the prayers:
Pr God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE
Pr The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
We sit

THE MEAL

In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us the word of Promise. In the Lord's Supper it is a "visible word" of the *invisible promise* of which our founder Rev. Martin Luther speaks-God feeds us with the promise and presence of Christ Jesus. We begin with our own offerings from what God first gave us to use: money, bread and wine, praise and thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* African American Spiritual
Refrain
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 *Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,*
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain

2 *If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,*
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." Refrain

3 *Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;*
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. Refrain

OFFERTORY SONG: *Lord of All Good*

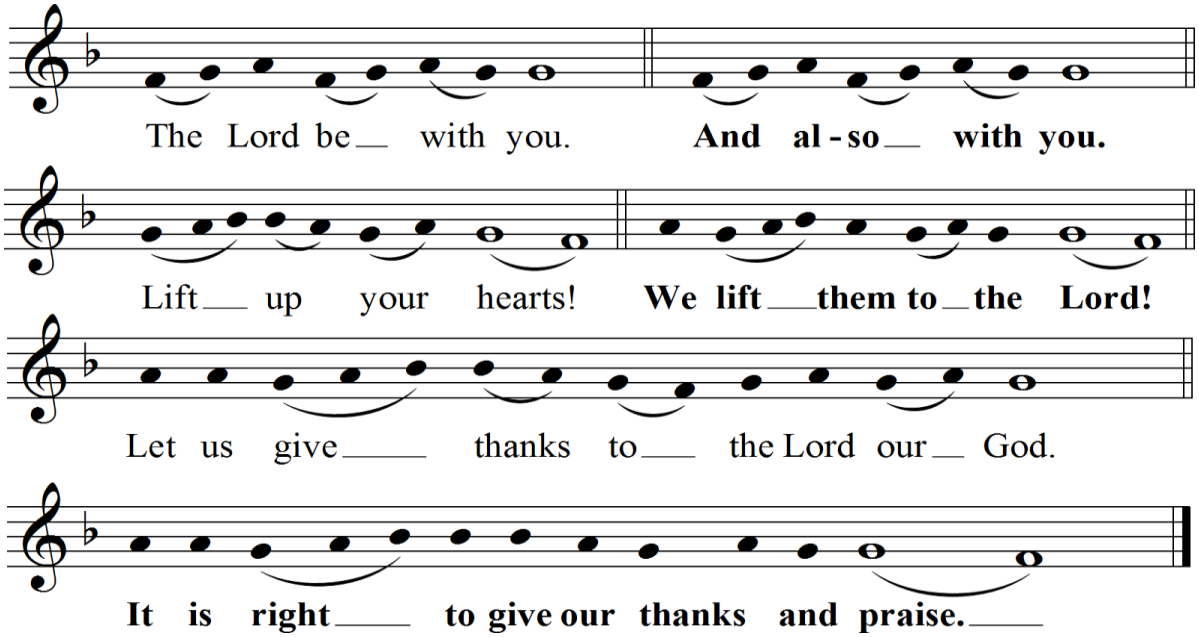


OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pr Let us pray.
God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

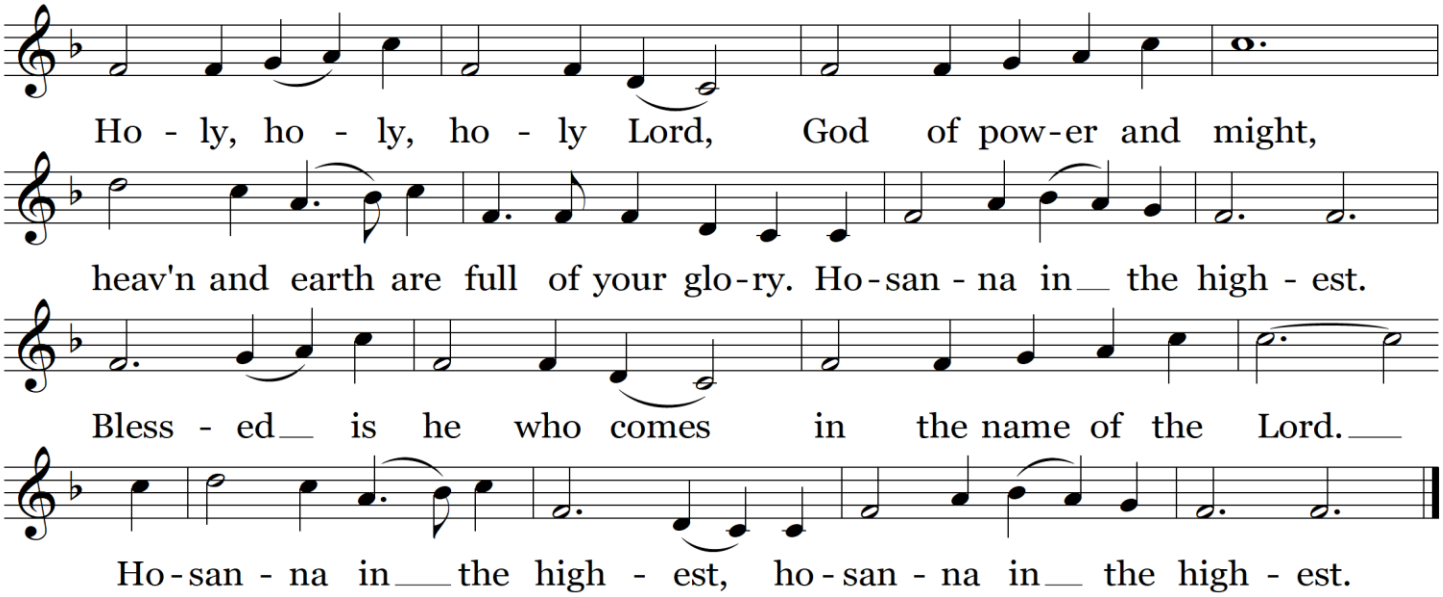
C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pr 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



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pr Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Pr Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

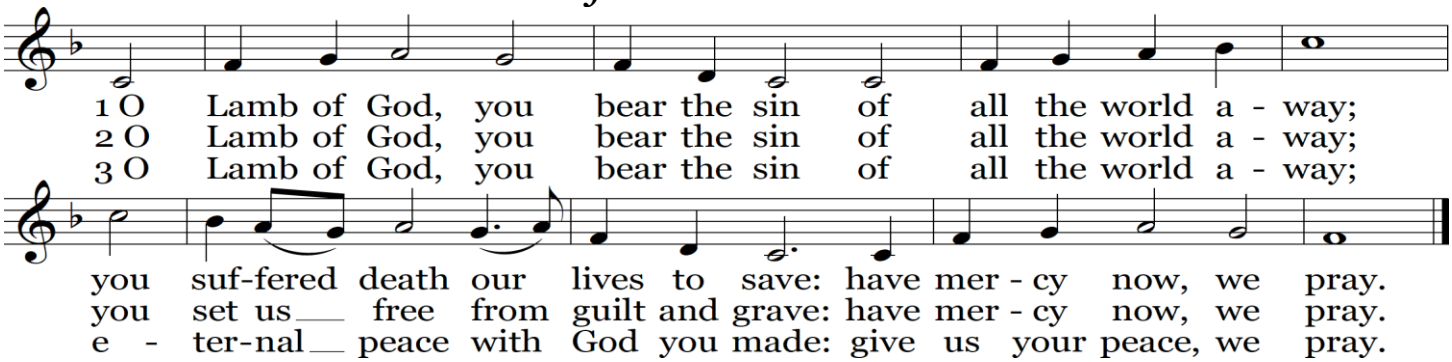
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

We sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pr Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *(John 6:35)*

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Lamb of God*



COMMUNION MUSIC: *ELW 599: Lord Jesus, Think on Me*
ELW 608: Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

We stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pr The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pr God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

THE SENDING

Our worship comes to a close. We have gathered as a body of believers, received instruction, nourished and commissioned to be Christ's body in service to the world. We are now ready to go and proclaim the good news that has inspired us to authentically love all of God's people as Jesus loves us. We pray that our expressions of love and service reflect who Jesus is in us. We give thanks that we get to come back together to celebrate freely this awesome God who loves us and forgives us, even when we mess up.

BENEDICTION

Pr God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

FINAL HYMN: ELW 441: *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

DISMISSAL

Pr Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* Dietrich Buxtehude

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To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall

WORSHIP: *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*
LEARN: *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*
WITNESS: *Boldly share the Word of God*
SERVE: *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*
SUPPORT: *Gladly give your time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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