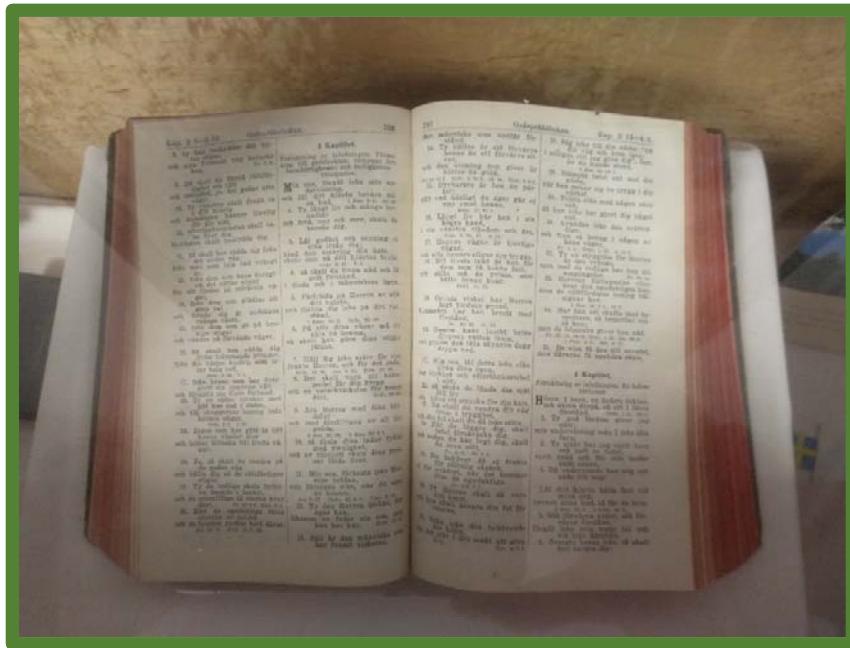


# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

January 23, 2022



In today's Gospel lesson, Jesus visits his hometown of Nazareth and reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Today we read the lessons from the Bible. Above is an image of the 1917 Swedish Bible given to Gethsemane from Vi Aronsson.

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**Holy Communion** is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table. During this time of extreme caution, individual, sealed servings of Communion can be found on the table in the narthex next to the bulletins.

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# GATHERING

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**PRELUDE:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

James Engel

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

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

**P:** Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

**P:** Rejoice in this good news: In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (verses 1 & 4) Hymn #886

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

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## GREETING:

**P:** 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *Now the Feast*

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**AM:** Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

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### **THE FIRST READING:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AM:** Let us read responsively from Psalm 19. I will read the odd-numbered verses. Please respond by reading aloud the even numbered verses printed in bold.

## PSALM 19

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it  
again;**  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**
- <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight,**  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one

body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat optional*

## GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

## The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY: A

Hymn #314

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|---|--|---|--|
| 1 | Arise, your light has come!<br>The Spirit's call obey;<br>show forth the glory of your God<br>which shines on you today.   | 3 | Arise, your light has come!<br>All you in sorrow born,<br>bind up the brokenhearted ones<br>and comfort those who mourn. |
| 2 | Arise, your light has come!<br>Fling wide the prison door;<br>proclaim the captive's liberty,<br>good tidings to the poor. |   |  |

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## **THE CREED**

Let us confess our faith using the words of 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**AM:** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

**AM:** You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

**AM:** All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

**AM:** You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

**AM:** Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression. Today we pray especially Dan, Natalie, Neil, Kevin, Peggy, Troy, Lillie, Deb, Don, and those we name before you now, either silently in our hearts or spoken from our lips.... Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

**AM:** Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

**P:** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Peace be with you.**

## **MEAL**

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### **THE OFFERING:**

*During this time of offering, we ask that you remember the church's ongoing expenses and our ongoing need to be generous people of God. Offerings may be mailed to the church. You may also visit our website at [gethsemanestl.org](http://gethsemanestl.org) to donate electronically.*

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** *Epiphany Waltz*

Thomas Keesecker

**P:** In this celebration of Holy Communion, Christ is truly present and gathers us together in one body, thru the mystery of the Holy Spirit. The chalice and basket here, dearly loved instruments of serving the sacrament, sit empty as a sign of the unity between those gathered for worship in their homes as well as for us gathered here in the sanctuary. Jesus promises to be with us and we trust his promise.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (indicated by a '4'). The Presider's part is on the top two staves, and the Congregation's part is on the bottom two staves.

*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:*

*Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

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**P:** It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is your light made manifest to all the nations and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we 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 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 congregation is seated.*

## COMMUNION

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

P: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## LAMB OF GOD

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;  
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace;  
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:  
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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**P:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (verses 1-3) Hymn #843

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the  
gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

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## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**AM:** We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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### **BLESSING**

**P:** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, <sup>☩</sup> bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (verses 1,2,4)      Hymn #551

1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**AM:** Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *The Spirit Sends Us*

Charles Callahan

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## **Worship Leaders**

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor:             | Tina Reyes (she/her/ella) |
| Assisting Minister: | Gary Borkowski            |
| Organist:           | Johanna Erdman            |
| Choir:              | Gethsemane Choir          |
| Altar Guild:        | Mary Lou Young            |

### **Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar January 23-30, 2021**

|                |                     |   |
|----------------|---------------------|---|
| Today          | 9:30 am<br>11:00 am | Worship Service: Streaming live on YouTube<br>Annual Meeting via Zoom (No Confirmation) |
| 1/26 Wednesday | 10:00 am            | Staff Meeting   |
| 1/30 Sunday    | 9:30 am<br>10:30 am | Worship Service: Streaming live on YouTube<br>Confirmation via Zoom                     |

**Today's flowers were given by Vi Aronsson  
in memory of the Aronsson family.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Annual Congregational Meeting Today.** The Annual meeting will be held following this morning's worship service at 11am. Invitations to join the Zoom meeting were sent out last Tuesday. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to join the Zoom meeting, please contact the church office.

**Confirmation students are expected to attend the Annual Congregational meeting** via Zoom today. Confirmation classes via Zoom will take place again next week.

**The Mitten Tree** has been stripped is up and ready to display more of your donations of mittens, hats, and gloves. The tree will remain in the Narthex through the end of January when items will be divided between Isiah 58 and St. Anthony's. So far, we have collected and donated: 89 pairs of gloves, 26 hats, 1 pair of socks, and 3 neck warmers, for a total of 119 items!

**Sunday School will hopefully resume** indoors on February 6. Families with age eligible children were recently emailed a registration link. Please register your child so the teachers know how many students to plan for. There is no cost to families. A children's Choir will eventually take place as part of Sunday School once singing is able to resume for the congregation.

**LuMin Dinners!** Sign-ups are live for Dinner and Jesus nights at LuMin. Sign up on Gethsemane's website. Gethsemane is providing a meal for 10-15 on the last Sunday of the month: January 30, February 27, March 27, and April 24. Full details are included in the sign up.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Dan Flaxbart** – as he recovers from hand surgery  
**Natalie Fontana** – continued health and strength  
**Neil Gustafson** – who is recovering at home  
**Kevin Kopplin** – continued health and strength  
**Peggy Lewis** – quick recovery from knee surgery  
**Troy Mann** – strength and comfort during his cancer treatments  
**Lillie Niebuhr** – who is recovering from knee surgery  
**Debbie Schaller** – healing  
**Don Thuss** – who is recovering from eye surgery

| Request for:  | On Behalf of:                            |
|---|--|
| Betsy's sister Maggie Blossfeld (health, comfort, hope), Larry Hampton (recovery, strength) | <i>Betsy Bartholomew</i>                 |
| Stephen Cutelli (healing, strength)   | <i>Mark Cutelli</i>                      |
| Gretchen's sister (comfort, clarity, peace)   | <i>Jenson Family</i>                     |
| Maryn's mom Ginny (comfort, strength), all who mourn  | <i>Olson/Fulton Family</i>               |
| Larry Rodriques as he enters hospice care   | <i>Erica Perlow and Rodriques Family</i> |
| Our son Dennis (healing), all those suffering from COVID19                                  | <i>Scanlan Family</i>                    |
| Drikow family (quick recovery from COVID19)   | <i>Sharon Salerno</i>                    |
| Jon Begley (health, healing)  | <i>Wobbe Family</i>                      |
| Art, Jim, Leland, Nancy, and Shirley  | <i>Young/Kleine Family</i>               |

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