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THE LORD'S SUPPER is the way Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. In accordance with Jesus' teachings, we practice *closed communion*. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

BULLETINS can be found on our website under the News Tab, Newsletter/bulletins. Select the appropriate service.

TO THOSE VIEWING ONLINE: If you are a member of St. Martin, please "Register" by clicking one of the "Like" button on Facebook. We are trying to gauge how many of our members are worshipping virtually.

LIVE STREAMING—is now available in the social hall and in room #7.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—If you are hospitalized, please be sure to update your admittance records indicating your religious preference and if you would like the hospital to call St. Martin.

IF YOU REQUIRE PASTORAL CARE or would like to learn more about Jesus Christ and St. Martin Lutheran, please contact the church office at 920/849-4421 or stmartinlcms@gmail.com or Pastor Thomas K. Schmitt at 920/418-1559 or stmartinlsmc.pastor.com.

JAN-MAR Portals of Prayer are available; donations are appreciated.

MARCH/APRIL CALENDARS are available in the narthex and social hall.

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Bev Daun and Sherry Dake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN. 3/3	9:00A Worship with Holy Communion 10:10A Fellowship 10:20A Sunday School
MON. 3/4	1:00P Afternoon Bible Study
TUE. 3/5	6:00P Garden Gladiators using social hall
WED. 3/6	5:30P Lenten Supper-Bd of Ed/Sun. School 6:30P Lent Worship Service 7:30P YPS Meeting
THU. 3/7	9:00-12 Disaster Preparedness Meeting 6:00P American Legion using social hall
FRI. 3/8	9:00A Salvation Army using Social hall
SAT. 3/9	Daylight Savings Time Begins
SUN. 3/10	9:00A Worship with Holy Communion 10:10A Fellowship 10:15A Bible Study 10:20A Sunday School

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Pastor Schmitt and Pastor Krueger have swapped pulpits today because Redeemer in Manitowoc has a call meeting which Pastor Schmitt must attend. There will be no Bible Study this morning.

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

Oliver Krueger, Vicki Roehrig, Gloria Bodinger, Pamela Siech, Tegan Broome, Douglas Johnson, Bonnie Schuknecht, Jean Seider

IN OUR PRAYERS

-*OUR SHUT-INS*: Linda Friederichs, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Simone Pagel, Larelda Siebert, Don Michael, Marvin Schommer, Lou Ridder, Pastor Novotney, Pat Bailey

ATTENDANCE: Worship 2/25 & 2/28 103 + 42 = 145
Sunday School 2/25 21 students \$8.00

VOLUNTEER FORMS for Fellowship and the Weekly Flower chart are available on the counter in the social hall. Please sign up.

CALLING ALL WOMEN—Saturday, April 6, Zion Lutheran Church, New Holstein will be hosting their annual Woman's Day. Registration forms can be found on the counter in the social hall. Deadline to register is March 25th. For more information, please see Judy Hacker.



**The Board of Education is hosting a
Chili Cook Off during Fellowship.
Anyone is welcome to sign up to
compete! March 17, 2024**
(sign-up sheet in the social hall)

THE PARKING LOT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Total Cash Donations Received to date: \$45,642.00

Total Pledges: \$3300

Total Funds raised through our fund Raisers in 2023: \$20949.

\$43,337.81 was paid in principal only in November.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND---HEART POST-ITS—Pull a heart off the window and donate to the parking lot fund. We raised \$5,000 at the end of last year, let's do it again. **Balance to go \$1444.00 to reach \$5000!**

CHALLENGE—Two anonymous donors have donated \$500 towards the sponsorship of the June 1 Milwaukee Handbell Concert, which is 2/3 of the total sponsorship. Can ONE more member meet this challenge? Let's Go – accept the challenge!

CANDY ORDER FORMS are due 3/10/24.

Treasurers Report - St. Martin Lutheran Church			
2024 - January Totals			
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Monthly Offerings	\$ 15,199.76	\$ 9,887.76	\$ (5,312.00)
Offerings YTD	\$ 15,199.76	\$ 9,887.76	\$ (5,312.00)
Expenses YTD	\$ 15,271.35	\$ 15,057.56	\$ 213.79
Missions YTD	\$ 802.50	\$ 802.50	\$ -
Total Expenditures YTD	\$ 16,073.85	\$ 15,860.06	\$ 213.79
YTD Actual Offerings less Total Expenditures		\$ 5,098.21	
Parking Lot Loan	\$ 71,586.53	\$ 1,146.61	\$ 70,439.92
YTD Actual	\$ (5,169.80)		
Budget vs Actual	\$ (5,098.21)		

Lent 3 - March 3

Opening Hymn: 645 Built on the Rock

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.
- 3 We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.
- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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①② Invocation, Catechesis, Confession and Absolution

↑ *Please stand as you are able.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P What does God say about all these commandments?
C He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”
(Exodus 20:5–6)

P What does this mean?

C God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

P Do you confess to almighty God that you are a poor, miserable sinner, that you have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed, and that you justly deserve His temporal and eternal punishment?

C Yes, I do so confess.

P Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins and do you pray that God, for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of His beloved Son, to be gracious and merciful to you?

C Yes, I do so believe.

P Finally, do you believe that my forgiveness is God’s forgiveness?

C Yes, I do so believe.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

③ **Introit** *Psalms 69, Selected Verses*

P Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,
O Lord GOD of hosts;

C let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me,
O God of Israel.

P For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that dishonor has covered my face.

C I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my mother’s sons.

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

C **When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,
it became my reproach.**

P When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

C **I am the talk of those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

P Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

C **I am afflicted and in pain;
let your salvation, O God, set me on high!**

P I will praise the name of God with a song;

C **I will magnify him with thanksgiving.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

↓ Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ Verse (Lent)

P Return to the Lord, your God,
C for He is gracious and merciful,
P [He is] slow to anger,
C and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

♫ **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♫ **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

C 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.

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1–5

- 1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

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Sermon

↑ Offertory

- ♪ **C** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** O Lord, You are a jealous God. Save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment. Fill us with Your Son's zeal for Your house, that we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to You and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P O Lord, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, Your steadfast love in Christ is good. Turn in Your abundant mercy toward all who suffer in our midst, especially our sister Pat and all whom we name in our hearts Do not let the flood sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them. Deliver them and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, though we cannot even discern all our errors, declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults, and by Your Holy Spirit keep us back from presumptuous sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant that we may come before Your presence to eat Your Son's body and blood, not boasting of ourselves, but of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, three days after the temple of Your Son's body was destroyed by wicked men He raised it up again. Grant that on the Last Day we and all the saints who now rest in Your presence may share in the glory of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Watch over Oliver, Vicki, Gloria, Pamela, Tegan, Douglas, Bonnie, and Jean as they celebrate another year of your blessings on their birthdays this week. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord..

C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament^④

P In whom do you trust?

C **In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Who is Christ?

C **The Son of God, true God and man.**

- P** What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
- C** **He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**
- P** Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
- C** **Yes, I believe it.**
- P** What convinces you to believe this?
- C** **The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.**
- P** Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
- C** **First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.**
- P** Let us then in the Lord's Name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the sacrament.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** 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 ✠ body, 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

(LSB p. 197)

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

↓ Distribution Hymns:

454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

- 1** Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
As a victim won the day.
- 2** Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of th'appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 3** Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded
On the cross His dying breath.
- 4** Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thine equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!
- △ 5** Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To the eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

433 Glory Be to Jesus

- 1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Public domain

♩ Closing Liturgy (LSB p. 199-202)

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

- C** (*spoken*) and His mercy endureth forever.

- P** Let us pray. ... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn: 728 How Firm a Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!**
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.Public domain

Notes on Today's Liturgy

Lent is a season of penitence and self-examination. It is a time to devote ourselves even more fervently to the Word of God. Therefore, we are making some temporary changes to our Liturgy to pursue this goal. Here are the changes as noted in this week's service:

- ① *The Lenten Season was historically a time of catechesis for new converts to the Christian Faith. We use this season to review those sections of Luther's Small Catechism that are pertinent to the theme determined by the Gospel Lesson for each service.*
- ② *Some of you may recognize the confession used here. It is from the "Communion of the Homebound" order used during quarantine for our small services in the Fellowship Hall. The direct, personal questions and answers call us to focus more intently on our confessions.*
- ③ *Rather than employ the appointed Introits for each Sunday, we are using some of the Lament Psalms in their place. Their stark and striking language may offend us at first, but they lay before God the anger, disgust, anxiety and frustration that we often feel when dealing with shame and suffering. Thus they give us the words we're looking for when our prayers in time of oppression fall short.*
- ④ *- From Luther's "Christian Questions and Their Answers"*

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