



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, October 4, 2026

LWML SUNDAY

Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lord's Table with us today:

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. *(Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

+ PREPARATION +

TITLE: "SUPPORTING MISSIONS"

AS WE GATHER: Christ Jesus our Lord asks us to be wise stewards of His good gifts. St. Paul, while proclaiming the Gospel, was also concerned for those who suffered. There were so many mission efforts taking place. As believers today, we also are eager to follow the example of Christ and aid those in need. The Spirit of God places that eagerness to serve upon our hearts. We can't be everywhere to aid the missions, firsthand, that are set before us. The Lord does allow us to support those efforts that go forth in His name. May the Lord grant to us supportive hearts.

PRELUDE

"Go Ye Into All The World"

11:00am

Music by Eugene Butler

Ascension Choir

*Go ye into all the world and preach
My Gospel to every creature!*

*Jesus said, "This is the great commandment:
That ye love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love hath no man than this;
That he lay down his life for his friends."*

*"Let not your heart be troubled,
If you believe in God, you believe in Me!"*

WELCOME

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

LSB 697

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, its length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth He came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.

3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that He might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive
As God in Christ forgave.

4 For us Christ lived, for us He died,
And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

OPENING SENTENCES

P Dearest Lord Jesus, you have told us that you came into this world not to be served but to serve.

C In your service dear Lord we were granted forgiveness, peace and hope.

P You dear Lord are the One whom we now serve.

C We serve You in thought, word and deed.

P Dear Lord, bless us in our service to You.

C Lead and guide us in all our acts of service.

P Dear Lord, You tell us whatever we have done unto the least of these Your brothers and sisters.

C we have done unto You.

P Bless us in our doing.

C that it would be done unto You and Your kingdom.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–3 (ESV)

- ¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you.
³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 4:7–12 (ESV)

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:10–20 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

“Jesus, Greatest at the Table”

LSB 446

1 Jesus, greatest at the table,
The almighty Son of Man,
Laid aside His outer clothing,
Poured some water in a pan;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,
He the servant’s task began.

- 2 Marvel how their Lord and teacher
Gently taught them not to vie
As He humbly knelt before them,
Dusty feet to wash and dry,
By His tender touch expressing
True compassion from on high.
- 3 Jesus took the role of servant
When upon that gruesome span,
For all human sin He suffered
As a vile and loathsome man;
On the cross poured out like water
To fulfill the Father's plan.
- 4 Can we fathom such deep mercy?
Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal:
Love that gives His only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,
For the many dies the One.

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SERMON

“GLORY TO THE LORD”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Matthew 5:10–20

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

“Go Ye Into All The World”

8:30am

Music by Eugene Butler

Ascension Choir

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*Jesus said, “This is the great commandment:
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Greater love hath no man than this;
That he lay down his life for his friends.”*

*“Let not your heart be troubled,
If you believe in God, you believe in Me!”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, that our Father in Heaven would grant us His grace so that we might live our lives in freedom of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the growth of God’s kingdom, that we have courage to share Jesus’ name with all who cannot see Him as their Savior, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the women of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, that they always be ready to confess in thought, word, and deed, here in our country and throughout the world, Christ’s work of redemption for all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P We pray for the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** We pray for those who are celebrating... let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Almighty God, since You have granted us the favor to call on You with one accord and have promised that where two or three are gathered together in Your name You are in the midst of them, fulfill now the prayers of Your servants; through Jesus Christ, our Lord:
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.**

(11:00am service, please turn to page 12 for the LWML Pledge)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available on the cup return table.)

PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, this life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe that I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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“Oh, How He Loves You And Me”

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me!
He gave His life, What more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there Brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me! (*repeat verse one*)

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LWML PLEDGE

C In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

“Jesus Shall Reign”

LSB 832

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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† LWML SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Celebrate LWML Sunday by supporting our Mites and Mission offerings. You can participate by donating or purchasing homemade/baked goods and “calorie-free” craft items for our sale.

Checks should be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, with LWML noted on the memo line. Cash is also welcome. We are unable to accept credit cards. Thank you!

† COMMITMENT SUNDAY**GOD’S GIFT TO US...OUR LIVES TO HIM**

On Sunday, October 18, we will dedicate our commitments to the Lord, placing them in the offering chest on the altar. These commitments are not for others to see, but between you and God alone. If you can’t attend that service, you may bring or send your commitment form any time before or after. Look for them in printed form on the table as you leave the Narthex and through email a couple weeks prior to Commitment Sunday.

May God grant us faith to trust His provision and the courage to serve Him boldly in this season of blessing.

† ALL SAINTS’ DAY REMEMBRANCE LUNCHEON

You are warmly invited to this special gathering on Nov. 1 from 12:30 to 3:00pm for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Whether your loss was recent or many years ago, you are welcome.

Please bring a meaningful memento that reminds you of your loved one. During our time together, each person will have an opportunity to share what they brought and why it is special to them. Becky Oswald, a Thanatologist and Grief Coach, will gently guide us as we share a meal, tell stories, and remember those we hold dear.

Space is limited to twenty, and an RSVP is needed. Please contact the church office at 503-665-8821 or office@alcportland.org to reserve your place.

† MY FATHER’S HOUSE NEEDS

It is time for us to outfit a new family with essentials at My Father’s House. Please check out the whiteboard in the Narthex to see what you can donate. Write your name by the item you will buy and then bring it to the Community room after you have bought it. All items must be new and unopened. Thank you for your generosity!

† OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Human Care Board is sponsoring an Operation Christmas Child collection event September 20 through November 22. This program was developed by Samaritan's Purse to share Jesus' love with children around the world. To participate, please pick up shoebox(es), instruction sheet(s), and label(s) in the Narthex under the coat rack. When your box is completed, place it under the coat rack before November 22. On November 22, the boxes will be delivered to the collection site and shipped to children in need around the world.

† MODEL PLANES FOR MISSION

You have a chance to bid for one of five handcrafted Piper Cub model airplanes built by Caleb Zeebuyth. This fundraiser is to support the LCMS Office of International Mission. Read more about this mission and find the bidding sheet in the Narthex.

† PASTOR RUBERTO EK YAH INSTALLATION

Pastor Ruberto will be installed at Hope Lutheran Church, Woodburn on Sunday, October 18 at 3:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

† FREE TRUNK OR TREAT

When: Saturday, Oct. 24 from 2:00 to 4:00pm

Where: Ascension Parking Lot: 1440 SE 182nd Avenue, Portland
This annual event is a great way to reach out to our neighbors in a safe and friendly environment. If you want to help, contact Cindy Reinert.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jaimie Bailey, Heather Gulde, Carolyn Shore, Jim Eckart, Donald (David Grisham's brother), Aaryan (Chenery Whittier's son), Riki Neagle, Gina Kreps, *Larry Hart. *Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney)
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller's)
Kyle Zeller, Army – Fort Riley Kansas (grandson of the Zeller's)

MILESTONES – Sunday, Oct. 4 – Sat., Oct. 10

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Barbara Cochran	Oct. 9	Peggy Hall	Oct. 9
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BIRTHDAYS:

Keith Erdmann	Oct. 4	Linda Fogarty	Oct. 5
Diana Laxton	Oct. 7	Sandy Kirchner	Oct. 8
Carolyn Gordon	Oct. 10		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Randy and Marcia Bryant	Oct. 7, 1977
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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN. OCT. 4 – SAT., OCT. 10

Sunday, Oct. 4	8:30am	Worship with Communion
LWML Sunday	All Morning	Bake Sale and Crafts
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Oct. 5	1:00pm	Human Care Board
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Tuesday, Oct. 6	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 8	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., OCT. 11 – SAT., OCT. 17

Sunday, Oct. 11	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Oct. 12	1:00pm	Stewardship Board
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Tuesday, Oct. 13	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 15	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

ASSISTING THIS, SUNDAY, OCT 4

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	John Aden -1 Mike Adams - 2	Rich Bartell - 1 Marcus Young - 2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	NEEDED
PowerPoint:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Karon Keup	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services:	NEEDED
Counters:	Both Services:	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Carrie and Carolyn

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, OCT 11

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefer
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis -1 Mike Adams - 2	Rich Bartell - 1 Matthias McInaney - 2
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Luke Hodges
PowerPoint:	Tom Osgood	Alex Hodges
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	Sue Lewis
Readers:	Sheryl Maier	Caleb Zeebuyth
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services:	Linda Fogarty
Counters:	Both Services:	Stan Chapulis and Lottie Guericke
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Audrey and Carolyn

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

September General Fund Tithes	\$ 31,392
September Expenses	<u>\$ 32,732</u>
Difference	(- \$ 1,340)

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

September Dedicated Offerings	\$ 235
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Attendance

Adult Ed: Sunday, Sept. 27 21

Worship: Sunday, Sept. 27

8:30am	44
<u>11:00am</u>	<u>66</u>
TOTAL	110



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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God's witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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