



9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Setting 8



Introduction to the Day

The letters to the seven churches are now complete. In chapters 4-5 of Revelation, John is permitted to observe the Throne Room of God. The vision is both overwhelming and comforting. It serves to remind Believers that although persecution is impending, Jesus Christ hold all power and is in control.

Announcements: This week's activities can be found on page 15

*Congregation participation in **bold print**.*

Please rise in body or spirit .

GATHERING- The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
Who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power

Silence is kept for reflection.

We know that our selfishness and thoughtlessness has failed You and hurt others. We are truly sorry and want to live lives that praise You. We ask for Your forgiveness; knowing that You are a God of love and compassion. Transform our thoughts and lead us from guilt to grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We are accountable for our sin, but Jesus broke the power of sin over us. He has forgiven us so we will know Him and experience the freedom of His grace, to live as people of hope and joy. **Amen**



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*

*Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen

Please be seated.

WORD- God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-13

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will
faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and
the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people
upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and
kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
- ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the
prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

- ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.
- ¹⁰ Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and
all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.
- ¹¹ Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the
inhabitants of Sela shout for joy; let them shout from the tops of the mountains.
- ¹² Let them give glory to the Lord and declare his praise in the coastlands.
- ¹³ The Lord goes forth like a soldier; like a warrior he stirs up his fury; he cries out; he
shouts aloud; he shows himself mighty against his foes

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 98:1-9

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
- ² **The Lord has made known his victory;**
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;**
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- ⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn**
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- ⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.
- ⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands;**
let the hills sing together for joy
- ⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Please rise in body or spirit

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.*

GOSPEL: John 1:19-34

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²² Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said,

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ ”
as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, “Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal.” ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



SERMON INTRODUCTION

SERMON READING: Revelation 4:8-5:14

⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

“Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.”

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing

¹¹ “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, ² and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴ And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸ When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

¹⁰ you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please rise in body or spirit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

ELW Hymn 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the 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.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, "God of grace," The congregation will respond, "hear our prayer".

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.....

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.

MEAL- God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"We Are an Offering"

ELW Hymn 692

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours;
We are an offering
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you,
We give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you
We are an offering,
We are an offering*

Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Holy God, **gracious and merciful**, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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DIALOGUE

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.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night on 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 this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 today 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven.

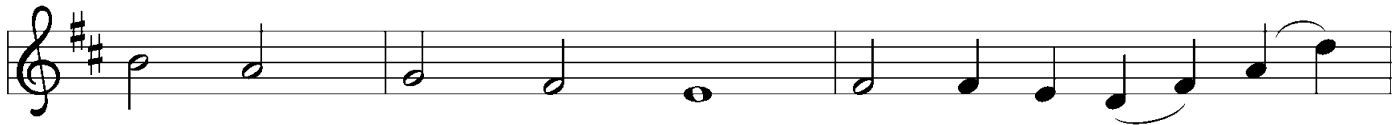
Please be seated.

We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord's Supper are invited forward to commune. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The used cups are placed in the tray on the left side as you leave the altar. Please indicate if you prefer grape juice instead of wine or a gluten-free alternative rather than bread. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" ELW Hymn 619, vs 1-4



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need. | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

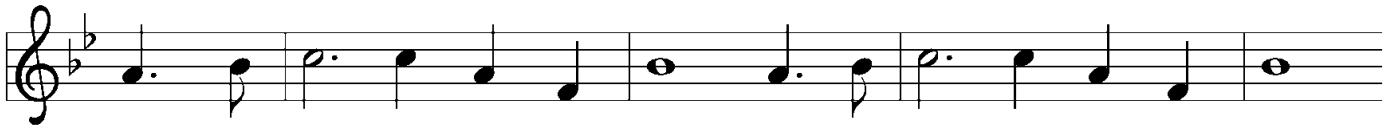
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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



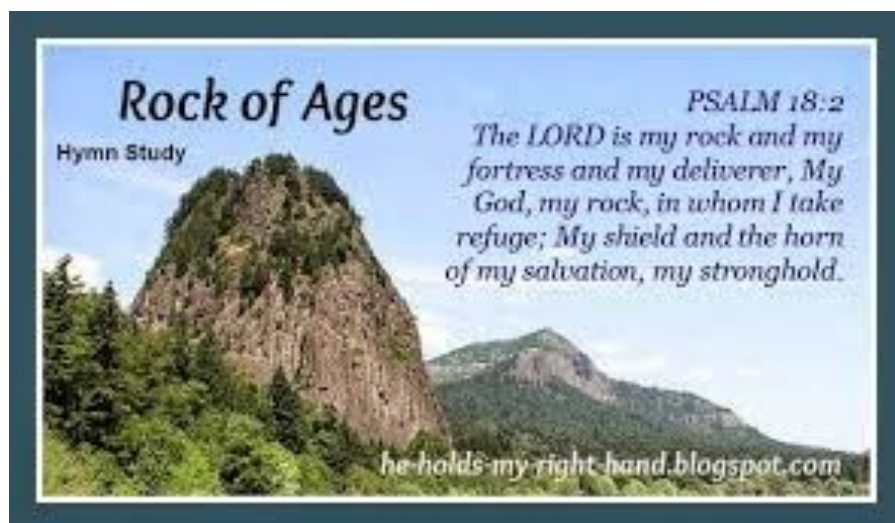
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872



Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

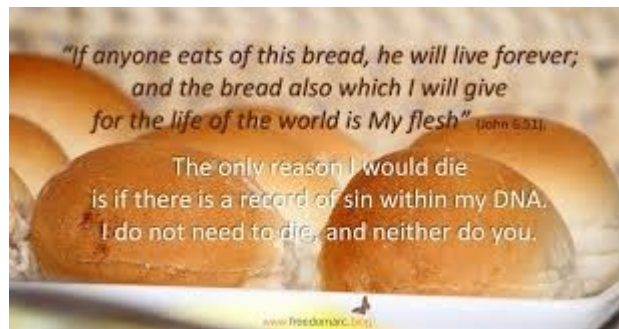
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Please rise in body or spirit.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might
speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen

SENDING- God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“He is Exalted”

W & P Hymn 55

DISMISSAL

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come.

Nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord!

Amen

Announcements:

- Today: Council Meeting, 11:00
- Monday: Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-5:30
Camp Hope Meal 5:45

Altar Guild for next Sunday: Laura Larson & Holly Hall

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Jill Brown, Jeannie Hannon, Hayden, Natalie, Trent Taylor, Mike Tobin, Sana Kibler, Karen Northup, Senia Lund, Jane DeBlassio, Darlene Picatti, Jane Peterson, Mel & Joan Jangard, Kikue Lugo, Shirley Taylor, Marah, Ben Van Corbach, Richardo, Mara, Laura, Jenny Frank, Lilly, Matt & Aliana Sauer, Christaan, Michael Gellar, Del, Wes Wilson, Bryon Van Arsdale, Lee Gap, Steve Eling, Mark, Lloyd Crabtree, Brian Hatheway, Victoria Hall, Carol Murphy, Jill, and Sandy Peterson.

Saturday, August 23rd is our Summer Time meal with the Peach Tree Vets. Join us at 12:00 for a baked potato bar and fellowship with our friends.



"God's Work. Our Hands" is Sunday, September 7th. Our project this year is to gather school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. A kit consists of:



70 sheet notebooks – ruler with both inches & centimeters – pencil sharpener – safety scissors – unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers – black or blue ballpoint pens – box of either 16 or 24 crayons – 2-1/2 eraser – 14"x17" drawstring backpack style cloth bag.

There is a box in the narthex for your supplies. Thank you.

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