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## Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (Located in the church basement)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

## **Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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#### From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

# For younger children

Word Search:

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

# For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [ex: LSC-Baptism]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

## Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

# **Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes**

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be made available pending students' schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

#### Pass It On

*In preparation for Proper 15 – August 16, 2020* 

She could see Jesus in the distance. It was rumored that He was the King of the Jews, and she was a Canaanite woman. People may have wondered what He would be willing to do for her, but she trusted that His mercy and love knew no bounds.

She approached him, crying out, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon" (Matthew 15:22).

However, it seemed as if her status did matter, negatively so. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24).

Still, the woman kept after Him, her dignity being completely stripped away. Even though the Jews looked upon her as an inferior, like a dog, but she knelt before Jesus and said: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (Matthew 15:27).

This remarkable woman grasped the big picture of Jesus' ministry, that He came for the salvation of all people. She believed that despite her earthly status, Jesus would heal her daughter's affliction.

In the end, this interaction was not one of earthly distinctions and divisions, but of humility and faith. Jesus told the woman: "great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Matthew 15:28).

Within a society deeply divided by earthly distinctions, the church proclaims Christ as Savior of all who believe in Him.

Like this woman, Christians too are stripped of any dignity or standing before God that arises from themselves. At the point of utter humility, God through His Good News gives poor sinners faith to cling to the Christ Who came for all, died for all, and rose again.

We invite you to hear of this universal love and grace of God this coming Sunday.

## **WORSHIP FOLDER**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 15
I Believe in Jesus Christ
August 15 & 16, 2020

## As We Gather

The African American spiritual "Give Me Jesus" begins "In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus," words that remind us that our Savior, Jesus, is with us at all times. The same truth is expressed in another hymn in which English hymnist Timothy Dudley-Smith writes: "Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way." Jesus Christ, whom we confess in the Creed, is always there to comfort and to guide us. Our songs of praise, whether new to us or old favorites, can well express our thanksgiving for His loving care.



#### Order of Divine Service IV LSB 203

Opening Hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB528

- Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
  My great Redeemer's praise,
  The glories of my God and King,
  The triumphs of His grace!
- My gracious Master and my God,
   Assist me to proclaim,
   To spread through all the earth abroad,
   The honors of Thy name.
- Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
  That bids our sorrows cease;
  'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
  'Tis life and health and peace.
- He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
  He sets the pris'ner free.
  His blood can make the foulest clean;
  His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.

- Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
  The Lamb of God was slain.
  His soul was once an off'ring made
  For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love
  Be now and ever giv'n
  By saints below and saints above,
  The Church in earth and heav'n.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Who can be included in the pronoun "us?"

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## **Introit** Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

- P The Lord is the strength of His people;
  - He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
- C To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
  - lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
- P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.
- C Blessed be the Lord!

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The Lord is the strength of His people;

He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Who are God's people and what nations can be included?

## Kyrie LSB 204

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

- C 1 To God on high be glory
  And peace to all the earth;
  Goodwill from God in heaven
  Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
  We praise and bless You, Father;
  Your holy name, we sing—
  Our thanks for Your great glory,
  Lord God, our heav'nly King.
  - 2 To You, O sole-begotten,
    The Father's Son, we pray;
    O Lamb of God, our Savior,
    You take our sins away.
    Have mercy on us, Jesus;
    Receive our heartfelt cry,
    Where You in pow'r are seated
    At God's right hand on high—
  - 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . <sup>6</sup>"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." <sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Who are the foreigners who will be brought to the house of prayer?

## Psalm Psalm 67

- P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.
- C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- P Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- C Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- P The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
- C God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Who are these people who praise the Lord?

# **Epistle** Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . . <sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . <sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Whom does God want to receive His mercy?

## **Alleluia and Verse**

- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Holy Gospel** Matthew 15:21–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.** 

How did Jesus show that God's mercy is for everyone?

Throughout this Divine Service, highlight is some fashion all the phrases that reveals to us God wants all people to be saved and become His Children.

## **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 T everlasting. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

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.

- Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
   Praise the One who drove out demons With the 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 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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**Sermon** "How God Deals With All These People" Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

Introduction:

The Bible records for us how a good and faithful God deals with disobedient people. It begins with the fall of Adam and Eve into sin. Here God had created a perfect world for perfect people to live in. But Adam and Eve rejected this gift and sought to become for themselves gods. Their disobedience brought sin and death into this world.

But because of their disobedience God was able to once again show His mercy. He promised them a Savior, whom we know today, is Jesus Christ.

## I. He called one nation to receive the promise

Now, this creates a problem for us. Adam and Eve had many descendants. Twice God had to deal with their disobedience. He sent a flood and yet showed His mercy by saving 8 people in all. So, it has been narrowed done, that from the descendants of Noah a Savior would be born.

But the problem continues. From Noah came many more descendants. In their wickedness, they disobeyed God by trying to make themselves into a singular great nation.

God showed His mercy by confusing their language and dispersing them. In this way, they would not all turn away from God.

Yet, a problem for us remains. Now that all these nations having been scattered how could we know where the Savior would come and who would He be.

So, God in His great mercy choose one nation. Beginning with Abraham, then to Isaac, then to Jacob, also named Israel, and of his descendant, Judah, God established the chosen nation, the Jews. God would deal with this nation until the Savior had accomplished His work of salvation.

We have just reviewed the Book of Genesis. The rest of the Old Testament is a history of a faithful God who dealt with a disobedient people. Time and time again God showed His mercy by bringing under His wing a people who constantly sought after other gods. The Palms and the Prophets speak about this merciful God in keeping His promise with a rebellious people.

Paul now shares insights on this merciful God. He speaks about the disobedience of the Jewish nation. They had rejected their God. They cried out, "Crucify Him." They even sought to put to death Christ's followers, of whom Paul was one of them.

Now, not all the people of Israel rejected their Lord. There were the disciples, the 120 gathered on Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and the 3,000 that were baptized that first day of whom many were of Jewish descent or have converted to Judaism.

## II. He shows mercy to all nations

Yet, God used their disobedience to bring salvation to the world. Their rejection of Jesus on that Good Friday was used by God to bring the sacrifice for the sin of the whole world to the cross. Their rejection and one must add the failure of the Gentile leaders to protect Him, lead to the

atonement for sin for the whole world.

Paul is now speaking to the Gentile believers at Rome and to us today. The Gentile nations were also disobedient to their good and gracious God, their Creator, Protector and Provider. They were disobedient like their first parents, Adam and Eve. They were sinful just like the Jews making all people sinful in the presence of God.

And just as God used the nation of Israel to bring to this world a Savior, He now uses the Gentile nations to bring the saving message of Christ to all nations including Israel. No nation is rejected by God, for He wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## Conclusion:

Understanding, believing and holding dearly to this truth that God wants all people to be saved moves our hearts to think of people as having a common need. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. There in not one who does good no not one. We all have a common need greater than any other need in the world. We need a Savior. Without one, we shall surely die for all eternity.

God has shown us His mercy. For if He can bring about the salvation of the world by His Son's rejection and death, what joy He has when one is reconciled back to Him through Jesus Christ. This is the mercy of God that He reveals to us that all people are sinful and that His mercy is for everyone.

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## Prayer of the Church

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend

[name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.

## **Hymns**

#### "We All Believe in One True God" LSB 953

- We all believe in one true God,
  Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
  Ever-present help in need,
  Praised by all the heav'nly host;
  All He made His love enfolds,
  All creation He upholds.
- We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won; By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.
- We all confess the Holy Ghost,
   Who from both in truth proceeds,
   Who sustains and comforts us
   In all trials, fears, and needs.
   Blessèd, holy Trinity,
   Praise forever be to Thee!

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## "God Loved the World So That He Gave" *LSB 571*

- God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death; All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- God would not have the sinner die;
  His Son with saving grace is nigh;
  His Spirit in the Word declares
  How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done; And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,

This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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## Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
  Depart in heav'nly peace,
  For I have seen the glory
  Of Your redeeming grace:
  A light to lead the Gentiles
  Unto Your holy hill,
  The glory of Your people,
  Your chosen Israel.
  - 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

## **Benedicamus** LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.

## Hymn "Christ Be My Leader" LSB 861

Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
  Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
  Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
  Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
  Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
  Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
  Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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