

#### "A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

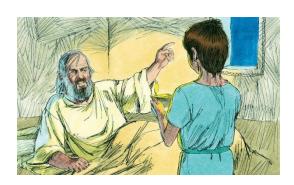
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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 4:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 8:30 A.M.



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.

As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

<u>VISITORS..</u> Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. We would love to meet you!

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER...</u> to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. One of the Vicars or Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

<u>DID YOU KNOW...</u> Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

<u>LITTLE FOLKS...</u> Parents... please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

<u>BE COMFORTABLE.</u> There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

**Hearing Devices:** The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

**FLOWERS** for the altar today are given by Jan Klipfel in memory of husband Dennis.

<u>PRAYERS:</u> Gary & Karel Titus, Earl Marlatt, Marilyn Davis, Marge Jones, Jerry Taylor, Sonja Estes, Bernice Gray (sister of Sandy Everly), Ed Russell, Tony Cegon (brother of Michelle Cegon & stepson of David Donaldson), Larry & Loretta Munsterman, Danya (daughter of Niki Duffy's friend), Karen Huggins (friend of Gary Raasch), Steve Rodeffer (friend of Gary Raasch), Cassie Radke (granddaughter of Dyanne Radke), Mary Marsh, Bill Haney, Jacky Patte Donna (sister of Lisa Crayne), Mason Fletcher (Grandson of Lisa Crayne), Forrest Marsh, Carolyn Smith, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller)

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Apostles Creed & the Contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of October. God blesses our prayers.

*Is Your Phone Turned Off?* 

**PRELUDE** 

**TEMPLE TALK** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

- V God Is Good!
- C All the time
- V All the time
- C God Is Good!

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- V Blessed be the Holy Trinity, 

  → one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
- C Amen.
- V We confess our sins before God and one another.

## Pause for silence and reflection.

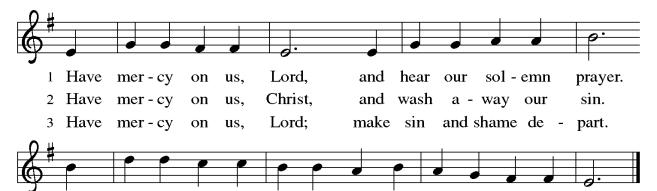
- C Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.
- P Hear the good news Christians. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing, even the worst we do or fail to do, can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend.
- C Amen.



#### **GREETING**

- V 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.

#### **KYRIE**



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## **SONG OF PRAISE**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY together we pray:

C God who calls. Open our ears to listen for your voice amid the clamor of our daily lives. Help us to discern your call from among the many distractions that confront us each day, that we might live each day according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

#### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

- V May the peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C And also with you
- V Please generously share God's peace all around!

#### **WORSHIP CAROL**

CHOIR WITH LYNDA NELSON (4 pm) "God of Our Fathers"

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine; And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine!

**ENSEMBLE (8:30 am)** "Spirit Song" Women of the Choir

#### **LESSON** 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8 The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." "So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." 11 Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16 But Eli called Samuel

and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." 17 Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more

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also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### GOSPEL: John 20:21-23

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

V The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

**TEACHING**: "Have You Got Your Hearing Aids In???!!!"

Vicar Jerry Randby



### 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.

#### **PRAYER INVOCATION**



#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

V Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

# A brief silence.

V Your call comes often when we do not expect it. Incline our ears to hear what you are saying and grant us courage to do what you ask. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

## Here other petitions may be offered. **Together we pray**

- C Bless Your Church. Bless your Vicars in our church. Purify, preserve & provide through your Holy Spirit. We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition.

  We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward in mission. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."
- V Open our ears to the cries of the natural world, that we might remember your charge to care for all that you have made. Help us to love creation as you do and bear out that love in action. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V The world is slow to hear your message, even one of salvation. Use us in ways which reach the far corners of the earth with the good news of redemption and eternal life in you. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V You are ever sensitive to our fears, weaknesses, and cries of health and wellness. Extend your healing hand to us all, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V Make us good mentors for the youth. Help us to influence them and support their growing faith that they may find the ways in which you are calling them to give their lives in service. God of promise,

## C Hear our prayer.

V Join us with all who have heard your call in every age and followed you. Make of us one family of faith, undivided by time or space. God of promise.

## C Hear our prayer.

V We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name we pray.

#### C Amen.

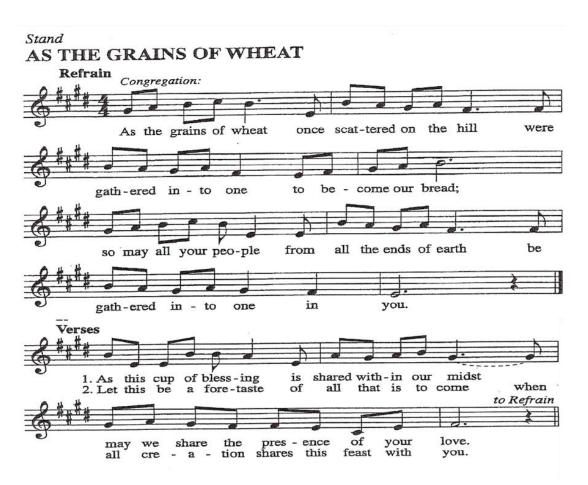
**THE OFFERING** (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in- person giving as well as online giving.)

**CONGREGATION:** Please join in singing #857,

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth To the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

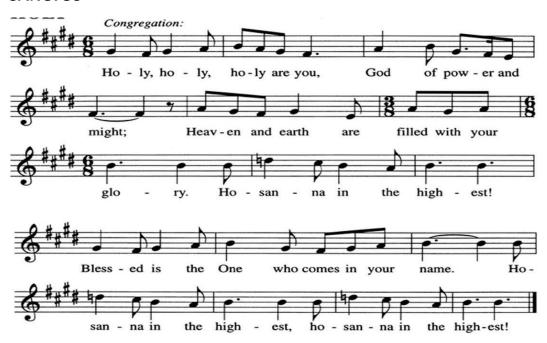
#### **RESPONSE**



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- V The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- V Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **SANCTUS**



- V Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
  - We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
  - Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

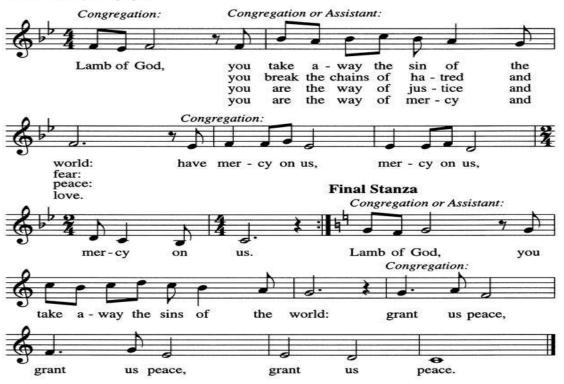
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who are not communing as well as children may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of your chest to receive a blessing. Everyone should complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

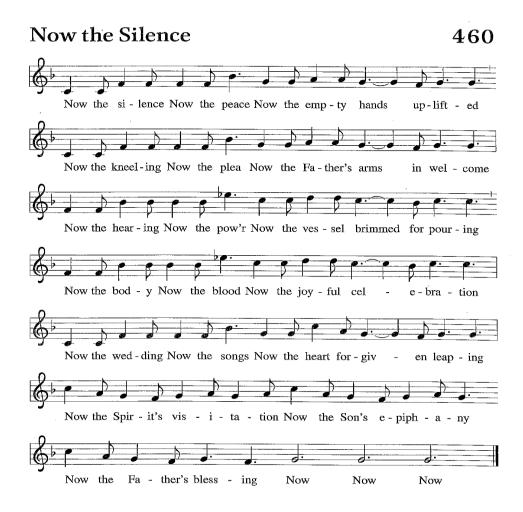
#### LAMB OF GOD



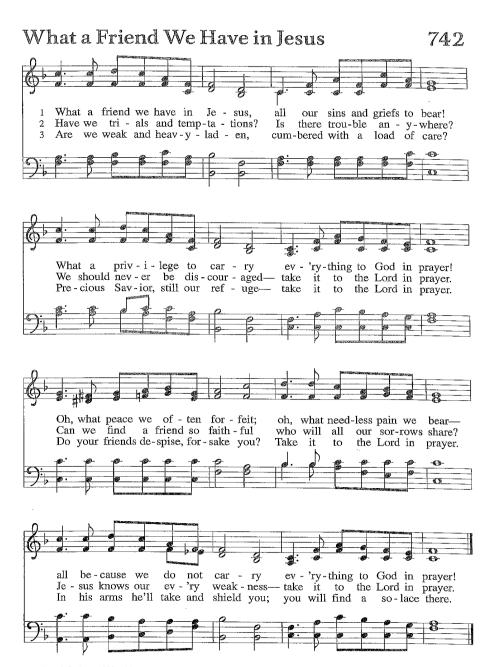
#### **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

"Now the Silence"

**ELW 460** 







#### **COMMUNION BLESSING:**

- V The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.
- C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (together we pray)

C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



- V Almighty God has created you and has a purpose for your life every day! Lord, Help us remember, IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD...
- C YOU ARE NOT DONE!
- V Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity, 

  → one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.
- C Amen.

#### DISMISSAL

- V Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
- C Thanks be to God.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NAME BADGE:** If you need a name badge please make note on your green slip and we will have one for you next weekend. You don't need to be a member to wear a name badge.

**SATURDAY WORSHIP:** began on October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 P.M.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** will begin on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, Fellowship Classroom. Anyone interested in becoming an associate or full member of Gloria de Cristo is invited. Classes are for 3 Sunday's and members are received on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

TRUNK OF TREAT: We hope you will plan to take part in this event. It should be a fun time to see all the little ones. The event is Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Set up time is 4:00-4:30 pm in the church parking lot. You can either decorate your trunk or do a table set up using your own stuff! Door prize will be given for the best display! Best to find a friend to do this with to be cost efficient!! Plan to bring 150-200 wrapped pieces of candy!! Need more information contact: Lynette If you plan to participate, please complete the form in this bulletin.

**CRAFT WORSHOP:** is now meeting every Thursday, 9 am in Fellowship Hall. The craft group is looking for pinecones. If you have any or know of friends up north that haven't come down yet, please check with them if they have any to bring and donate. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by phone or text. *Nancy Griffiths* 

<u>OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY:</u> has resumed. Thursday's at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall. **Bring your Bibles**. We will begin with 1 Samuel, Chapter 1

<u>ELCA WOMEN'S GATHERING:</u> A one-day conference/gathering is scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am at Faith/La Fe Lutheran Church, Phoenix. Anyone interested in more information should contact the church office.

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE CHOIRS PRESENT: 'The Power of Many" on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, 3030 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue for anyone looking to enjoy an afternoon of music. This is open to the public.

Gloria De Cristo Social Concerns Committee is beginning a Vicars Discretionary Fund for members in need of brief financial assistance. The fund can be accessed by contacting one of our Vicars.

The guidelines for assistance include once-a-year assistance up to \$100.00 for a specific need. Funds will be made payable to the organization not the individual. Exceptions can be determined by the Vicars.

On October 10/18/25 and 10/19/25 we will be accepting offerings as seed money for this fund. Colored envelopes will be placed in the pews to begin this fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

# **REMINDERS:**

#### Service

<u>Days for Girls:</u> will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday's of each month @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fellowship and fun

**GriefShare:** Every Sunday at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Classroom.

## Reading and Learning

Old Testament Bible Study: every Thursday @ 4 pm in Fellowship Hall.

<u>Prayer Fellowship:</u> will meet on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am in the Sanctuary

## Fun and Fellowship

<u>Chair Aerobics</u>: Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm & Fridays at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$5/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Date	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Comm.	Readers	AV
10/11	Joane	Marge Jones/Dinga	Roger/Jen Krough	Jen Krough	Char/David
10/12	Niki	L. Layton/S.Arceneaux	C, Wade/T. Martin	Nancy Griffiths	Niki/Ted
10/18	Char	John/Verna Arnold	G. Raasch/M. Marsh	Mike Grubbs	Char/David
10/19	Nancy	Jay/Anna Stokes	Chuck/Mona O'Reilly	Linda Srand	Niki/Ted
10/25	Char	Dave/Lynda Steinman	Marge Jones/Dinga	S. Weidling	Char/David
10/26	Jan	Jim Hollandsworth/	Jan Klipfel/Tony	Jeanie Volpe	Niki/Ted
		Joanne Ausing	Hoffman		

# **CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 10/13	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 10/13	1:00 pm	Alanon	Nursery
Tuesday 10/14	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 10/14	10:30 am	Coffee Club	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 10/14	2:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Mtg.	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 10/15	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 10/15	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 10/15	5:45 pm	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thurs. 10/16	7:00 am	TOPS	Classroom
Thurs. 10/16	9:00 am	Prayer Fellowship	Sanctuary
Thurs. 10/16	9:00 am	Craft Workshop	Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 10/16	4:00 pm	Old Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Friday 10/17	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 10/17	5:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 10/18	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 10/18	4:00 pm	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/19	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/19	12:15 am	GriefShare	Fellowship Classroom

## **Attendance:**

October 4, 2025 = 19 @ 4:00 pm; October 5, 2025 = 109 @ 8:30 am

Facebook = 171 , YouTube = 19

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