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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 12th, 2025

Announcements

Sunday School – Fall 2025

The next Sunday School lesson will be held on October 19th. The theme will be growing in God's love. During the worship service, children will go with our Sunday School teachers to the gym for the lesson of the day. The lesson will feature a Bible story, take home lesson based on the theme of the day, and a craft, activity, and/or game. Children ages 4-12 years are welcome! Our Sunday School teachers this year are Arlene Calderone and Robin DeCoudres and they are excited for another year of Sunday School! Check out the large schedule poster in the back of church to make sure all the Sunday School dates are in your calendar!

Understanding Anxiety: A Mental Health Awareness Talk

Join Veronica McMillion, LPC after service on October 19 for an informative and interactive presentation on anxiety and mental health This session will explore the causes, symptoms, and effects of anxiety, highlighting its impact on daily life and well-being. Learn how to recognize signs in yourself or others, discover coping strategies, and gain insight into available resources for help. Whether you're struggling personally or supporting someone who is, this presentation offers a safe space for understanding and connection.

Vaccine Clinic—October 26th, 2025

In conjunction with Jewel Osco pharmacy, our Health and Wellness team will host a vaccine clinic on Sunday, October 26th from 10:30am-12:00pm. Both flu shots and COVID boosters will be available. Pre-registration is requested so that the pharmacist can be adequately prepared. See Mary-Ann or Wilma for a consent form. Seethe flyer in the back of this bulletin for more details.

Book Fair Fund

Concordia Place on Seeley is hosting their annual Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 13th leading up to their Family night on Friday of that week. Many of our New Neighbor families are enrolled at the site here at Seeley. Help the staff ensure that all of their students are able to take home a new book from the Fair by contributing to a fund designated specifically for this purpose. Scan the QR code here to give your gift today! Questions? Reach out to Desirae at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org.



Praying the Psalms

"Know that the Lord is God.
It is He that made us, and we are His;
We are His people,
And the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100

Join us on a 150 day journey through the Psalms of the Bible as together we walk more closely in faith. One Psalm a day for the next 150 days. Each week, a brief introduction to the next 7 Psalms of the week for your daily reading and reflection with a Facebook posting of the selections and links to the full Psalm selection on our website.

The Psalms of the Bible hold a unique place in the Scriptures; they are both prayers and songs. Rather than God's Word addressed to us the Psalms are Israel's prayers addressed to God: prayers of praise and thanksgiving, lament and requests for healing, joy in the blessings of God's grace and frustration in loss and suffering. The Psalms give voice to our journeys and the turns and twists we face on our own paths.

The "Psalm of the Day" is posted on the church website.: concordiafaith.org at the button "Praying the Psalms."

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

ELW #445 *"Wash, O God, Our Sons & Daughters"*



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans-ing wa - ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

P: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Children's Message



Hymn of Praise ELW #164 *"Glory to God"*



First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

[1] Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a
great man and in high favor with his master because by him
the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty
warrior, suffered from a skin disease. [2] Now the Arameans on
one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land
of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. [3] She said to her
mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in
Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

[7] When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes
and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends
word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and
see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

[8] But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of
Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king,
"Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that
he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." [9] So Naaman
came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance
of Elisha's house. [10] Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying,
"Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be
restored, and you shall be clean.

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First Reading con't... 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

[11] But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I
thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and
call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand
over the spot and cure the skin disease! [12] Are not Abana and
Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of
Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and
went away in a rage. [13] But his servants approached and said
to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do
something difficult, would you not have done it? How much
more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" [14] So
he went down and immersed himself seven times in the
Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh
was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.
[15]a, b, c Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his
company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I
know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Sung responsively
Congregation sings the bold text

Choir Antiphon

R: My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

[1] Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.
[2] **Great are your | works, O LORD,**
pondered by all who de- | light in them. R
[3] Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.
[4] **You cause your wonders to | be remembered;**
you are gracious and full | of compassion.
[5] You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.
[6] **You have shown your people the power | of your works**
in giving them the lands | of the nations. R
[7] The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.
[8] **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
because they are done in | truth and equity.
[9] You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.
[10] **The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;**
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever. R

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

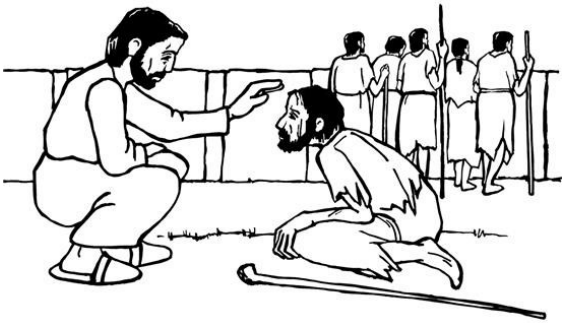
8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant
of David—that is my gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship, even
to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of
God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the
sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation
that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11 The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

14 Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that
they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good
but only ruins those who are listening. 15 Do your best to
present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker
who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word
of truth.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

ELW #172 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*



P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel — Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the
region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a
village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping
their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have
mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and
show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were
made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was
healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He
prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he
was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made
clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them
return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he
said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made
you well."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat Acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day ELW 768 *"Lead Me, Guide Me"*



Apostle's Creed

C: 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.



Prayers of Intercession

A: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

A: For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea,
C : We give you thanks

A: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
C : We give you thanks

A: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
C: We give you thanks.

Prayers of Intercession con't....

A: For the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity, we especially lift up Pastor Dan, Ian, Lola, Dee, Betty, Pam, Jean, Alicia, Marcy, Lori, Chris, Dennis, Chase, Joseph, Gary, Margaret, Mike, Joanne, Jocelyn, Dennis., to you O Lord.
C: We give you thanks.

A: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, justice, and peace,
C: We give you thanks.

A: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
C: We give you thanks.

A: Above all, let us give thanks for the great promises and mercies given to us and to all the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: To Christ be praise and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering

Thank you for supporting our ministries with our financial gifts. Scan the QR code to the left to easily make a one-time gift or establish a recurring gift.



Offertory Hymn

W&P #150 *"We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise"*



Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

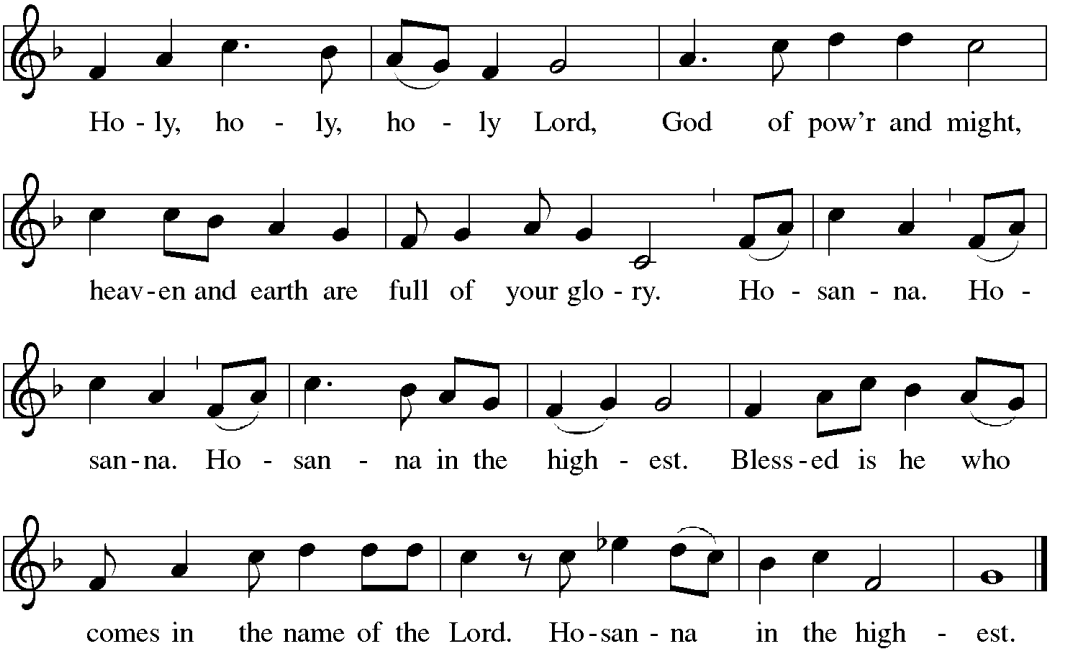
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor.
He healed all those who called on him for healing.
When the multitudes were hungry, he fed them.
He broke bread with the outcast.
In word and deed he proclaimed the coming kingdom of God.

P: By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

P: On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

P: When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.".

P: In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer our praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C:



P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ.

P: By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

P: Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
now and for ever.

C:





The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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.

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Hymn

ELW #471 " *Let Us Break Bread Together*"



Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn

ELW #763 *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Announcements

Join us following worship today for the second Stewardship Listening session.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (**+**), and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Stewardship Campaign—Fall 2025

Our Fall stewardship campaign for financial commitments has begun! We will be hosting a series of listening sessions and reporting sessions in advance of asking participants to submit their pledge commitments for calendar year 2026.

Here is the schedule for the remainder of the stewardship campaign:

October 12th – Listening session after church; *What ministries, experiences, etc. within Concordia Ministries are important to you?"*

October 19th & 26th – Presentation to congregation, "*Here's what we heard from you/how it aligns with the Concordia Church budget"*

Week of October 26th – printed materials and forms sent to participants

November 2nd – Congregational response via pledges begins; electronic communication with electronic commitment form sent

November 2nd—November 15th – Participant pledges are submitted; connections made by Church council members

November 16th – Pledge Sunday; commitment forms due

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Marne Turner
Greeter: Guenter Seidel
Soloists: Kunying Li, Kim Jones, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Kungying Li, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Élider DiPaula

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1) Mobile: Text 'Concordia' to 73256 and follow the link or scan the QR code here
2) Online: Visit www.onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give
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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

Join the 10:00am livestream on Sunday mornings or view recordings of our past services on our YouTube channel.

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

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Vaccine Clinic

at Concordia Church

October 26th

10:30am - 12:00pm



For your convenience, the Concordia Health and Wellness Team has once again invited Jewell Osco to administer flu shots and COVID boosters in the church office.

Flu shots can be administered to individuals 3 years and older

COVID boosters can be administered to individuals 7 years and older

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

It is important to sign up in advance to provide an estimated count to the pharmacist.

Please see Mary-Ann Lupa (773-283-5763) or Wilma Stevens (773-419-2754 for further information, or to acquire the Informed Consent for Immunization form if not using the QR code below. The forms will be available at Concordia Church and Concordia Place locations.

Pre-registration is encouraged to give Jewel Osco pharmacy personnel time to process insurance information prior to the clinic date. There is no co-payment unless required by your insurance.

Receive a coupon for 10% off your next Jewel Osco purchase!

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Family Fest

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Join us over on Seeley Ave. for our Halloween festival featuring games & activities, treats, a WICKED concert and parade of costumes!

EVENT SCHEDULE

- **11AM-12PM** → TREATS, GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- **12 PM** → HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE
- **12:10-12:30 PM** → WICKED THEMED CONCERT!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Lessons held during 10am worship

September 21st	Receiving God's blessings
September 28th	Angels
October 5th	Sharing God's word
October 19th	Growing in God's Love
November 2nd	Gratitude for God's gifts
November 16th	Thanksgiving Blessings
December 7th & 14th	Christmas Drama rehearsals
December 21st	Christmas Drama

For children ages 3-12 years

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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Hymn of Praise **ELW #164 *"Glory to God"***

Music: Peruvian traditional

Gospel Acclamation **ELW #172 *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"***

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Hymn of the Day **ELW 768 *"Lead Me, Guide Me"***

Text: Doris Akers, 1922–1995
Music: Doris Akers
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Offertory Hymn **W&P #150 *"We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise"***

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Communion Hymn **ELW #471 " *Let Us Break Bread Together"***

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Closing Hymn **ELW #763 *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"***

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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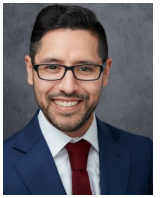
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