



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*The First Will Be Last;  
The Last Will Be First*

**August 21, 2022**





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Worship at 8am and  
10:30am

Bible Class and Youth  
Sunday School at 9:15am

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## Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **"Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!"**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **"Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life."**
- Please sign the Connection Card inside of your newsletter to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women's and men's restrooms.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP:**

When it comes to the difficult and uncomfortable topic of who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, it is natural to want to avoid the issue. One way we do that is to direct our attention to theoretical questions. "What is heaven like?" "How old will we be there?" Today, someone asks Jesus, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?" Jesus brushes the question aside. Instead, he answers the question we should be asking. Rather than talking about how many will be saved, Jesus explains how to be among the saved. What he teaches today through his Word is a hard truth. The doorway into heaven is narrow. Scripture consistently teaches that those individuals who are certain they will be first through that door are more likely to be last, if they make it through at all. Instead, the one who believes he is the last one God should let into the kingdom, and that his only chance of getting in is through the grace of Christ, will enter first.

### **Worship Series: *Hard Truth***

As he made his way to Jerusalem, preaching and teaching as he went, Jesus knew he was going there to die. If you expect Jesus to use these final teaching opportunities to share happy thoughts, you don't know him well. With a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if we don't want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This shouldn't surprise us, considering his life and work are the opposite of what we would expect. Whenever the truth is hard to hear, the first temptation is to deny it. We can't do that with Jesus' teaching, for he never lies. When the truth is hard to hear, the second temptation is to simply ignore it. To do that with Jesus is to court eternal death. Thus, Jesus' words contain an urgent warning: Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life!



<b>Aug. 21</b>	<b><i>The First Will Be Last; The Last Will Be First</i></b>
<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b><i>The Humble Will Be Exalted; The Exalted Will Be Humbled</i></b>
<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b><i>Put Down What You Love; Pick Up What You Loathe</i></b>
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b><i>The Found are Left; The Lost Are Found</i></b>

## THE SERVICE: SETTING TWO

*This service setting appears in Christian Worship, and is a 21st-century version of the Common Service, which has been used in Lutheran Hymnals since the 1800s.*

### OPENING HYMN

**Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven**

*Christian Worship 621*

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

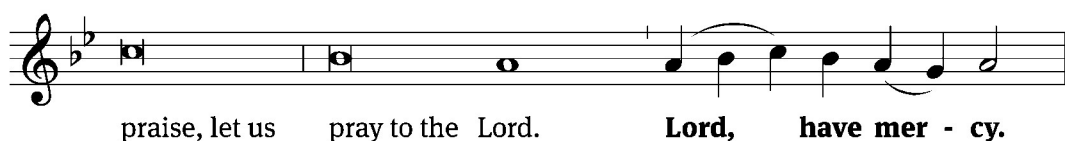
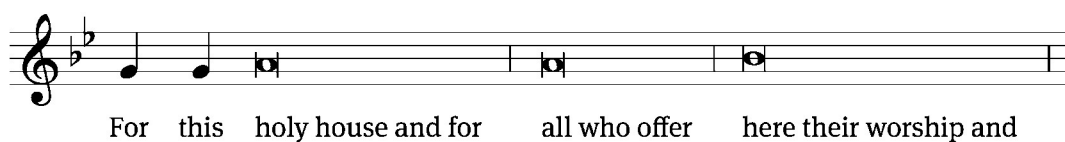
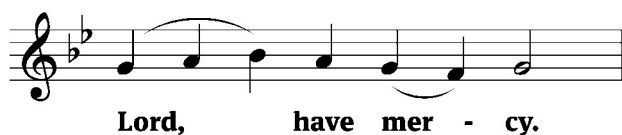
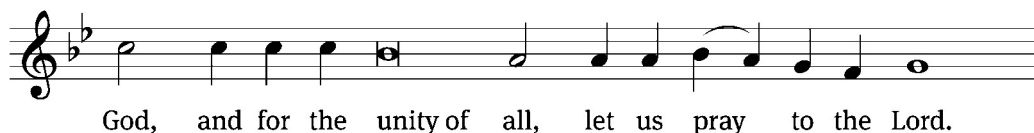
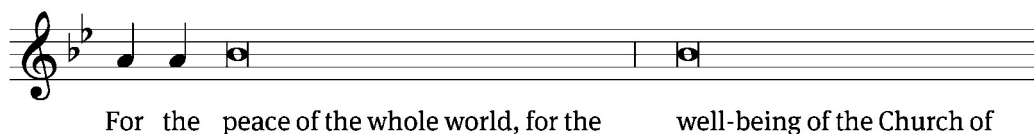
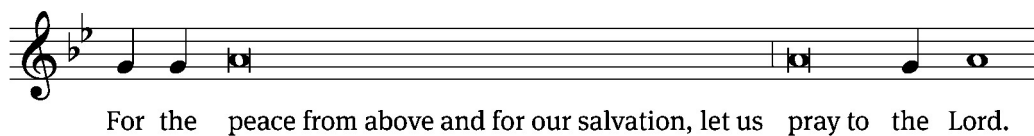
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

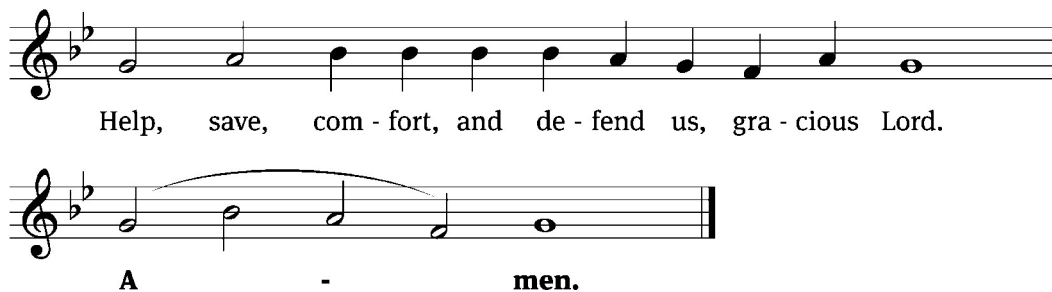
M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

*The congregation sings the parts in bold*





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## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

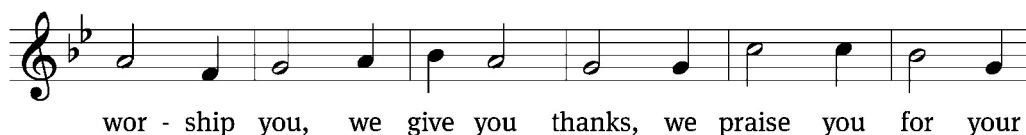
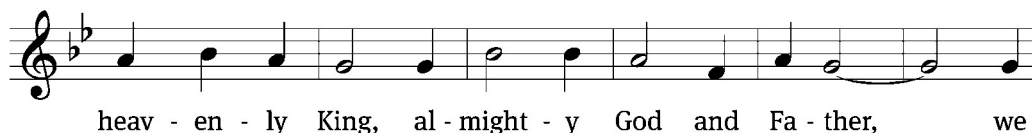
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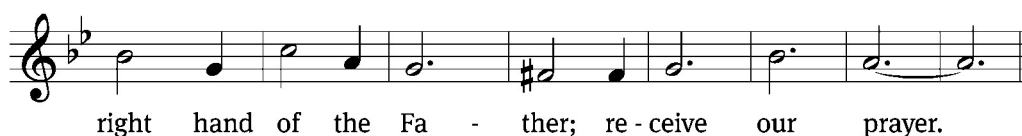


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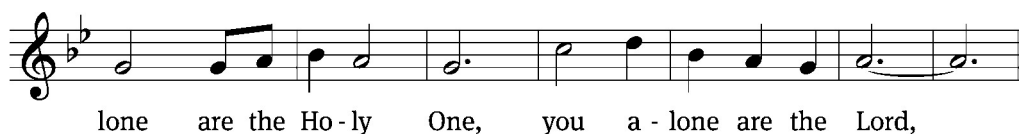
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*Verse 3*



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*Refrain*



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## THE WORD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



**FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-24**

***God gathers people from all nations***

<sup>18</sup>“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

<sup>19</sup>“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. <sup>21</sup>And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. <sup>23</sup>From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. <sup>24</sup>“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-24**

***Jesus and the better mountain***

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup>to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup>because they could not bear what was commanded:

“If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

<sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup>to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30**

*The last will be first, and the first will be last*

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. <sup>25</sup>Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

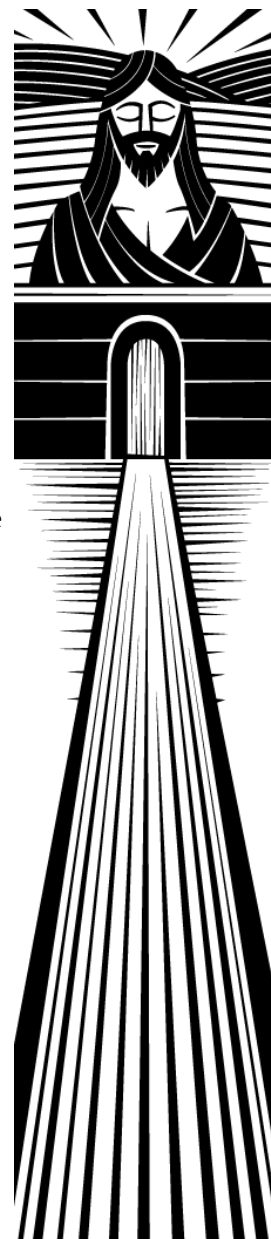
<sup>26</sup>"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

<sup>27</sup>"But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

<sup>28</sup>"There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup>People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*All children are invited to join Pastor Troy at the front of the sanctuary for a message based on today's sermon, specifically designed for them! If children would feel more comfortable, an adult is welcome to come up with them.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Seek Where You May to Find a Way**

*Christian Worship 698*

**SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner**

**Text: Luke 13:22-30**

## **How Do We Get In?**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING

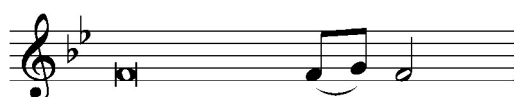
**Guests:** This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Victory Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work in the Jacksonville community and beyond. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to participate in this offering, but don't feel forced to! You can also give an online thank offering by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.



Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder, and drop it in the offering plate, or in the basket on the back table.

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE



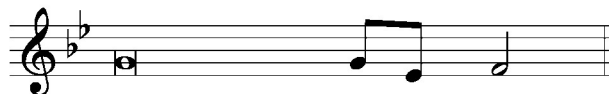
The Lord be with you.



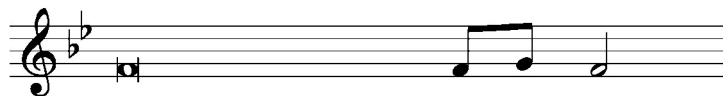
And al - so with you.



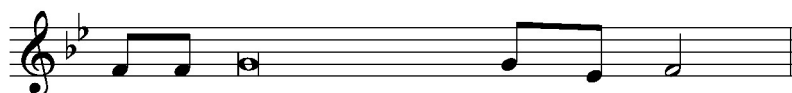
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name, and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*

*The congregation sings the whole song*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est!

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you— the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

# JESUS, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

*The congregation sings the whole song*



## DISTRIBUTION

**Guests please note:** Scripture teaches that when Christians partake of the Lord's Supper together, they are expressing their unity of faith. Through this act they are confessing that they agree on all the teachings of Scripture. We do not wish to put our guests in the position of making such a confession without knowing our teachings. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Victory or another WELS or ELS congregation come to receive communion at this time.

If you desire communion fellowship with us, please speak to our pastor. We are eager to help anyone take this step!

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### **I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

*Christian Worship 798*

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C: His mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**



**CLOSING HYMN**  
**Ten Thousand Reasons**  
*Christian Worship 607*

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**SERVING AT VICTORY**

**Ushers**

**This Week (8/21):** C. Sheehan (8:00)  
G. Fisher & B. Smith (10:30)

**Next Week (8/28):** N. Baker(8:00)  
K. Baumgart & C. Milk (10:30)

**Counters**

**This Week (8/21):** S. Lawson & C. Milk

**Next Week (8/28):** W. Cochran & Adam Dose

**Media Booth**

**This Week (8/21):** H. Krull & Logan Krull

**Next Week (8/28):** E. Zager & **one more volunteer needed!**

**Altar Guild**

**August:** N. Milk & D. Rollins

**Sunday Fellowship Snacks:**

**This Week (8/21):** Askers

**Next Week (8/28):** Hohwarts

**Grounds Maintenance**

**This Week (8/20):** Joel Huebner, Pastor J. Huebner, S. Lomen, &  
**one more volunteer needed!**

**Next Week (8/27):** P. Meshke, Pastor J. Huebner, S. Lomen, &  
**one more volunteer needed!**



## MY WORSHIP NOTES



*For children to use during worship.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of the church season or special day today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue   White   Purple   Red   Green

The Sermon Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

This is in the:   ☐ Old Testament   ☐ New Testament



What was the sermon about? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



My favorite song today was:



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

☐ Yes  
☐ No



Communion?

☐ Yes  
☐ No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Sermon Notes



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