

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, October 4, 2020
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Hymnal page 26)

OPENING HYMN: #380 "Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You"

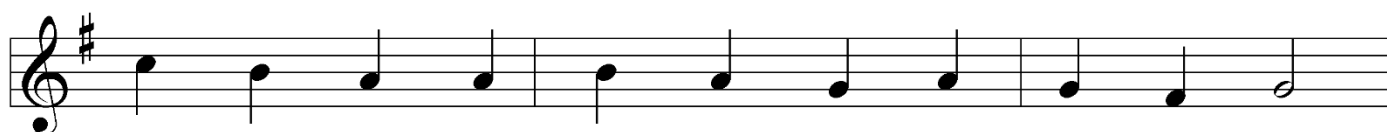
380 Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You



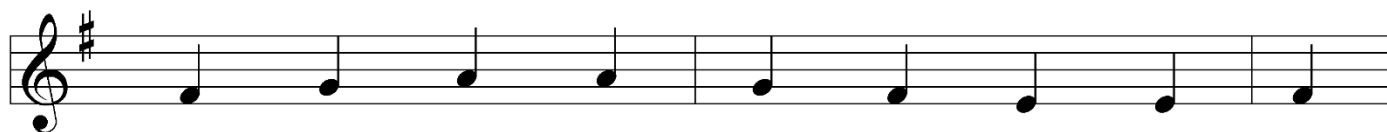
1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the



know, could nev - er be, For this heart would
 dark - ened heart and mind, Else the world had
 Fa - ther's bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our



still re - fuse you Had your grace not cho - sen me.
 yet en - thrall'd me, To your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.
 ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and King en - throned a - bove.



You re - moved the sin that stained me, Cleans -
 Now I wor - ship none a - bove you; For
 Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion, Him



ing me to be your own; For this pur - pose
 your grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
 by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.
 if I love you, You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins with a common time signature 'C' and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of nine lines of music. The first line starts with a common time signature 'C'. The key signature changes to two flats (Bb and Eb) at the beginning of the eighth line. The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb).

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

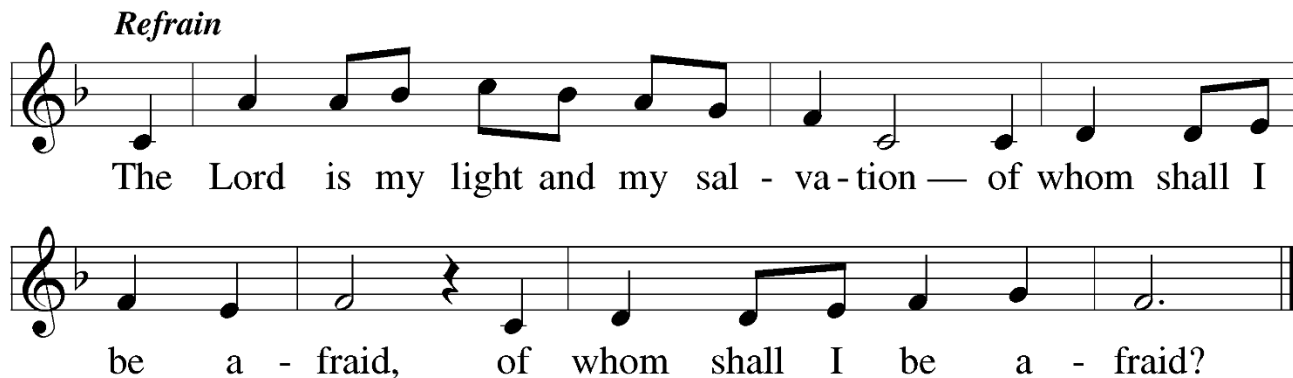
⁷ let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 27 Refrain Tune: David Haas. © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL, www.giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
 be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone *



Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;*
 be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,*
 do not turn your servant away in anger;
 you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,*
O God my Savior. ***Refrain***

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the
living.

Wait for the LORD;*

be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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.

Refrain: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation—of whom
shall I be afraid; of whom shall I be afraid?

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:18b-27

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers
and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for
my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope
that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage
now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by
life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is
gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for

me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia! (Jeremiah 15:16 cf.)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one

has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #390 “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
 2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
 3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
 4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
 5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
 can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
 has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem
 de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
 sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
 For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
 And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
 Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
 And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
 law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace—
 All glory to his merit!
 O Triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed your saving love;
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

SERMON

STAND

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 acknowledge 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 FOR
THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (Hymnal Page 127)**

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. **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.

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you can be found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.



THE SACRAMENT (Page 33)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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 the new testament in my (+) blood, 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: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace
conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#420 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

God Moves in a Mysterious Way



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
 2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
 3 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And
 4 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants his foot - steps
 trust him for his grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
 scan his work in vain; God is his own in -
 clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
 prov - i - dence He has a smil - ing face.
 ter - pret - er, And he will make it plain.
 and will break In bless - ing on your head.

Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800, abr., alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

#339 “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

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Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er



way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,
 en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come
 Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er
 o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you



What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from
 And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -
 A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be
 When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -



mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious
 got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture
 asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we
 gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one



blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.

Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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OFFICIANTS:

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Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Jim Cutler

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Trustees and Stewardship/Education
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday – 10:00 AM Online Bible Class
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Kyna Pearce
Ushering – Team 3

Altar Flowers are donated by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Castellese to the glory of God and in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices. The congregation is encouraged to wear protective equipment based on their own personal level of comfort during these unusual times. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week.

If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service. Sunday Adult Bible Class and Sunday School will resume at a later date.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary gifts. For the last twenty years or so the Michigan District has held a food drive for the students of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It has been very successful and hundreds of our future pastors and families have been fed both physically and spiritually by your love and generosity. Many of our younger area pastors were recipients of food and gift cards which made things much easier on their families. I have seen many tears of joy flowing from the eyes of students and their wives.

This year we have a problem. With Covid-19 restrictions in place, it is impossible to plan and carry out our usual food drive. We still have students who need food and other supplies. Some of the part-time jobs that Seminary students take are presently unavailable. We still want to show our love and care for these students and their families. Therefore our congregation will have a special door offering on November 15 to support these families. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's; the treasurer will then issue a check for the entire amount to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Food Bank. Please consider making a generous donation that Sunday.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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