

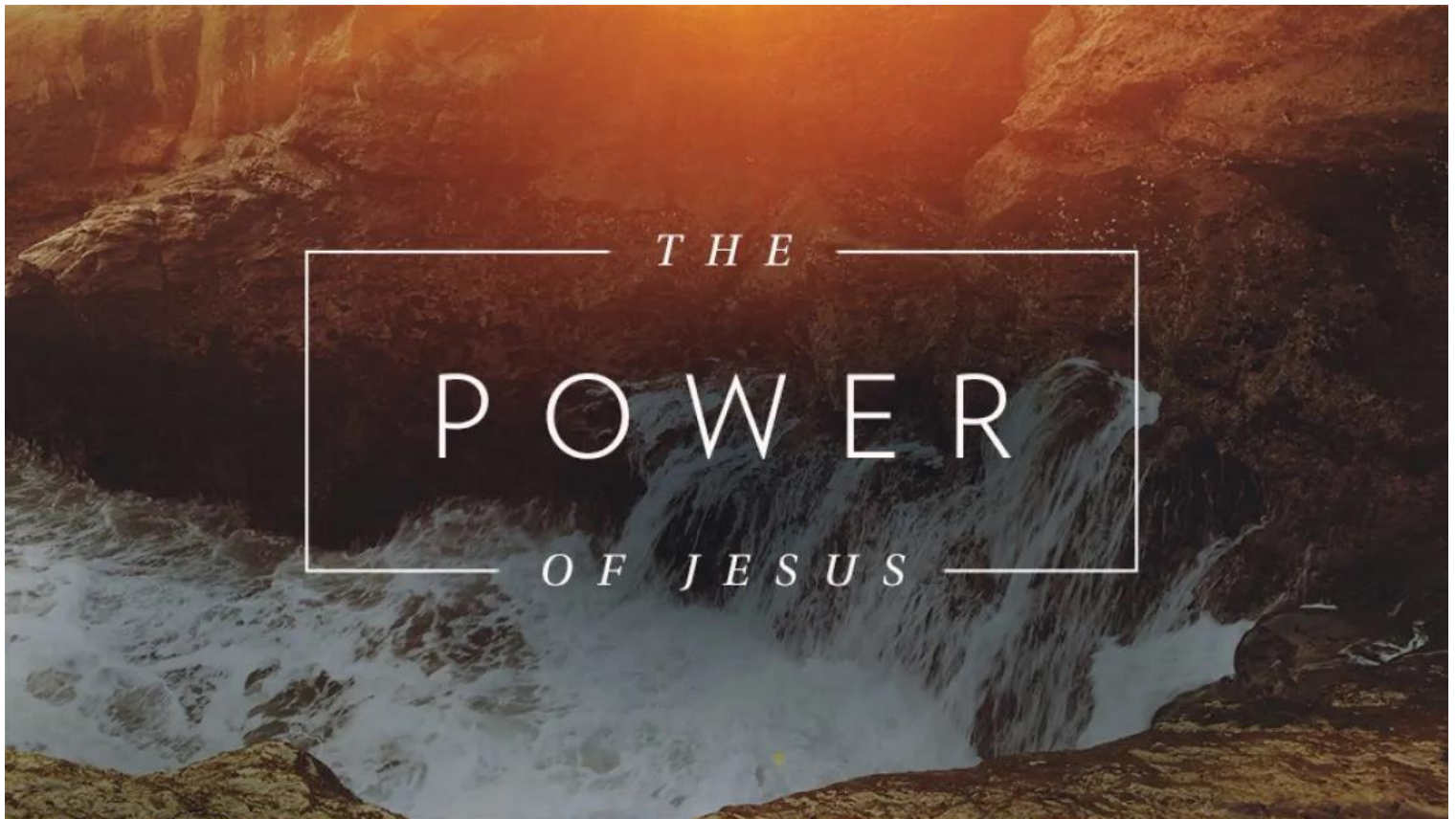
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcoming people to feel God's love and grace

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January 28th, 2024
10:30 Jazz Worship Service



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church of West Cobb. In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

Visiting today? Welcome. Please complete the visitor card found in the pew (include your email to sign up for our weekly email announcements), place in the collection plate.

Church Announcements: Please check the bulletin board in the Hallway

Just a reminder to wear your name tags for our visitors to see who you are!

Upcoming Dates:

Sun. Jan. 28th	9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Class on Creating a Life with God 10:30am Jazz Worship Service
Wed. Jan 31st	10:00 Adult Bible Study 12:30 – Bible Study
Sat. Feb. 2nd	10:30 Baby Shower for Caitlin McCarthy
Sun. Feb. 4th	9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Class on Creating a Life with God 10:30am Traditional Worship Service 11:40 Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:40 Helping Hands Committee Meeting
Wed. Feb. 7th	10:00 Adult Bible Study 12:30 – Bible Study
Sun. Feb. 11th	9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Class on Creating a Life with God 10:30am Traditional Worship Service Pancake Breakfast following Worship Service
Wed. Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday	10:00am Adult Bible Study 12:30pm – Bible Study 4:30pm -5:30pm Drive-Up Imposition of ashes 6:30pm – Ash Wednesday service

Sun. Feb. 18th 9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Class on Creating a Life with God
10:30am Traditional Worship Service
Scout Sunday

Wed. Feb. 21st 10:00 Adult Bible Study
12:30 – Bible Study
5:30pm – Lenten Soup Supper
6:30pm – Lenten Worship Service

**Readings for next week Feb. 4th – Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39**

P = Pastor **C = Congregation**; *Those who are able, please stand;
***Stand/Kneel**



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION MOMENT

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.
Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.
Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
 God has spoken:
 The time of grace is now.
 In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
 By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,
 your sins are forgiven.
 You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 524

What Is This Place



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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APOSTOLIC GREETING:

L: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE:

Maxine Langford

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

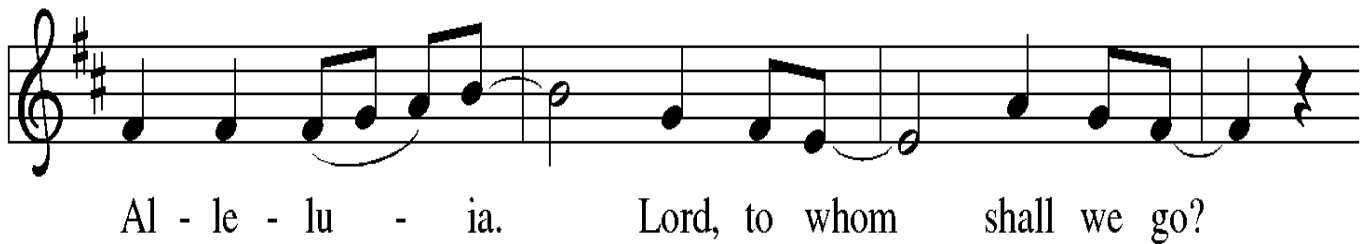
⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



P: The Holy gospel according to Mark: **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:21-28

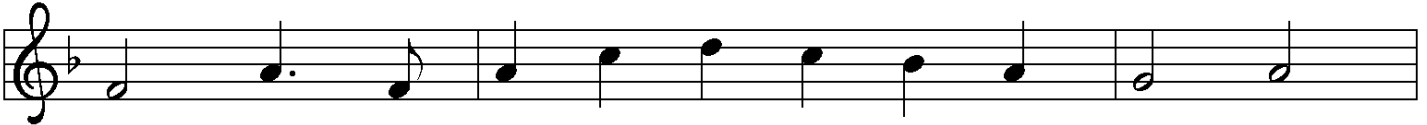
²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord: **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

MESSAGE OF GOOD NEWS:

Rev. Dr. Connie Bramlett

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. We pray for our missionary partners Julia & Vincent Leiyoole in Kenya and ILAG in Guatemala and for the Ministry of Pastor Michael Schulte of the Collective in Atlanta, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer especially David and Lonni Connelly, Beverly Haggard, Ralph & Pat Ehrich, Sharon Koberg, Betty Spies, Joyce Jeffers, Shirley Schumacher, Betty Kaminsky, Donna Flugstad, Artie Kappel, Shirley Olin, Dominic Olin, Ian and Chris Metcalfe, Helena Rockenstein, Lola-Mae) and those who are in our hearts and minds, who we name silently or aloud. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***SHARING OF PEACE –** The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

(Please share a sign of peace with those around you and digitally with those who can't physically be here.)

***RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING:**

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***OFFERTORY SONG:**

ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

“ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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

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.

*COMMUNION

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain



wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

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***COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

We invite all communicants of all Christian churches to receive Holy Communion today. We believe that Christ instituted this sacrament in which we are given Christ's body and blood. We believe Christ is truly present and that we receive forgiveness, life, and salvation. If you would like communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher. We will serve communion at the rail. Please follow the directions of the ushers and pastor. Children who have not received First Communion training are welcome to come forward with hands folded to receive a blessing.

***TABLE BLESSING:**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P:Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name



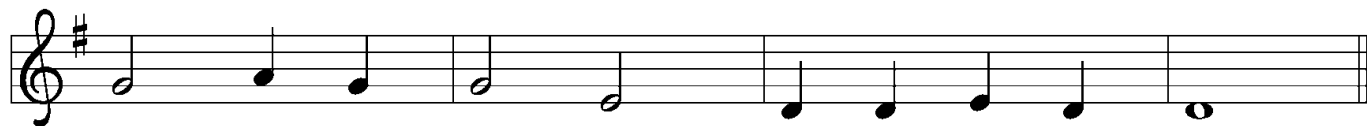
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Traditional Worship Servants for Sunday, Jan 14th

	10:30am
Greeter:	Richard Estes
Altar Guild:	Lois Minta – before service Dawn Cantelmo – after service
Lector:	Bill Kempffer
Ushers:	Penny Estes & Rita Buehner
Communion Asst.:	Lois Minta & Paula Bode
Children Sermon:	Maxine Langford
Acolyte & Crucifer:	
Cantor:	
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