

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

We ask you to, if you wish,

PRINT THE ATTACHED BULLETIN...to follow along with Sunday's Service.
As you are worshipping from home, you are invited to set aside a sacred space for worship.
Light a candle and set out your bread and wine.

Worship Service - Streaming live @ 9:30am or watch later!



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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

**On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James FB link"

To our faithful followers at home or wherever you are, PLEASE let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from you!

Today –

Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship.

St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1st Ave. N. Columbus, MT 59019 (406) 321-5100

Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher

Email: toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,
share our faith and serve with the love of God"

**Sunday October 22nd, 2023 –
21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

**"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will
walk in the light of your presence, LORD...You are their glorious strength.
It pleases you to make us strong." (Ps 89:15,17)**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all
.....and also with you.*

Let us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship.

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust



demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: ELW #526 "God is Here!"



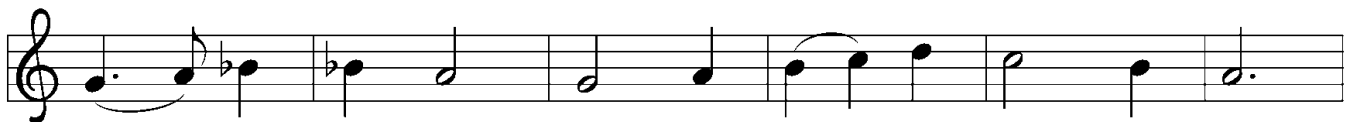
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Prayer of the Day:

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹The Lord says this to Cyrus, His anointed, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him, to disarm kings, to open the doors before him and the gates will not be shut: ²"I will go before you and level the uneven places; I will shatter the bronze doors and cut the iron bars in two. ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches from secret places, so you may know that I, Yahweh, the God of Israel call you by your name. ⁴I call you by your name, because of Jacob My servant and Israel My chosen one. I give a name to you, though you do not know Me. ⁵I am Yahweh, and there is no other; there is no God but Me. I will strengthen you, though you do not know Me, ⁶so all may know from the rising of the sun to its setting there is no one but Me. I am Yahweh, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make success and create disaster; I, Yahweh, do all these things.

Word of Wisdom, Word of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Read Psalm 96:1-9 responsively by whole verse:

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.** ³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples. ⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.** ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens. ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.** ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples ascribe to the LORD honor and power. ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.** ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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Acclamation: ELW #151

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel

We sing:

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The piece is identified as S 151a.

The Gospel according to Matthew:

We sing after the announcement:

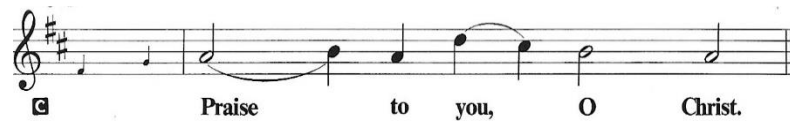


Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord:

We sing after the conclusion:



Sermon: "Surprise!"

Reflection Hymn: ELW #824 "This is My Father's World"

*At this time, you are invited to go forward and light a candle of remembrance,
as we take time to reflect on God's word*



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Apostle's Creed ELW #105

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.

Prayers of the People

After each petition: *P:* Lord, in Your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer

After last petition: **All: AMEN.**

Passing of the Peaceand we say: **and also with you.**

MEAL

....we thank you for your faithfulness to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings and allowing us to do God's work with our hands.

Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward..... while we sing

The Offering Hymn: "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"



We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by grace have bid us dine,



These to-kens of our dai - ly work, the food of life, the bread and wine.

Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table so all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"



Ac - cept them Lord; they come from you; we take them hum-bly from your hand;



Put these your gifts to high - er use: the ho - ly meal that you com-mand.

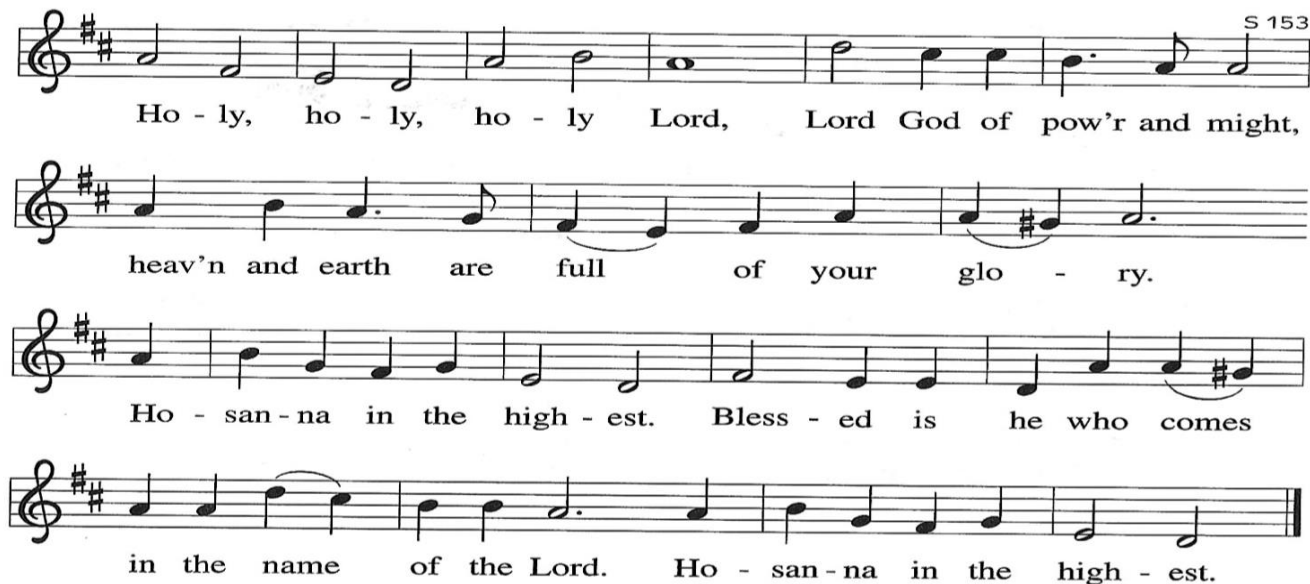
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

....we join their unending hymn:



S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

Mystery of our Faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Invitation to Communion

In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

ELW #810 "O Jesus I Have Promised"



- 1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
- 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

ELW #482 "I Come with Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

ELW #742 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Prayer after Communion..... and we say: **Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction..... and we say: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #822 "Oh, Sing to the Lord"



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God, and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Dismissal: *Go in peace. God is at work in you.. Thanks be to God.*

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Service, Service Readings for 10/29/23 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13; Psalm 90:1, 13-17; Ephesians 2:10; Isaiah 58:7-11; Matthew 22:37-39

**Thank
YOU**

..... St. James Council Members for the wonderful coffee hour Sunday October 15th to celebrate Pastor Tonia during Pastor Appreciation Month! Bless you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

October 2023 Altar Guild: The Altar Guild Team (Kim, Sheri, Denise & Maureen)

October 2023 Cleaner(s): Patty & Lance Sundberg and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

October 2023 Reader: Will someone offer to help this month?

October 22nd, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Brian & Sheri Luepke for helping with communion last Sunday.

October 22nd, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday.

October 22nd, 2023 Gate Keeper(s): Donna Zeigler

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

October Mission Offering benefits...

Project Hope's Holiday Boxes !!

They suggest for us to bring cranberry sauce; canned pineapple (chunks or slices) & mandarin oranges and canned green beans & corn.



We are also continuing to gather ground coffee along with Russ Dewell's Church in Park City. He will ship to the troops in Afghanistan. This is the one thing they really miss! This is an on-going mission and Russ was overjoyed when he heard we could also help!!

or a brand of your choice!! THANK YOU!

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which are *found on our website*.

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!



Every Tuesday,

Bible Study is held at St. James 2:00pm.
We study the upcoming Sunday lessons.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Every Wednesday, continue to watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message or watch recorded on our FB page. Print the Bible WORDsearch Puzzles. Enjoy!

Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

"Your faith in God's mission for St. James is unshakeable."

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

October 1 st Offering gratefully received	\$4,235.00
October 8 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 580.00
October 15 th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$3,260.00</u>
Total received so far this month	\$8,075.00

Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

Mail your offering to the church; Take your offering to the parsonage; Auto pay thru your bank and **Tithe.ly**.

Tithe.ly (click on this "Tithe.ly" link – takes you directly to St. James' account to sign-up)

Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)

KEEP IN PRAYER...

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your comfort & peace for the Rouane family as they mourn the death of Bob's mother, Hannah.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Donna Zeigler; Pastor Tonia; Joy & Larry Goehner; KayDel Shelton;
Jim Dickey; Joan Elser; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Steve Cowan; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg;
Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Father Fenton; Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Araceli Enano;
Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson & Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food & home insecure.
Victims of violence and of natural disasters.

**Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically & overseas,
As well as their spouses and children.**

FYI: Joy & Larry Goehner's new address is:

Village Senior Residence 2815 Old Fort Road, Apt 111 Missoula MT 59804



Happy October Birthday

Justin Lofing 10/3; Leslie Mullin 10/3; BJ Morse 10/5; Toni Rouane 10/9;
Brian Luepke 10/10; Joni Morse 10/20; Pastor Tonia 10/23;
Ken Hajek 10/24; Molly Adams 10/25; Mary Hajek 10/26



****If we have your email,
Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's ecard!
Other members, check your mailbox!**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, to EACH OTHER and to OUR NEIGHBORS

MORE Community Events for St. James:

- Every Monday we are invited to join:
~The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am.
- Every Tuesday we are invited to attend:
~ The Women's Adult Group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 9:30am and/or 7:00pm
for an inductive study on Revelation
~ Absarokee Quilting Group – 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building.
Knitters, crocheters and embroiderettes are welcome.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to join:
~ Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
~ The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am



**For more information,
see the
"Table Posters"
at St. James.**

Future 2023 Dates:



Tuesday October 24th

CHORUS PRACTICE CONTINUES

Congregational Church – 6:00pm

We will be practicing for a "Christmas Cantata!"

October 31st

Happy Halloween



Sunday
November 5th



Save this date:

Stillwater County Swap & Shop
9TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!
COME JOIN US FOR A TWO DAY HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT!

NOVEMBER 18 & 19
10 AM - 4 PM
STILLWATER COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
16 SHEEP DIP ROAD
COLUMBUS, MT 59019

SAT. 11/18 11 AM - 2 PM
Kids can take a free picture with Santa and his Elf and receive a free toy & candy cane

FREE ENTRY
DOOR PRIZES
SILENT AUCTION
FREE DRAWING AT EVERY BOOTH
FOOD DRIVE FOR PROJECT HOPE

Lunch Available Both Days!
Saturday: Holiday Ham Dinner
Sunday: Chili and Chili Dogs

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