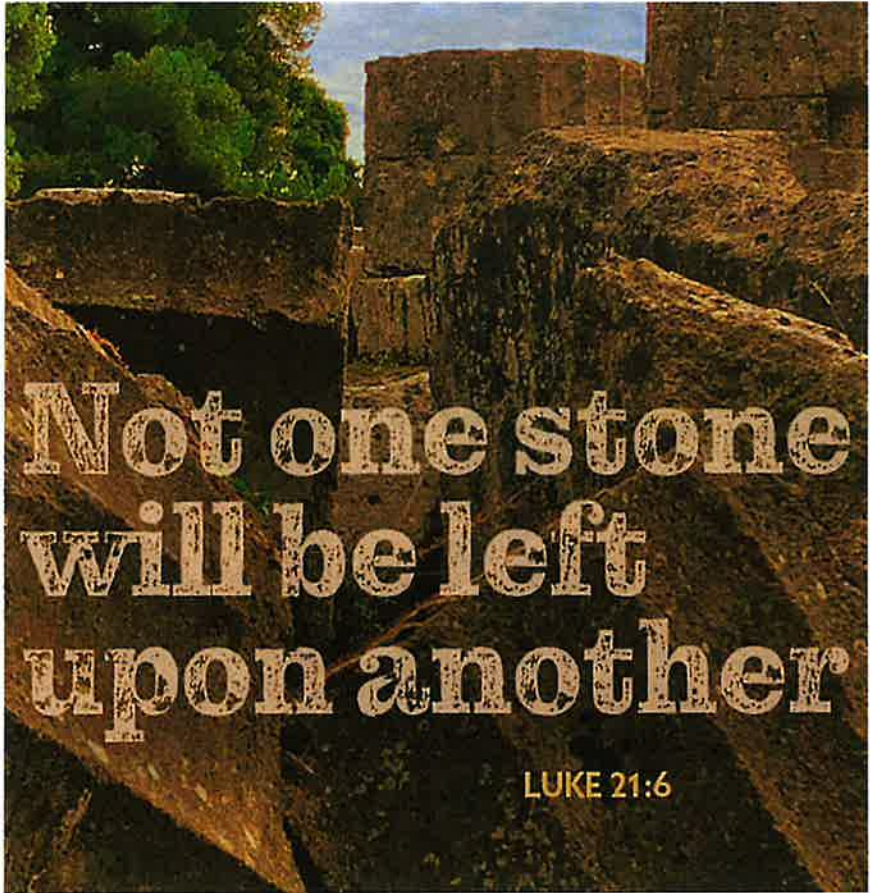


# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## *The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday, November 16, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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**The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Service Prelude**

Jared Hall, Organist

**Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Most merciful God,

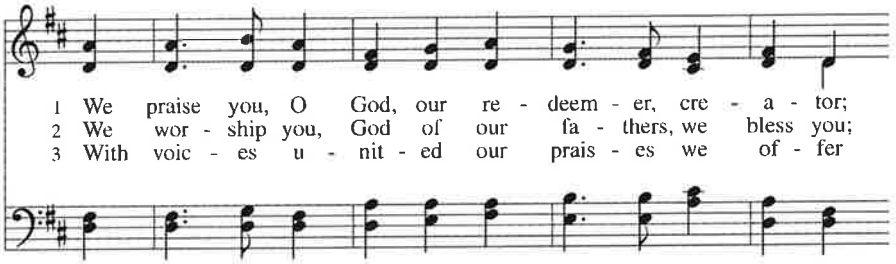
**C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, 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.

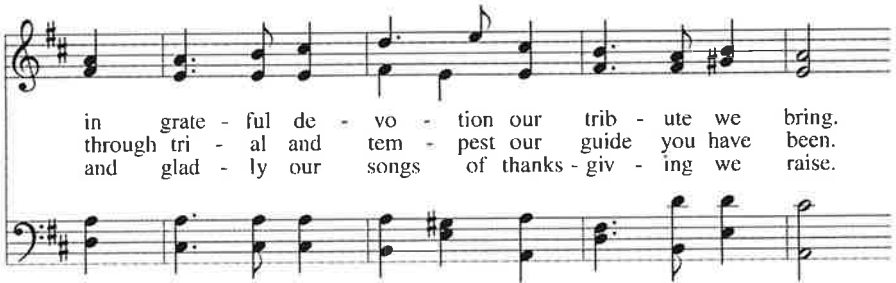
**C** Amen.

## Opening Hymn

# “We Praise You, O God” #241



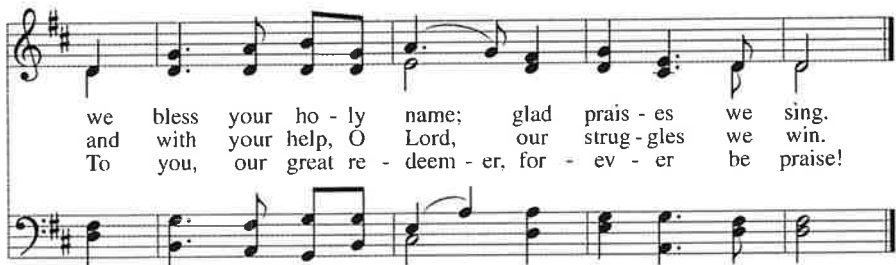
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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

**C** And also with you.

## The Gloria



♩ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



In the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

**Recognition of Birthdays & The Children's Sermon**

## **The First Lesson**

**Malachi 4:1-2a**

<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

**Here Ends the First Lesson**

## Psalm Hymn

# “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” #412



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
he crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

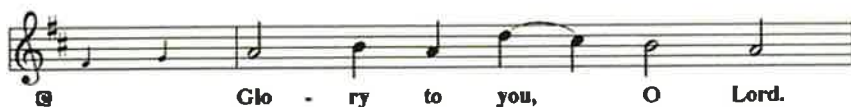
<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**Here Ends the Second Lesson**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **P The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the Twenty-first chapter.**



<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will

## **P The Gospel of the Lord**



**The Sermon Hymn**

**“Pass It On”**

Kurt Kaiser

It only takes a spark, To get a fire going  
And soon all those around, Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to ev'ryone, You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, When all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing, The flowers start their blooming  
That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him, It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.  
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## The Apostles' Creed

- + I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## The Prayers of The Church

### The Lord's Prayer

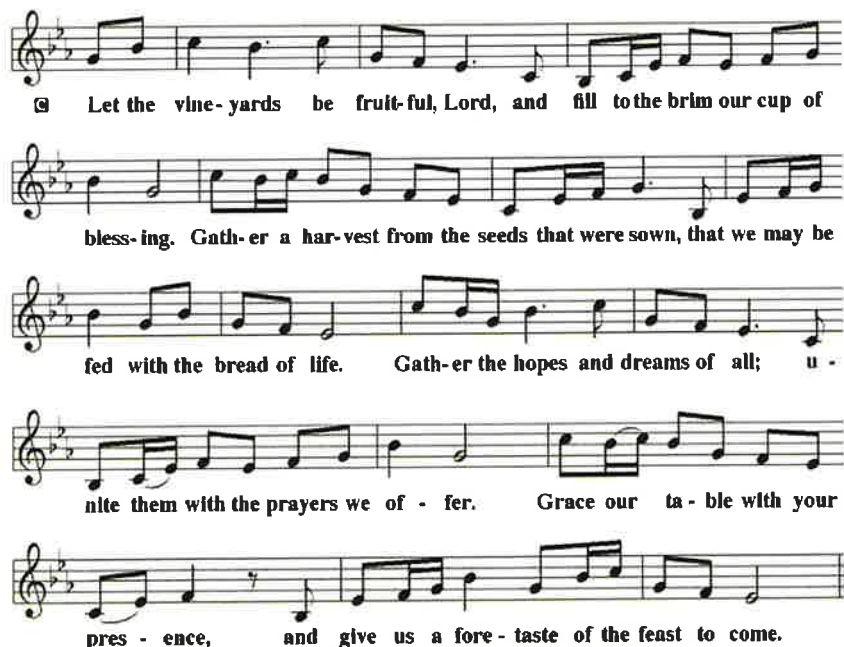
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

**P** The Peace of The Lord Be with You.

**C** And Also with You.

## Sharing of The Peace & Chancel Choir Anthem

### The Offering



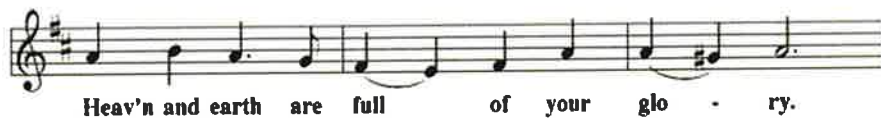
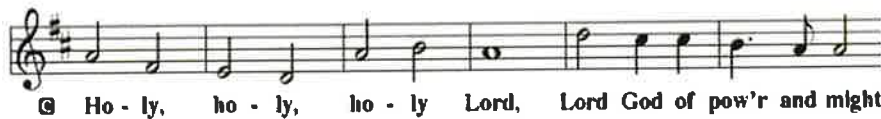
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nle them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**P** Let Us Pray

**P** Merciful Father,

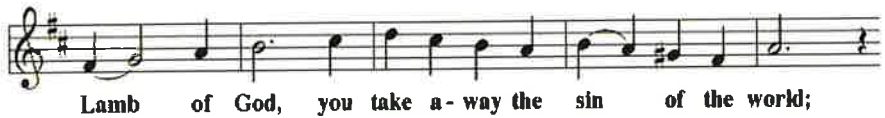
**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love, Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

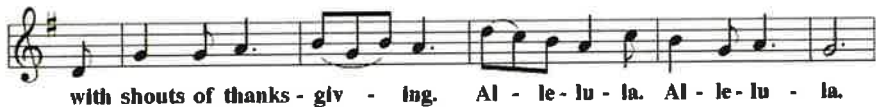


### The Words of Institution

## The Communion



**P** The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



## Benediction

**P** The Lord Bless You & Keep You, The Lord Make His Face Shine on you and Be Gracious to You, The Lord Look Upon You with Favor, and Give You Peace.



## The Closing Hymn

# + “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



### Refrain



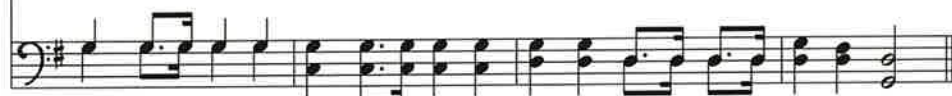
Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

**P/C** Go In Peace! Serve The Lord! / **Thanks Be To God!**

**Postlude** Jared Hall

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**We Welcome You to  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church...**

Whether you are a long time member, friend at St. Paul's, or here for the first time, we are glad you are with us in worship today! If you are in need of pastoral care, please give us a call. If you will be entering the hospital or preparing for any surgical procedures, please let the Pastor know so he can plan to visit and have prayer with you during this time. Thank you for checking the "prayer list" posted in the bulletin today and for helping us to keep this list current by notifying the office with any updates.

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**We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Kristen Aspaas, Kevin Boatright, Ronnie & Delores Boatright, Angie Briggs, Florence Brown, Tom Brown, Jean Camp, Alice Ann Duggar, David Fennell, George Flathmann, Mike Frederick, Miriam Fulton, Frances Graff, Louise Grotheer, Mike Hatfil, Gene Henry, Don Kennedy, Dianne Martin, Mario Morin, Sydney Oetgen, Al Schunemann, Kay Sellman, Isabelle Sherouse, Charlie Smith, Debbie Sonnenschmidt, Barbara & Tim Tyson, Melissa Waller, Michelle Ward, Joe Whitaker and Alan Wyatt.

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**Current Budgetary Needs Each Sunday From 2025 Offerings**

**\$8,200.00**

**Received From Current Offerings Last Week:**

**\$3,260.00**

**Worship Statistics Last Week:**

**10:00 AM - 90 Facebook Broadcast - 87**

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## **Our Worship Leaders & Staff...**

**Senior Pastor...** The Rev. Peter J. Hartmann  
**Director of Music & CFO ...** Donald R. Martin, Jr.  
**Senior Organist & Choir Accompanist ...** Jared Hall  
**Organ Curator ...** James Freeman - Callahan, Florida  
**Office Administrator ...** Fran Snipes  
**"The Epistle" ...** Betsy Martin  
**Facebook Live Broadcasting...** Lisa B. Martin  
**Chancel Choir Bass Section Leader ...** Anthony Broadnax  
**Chancel Choir Soprano Section Leader ...** Evelyn Thomas  
**Chancel Choir Tenor Section Leader ...** Allan Berry, II  
**Resonator Guitar ...** William Pan  
**Pre-School Director ...** Gina Johnson  
**Assistant Pre-School Director ...** Cynthia Thomas  
**Parish Housekeeping ...** April Reilly

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**Our Lector Today** Charlie Schafer

### **Altar Guild**

Charlie Schafer

### **Liturgical Service Cantors**

Emma Levy, Carol Stemsrud & Donald Martin

### **Communion Assistants**

John & Sherill Martin

### **Narthex Greeter**

Pat Sparks

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**Please Remember...**

***IT'S THANKSGIVING  
CARE BASKET TIME !!!***

*For Our Shut-Ins...  
We will need Apples  
And Oranges, Canned Fruit,  
Pudding Packs, Individual  
Serving Cookies or Crackers...*

***BRING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd***

*We Will Assemble after Lunch in Hoffner Hall!  
Delivery Drivers Needed - See Lisa Neville*

**THANKSGIVING COVERED DISH LUNCHEON  
And CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, November 23rd @ 11AM**

**After the 10AM Service...**

**Ham, Turkey & Drinks Available!!!**

**25-26 Seasonal Worship Offerings**

**Sunday November 23rd Christ the King Sunday**

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 am Congregational Meeting

**12:00 Noon - Thanksgiving Covered Dish Luncheon**

**Sunday November 30th - Advent 1**

**10:00 am Worship - Service of the Word**

**Wednesday December 3rd, 10th & 17th - Advent Services**

**11:00 am Advent Services in the Henry J. Black Chapel**

**Sunday December 7th - Advent 2**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday December 14th - Advent 3**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

**4:00 pm 64th Annual Tri-Church Christmas Festival & Reception**

**Sunday December 21st - Advent 4**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Play**

**5:00 Annual Family Advent Night - Soup & Sandwich Dinner**

**Wednesday December 24th - Christmas Eve Services**

**6:30 & 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Services**

**w/ Organ, Piano, Choirs & Brass**

**Sunday December 28th**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am Lessons & Carols Service with the Choir**

**Sunday January 4th - 2026**

9:00 am-10:00 am Adult Sunday School

**10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion**



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