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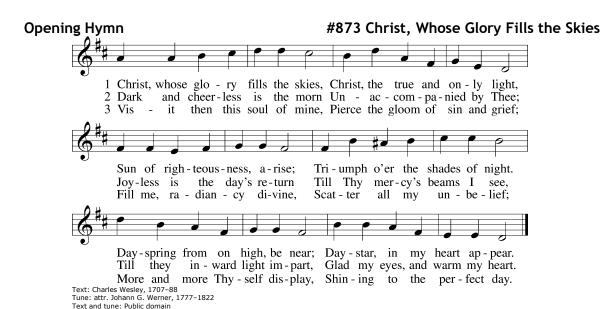
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Second Sunday in Advent

Populus Zíon
Divine Service- Setting Three
December 4, 2022
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Order of Holy Baptism (Basil John Spangler) newborn son of Isaac and Katie Spangler (see insert)

Service of the Word

Introit (sung responsively)



Say to the daughter of | Zion,*

"Behold, your sal- | vation comes."

The LORD will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,* and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!* You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Restore us, O God;*

let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Turn again, O | God of hosts!*

Look down from | heaven, and see.

But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*

the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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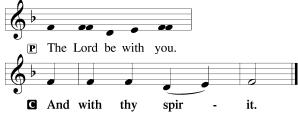
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Kyrie



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just

decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. 5"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | shines forth.*
Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;
"Gather to me my | faithful ones,*
who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!"

Epistle Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel Luke 21:25–36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God. begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

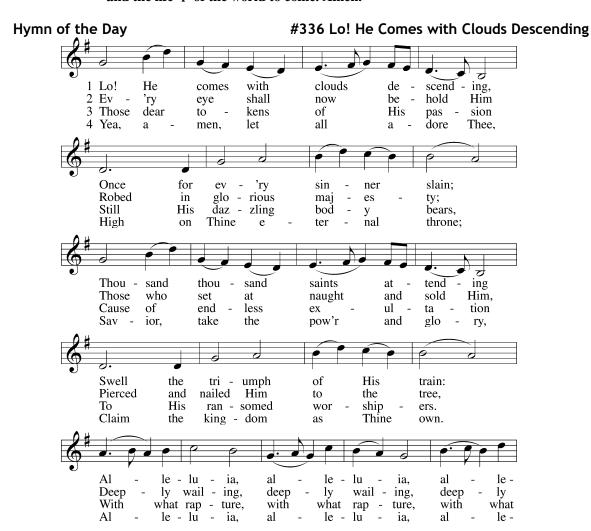
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

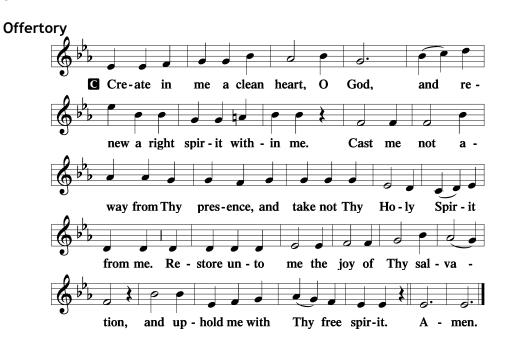
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.





Sermon



Offering

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:

Joellen MeyerGloria Siela, David Nahrwold, Margaret Whitesel Bryce Bowman and family (former student battling cancer) Tammy Dahling (wife of Pastor Dan Dahling)

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare) Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest) Marilyn Franke (Christian Care) <u>Baptismal blessing</u> Basil John Spangler newborn son of Isaac and Katie Spangler

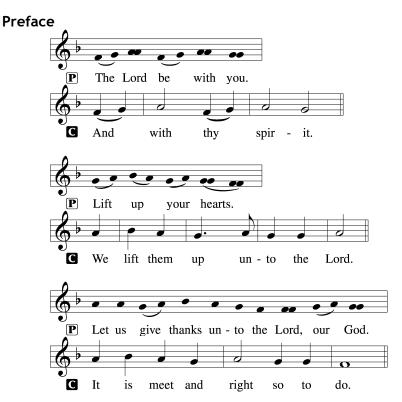
<u>Wedding Anniversary thanksgiving</u>
Rick and Pat Krumma celebrating 45 years

We pray for our schools

We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

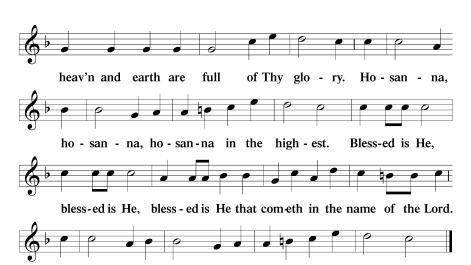
Service of the Sacrament



Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

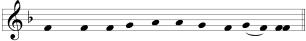
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Hobody, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

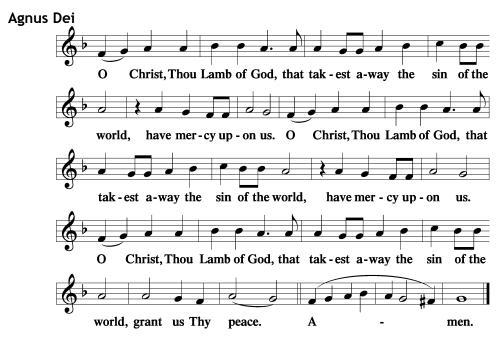
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



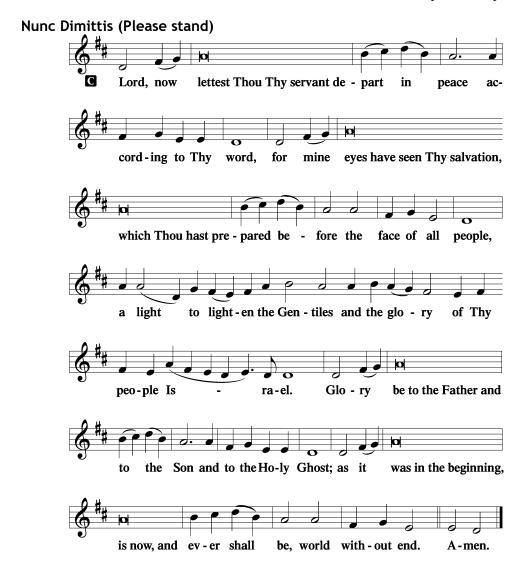


Distribution

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymns

#627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior #628 Your Table I Approach #355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide #514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us #508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near







A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation



P The Lord be with you.

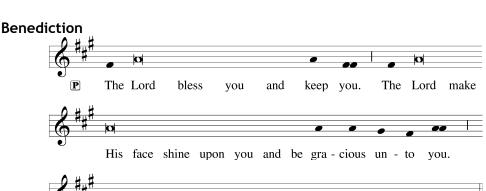


Benedicamus



A Bless we the Lord.



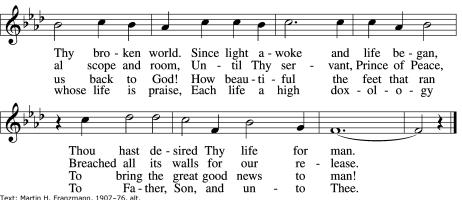




The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.







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IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworkers	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Bruce Werling and Glen Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolyte	Jacob Bultemeier and Luke Harkless
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Aspen Fisher
	Don Schueler, Ben Schueler, Graham Stoppehagen

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Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526			
Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org				

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121. https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian 9:00 a.m. Livestream

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion	
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School	
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)	
	Noon	Ladies Aid Christmas (Lighted Gardens)	
	4:00 p.m.	Installation Service of Rev. Anthony Dodgers	
MONDAY	5:00 p.m.	Var. Girls vs St. Jude (HOME)	
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice	
TUESDAY	7:30 p.m.	Public School Confirmation Class	
WEDNESDAY	10:30 a.m.	Chapel Service	
	6:00 p.m	LYF Supper	
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Evening Divine Service	
	8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice	
THURSDAY	5:00 p.m.	Boys vs St. John Emmauel (HOME)	
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion	
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School	
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)	

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you please complete a green visitor's card from the pew and place in the offering plate. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again.

Holiday Worship Schedule: Please join us for Wednesday evening Advent Divine Services at 7:00 pm. *The LYF will be providing a light supper before each of the Advent Services beginning at 6 pm* (*Nacho Bar*). The Children's Christmas Service will be held on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 pm. The Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 7:00 p.m. and Christmas Day Service on December 25th at 9:00 a.m. New Year's Eve Service on December 31st at 7:00 p.m.

Epiphany Divine Service on January 6th at 7:00 p.m.

INSTALLATION SERVICE – Everyone is invited to attend the Installation Service of Rev. Anthony Dodgers on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 pm. Please join us in welcoming Pastor Dodgers and his family. *A potluck supper will follow the Installation Service.* We are asking for dish donations and helpers; the meat will be provided. There are signup sheets in the hallway today. Call Denise Schumm 622-7990 or Maxine Nahrwold 273-4613, if you have any questions.

<u>BAPTIZED TODAY</u> into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Basil John Spangler, newborn son of Isaac and Katie Spangler born on November 20, 2022. Sponsors for Basil are Samantha Widmer and Zigmas Kisielius. We welcome Basil as a member of the kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

FRUIT BASKETS - The Ladies Aid will be making up and delivering fruit baskets to our shut ins and elderly members on Monday morning. Volunteers would be appreciated to help with this project. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on Monday morning. Thank you

GAUDETE SUNDAY - You are invited to wear pink on December 11 in observance of Gaudete Sunday. Although the liturgical color for most of the Advent season is violet, emphasizing expectation, waiting and repentance, the color for the third Sunday in Advent is rose depicting joy and gladness in the nearness of the Lord's redemption. Gaudete is the Latin word "rejoice!" It is the first word in the introit: Rejoice in the Lord always. Phil 4:4 Gaudete Sunday is also the lighting of the pink candle in the Advent wreath symbolizing joy. The Church's celebration of Advent and Gaudete Sunday goes back as far as the fourth century. Please join us in observing this ancient liturgical tradition by wearing pink or rose.

<u>Our final LWML Bible Study</u> on the Lord's Prayer will be held on Thursday, December 8, at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

TODAY is the last day for that we will be collecting <u>Christmas gifts for our fieldworkers</u>, Isaac Spangler and Morgan Phillips. Gift suggestions are in the entryway of the church. You can place your gifts in the box and gift cards can be placed in the church office LWML mailbox or given to Delores Scheumann. Thank you

2023 Offering Envelopes are now available. Please plan to pick up your box from the tables in the north hallway. Boxes should be alphabetized.

Book Club: For anyone who has not signed up but would like to read "Gilead" for our Book Club pick, there's still time. We will be meeting after the holidays on January 7th around 9am at Crimson House to discuss the book. Any questions contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm.

Diana Thorpe is offering <u>Christmas Cemetery Saddles</u> for sale. If interested, please contact her at 260-438-7159.

New Hope Lutheran Church is offering a "Parent's Afternoon Out" event on Saturday, December 10th. Drop your child (toilet trained to age 10) off from 1-5 pm for snacks, devotions, and activities. \$20 per child. Call Janice at 260-602-5175 or Amanda at 260-413-0482 if you are interested in this service so that we can plan accordingly.

Plan to visit the Scrip table for all of your HOLIDAY shopping needs or contact Melissa Price at 260-433-5307 with your orders. Thank you

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS-

Red Poinsettia plants will be used for the Poinsettia tree this year. Please see the order form on the back of today's bulletin to place your orders before December 11th.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, December 18th at 11:15 a.m.

<u>Offering November 27, 202</u>	<u> Financi</u>	<u>Financial Report</u>	
Average weekly need \$11,342	Home Fund B	Home Fund Balance \$31,793.09	
Home Fund Env. \$48,42	3.91 Next we	eek bills due: \$12,000	
Synod 4	2.00 Bills du	Bills due two weeks: \$6,000	
Loose 72	6.74 Savings Accou	Savings Account Balance \$23,419.08	
Scholarship Fund	Borrow	red from Savings: PAID	
Improvement Fund 4	44.85 Operating Loan Debt: \$12,500		
Endowment Fund 20	0.00		
Music Fund			
Sound System/Video	Church	n/Communion Attendance	
Sunday School 5	5.45	Thanksgiving 124	
Square Dance 2,369	9.80	Sunday 185/144	
Food Pantry 35	1.00	Wednesday 78	
Lutheran Witness 38	8.00		
20% Holiday Bazaar 788	<u>8.00</u>		
Total \$52,98	9.75		

RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

Recite Together:

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.

Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson

Prayers and Intercessions

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.

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having being justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. Titus 3:5-8

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM

The Poinsettia Christmas plants will again be used to decorate the church this year! If interested in ordering plants, please return this form with your payment to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 11th

*Flowers will b Thank you	e RED this year and you can	pick them up after the Ch	ristmas Day Service.
#	6 " pot - RED	\$12.00	
	Please make checks p	payable to: Bethlehem Ladi	es Aid.
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