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Ascension Lutheran Church and School "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" April 24, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2022

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 Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one's 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.)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)

$(\mathbf{P} = \text{Pastor}, \mathbf{C} = \text{Congregation}, \mathbf{A} = \text{Reader/Assisting})$

+ PREPARATION +

Theme: "This Shadow Changes Everything"

AS WE GATHER: Shadows are powerful. Just ask the crowds in Jerusalem mentioned in Acts 5. When Peter walked by them, they brought the sick on mats, hoping that his shadow would fall upon them. It did. And the sick were healed! God's power was working through Peter's shadow to bring restoration in Jesus' name. Because our Savior is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, His power is at work among us today as well. Even when death casts its gloomy shade over us, we stand in the shadow of Jesus' cross and empty tomb and, therefore, we are assured of His power and His provision forever. As we gather in Jesus' presence for worship today, may He fill us with great joy as we continue to celebrate His resurrection victory and confess Him as our Lord and God!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened Death's prison, the Incarnate Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song, And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.

The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree. In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer, For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph, the Savior arose, And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes; The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high. He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.

Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door, For all our transgressions His blood does atone; Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- G I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- Taking refuge in the mercy of the Lord, let us come before Him in prayer.

A moment of silence to reflect on God's Word and to examine our hearts before Him.

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
- G We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us. Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Amen.

C Amen.

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who stand in the shadow of the cross and empty tomb may join with all other witnesses of the resurrection in boldly sharing with the world that Jesus is Lord and God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.
- And also with you.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-20 (ESV)

(The apostles testify publicly as witnesses of Jesus' resurrection.)

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

(Jesus is alive forevermore.)

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ¹⁷ When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living One. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and hades."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (ESV)

(Thomas sees, touches, believes, and confesses the risen Jesus.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

That night the Apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

SERMON

"GO AND SPEAK!"

Acts 5:12–20 Pr. Jim Sprengle

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

> And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. 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.)

(11:00)

"Mighty to Save"

words and music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan setting by Patrick Tierney Ascension Choir

> Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing, Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations, The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains! My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save! Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

> So take me as you find me, All my fears and failures, Fill my life again, I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in, Now I surrender.

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him; In His presence daily live. I give my all to follow Jesus, I surrender all. Now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Shine your light and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Savior, He can move the mountains! My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save! Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave. He is mighty to save.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Gracious God, You are exalted over all things in heaven and on earth. In Your mercy, You shower us with blessings of both body and soul as You care for Your creation. Enable us to see Your hands at work in our midst that, together with all those who share in the power of Your Son's resurrection, we always say of You:

You alone are Lord and God!

Giver of life, You renew our souls through the power of Your Holy Spirit as we dwell in the shadow of Your wings. As we continue to celebrate the joy of our Savior's Easter victory, grant that Your Church on earth always speaks Your Word with boldness and confidence, that like the first eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection, we share with all people:

C You alone are Lord and God!

- Comfort and help all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, adversity, or to whom death draws near, *especially…*Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. In the shadow of Your healing presence, we boldly confess:
- You alone are Lord and God!
- Thank You, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our brothers and sisters, who will be celebrating this week...knowing that give them this life and these milestones:
- C You alone are Lord and God!
- We bring all these prayers before You, gracious Father, in the name of Him who is risen from the dead and reigns with You forever as our Lord and God: Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are humbled to pray: 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.

(8:30 service, please turn to page 14 for the Benediction)

나 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT 나 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 not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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

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- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"O Living Bread From Heaven"

O living bread from heaven, How you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given Have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes, My heart, this gift possessing, In thankful song o'erflows!

My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place, And here yourself have fed me With treasures of your grace; And you have freely given What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted, That food can death destroy; And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy. Ah, Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown, And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me that, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here My course on earth is lengthened, To serve you, Lord most dear. And when you call my spirit To leave this world below, I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen, here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon you lean.

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heav'nly table spread anew. Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness; mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine remove, but you are here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Here, O Lord, in the true body and blood of Your Son, we have seen You face-to-face and touched the same Savior who showed His hands and side to Thomas and the other disciples. Grant that we who stand forgiven in the shadow of His cross may testify with great boldness to the power of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION Romans 6:3–4

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.
 Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred and every tribe responsive to his call, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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APRIL 24, 2022

† LWML ZONE RALLY APRIL 30 AT 9:30AM

Ascension has volunteered our Community Room for the rally on Saturday, April 30. Another group is arranging the Bible Study and leader, a dessert, and our Ingathering. Plan to bring a sack lunch.

- We are still in the planning stages, so stay tuned for further details.
- We'll be helping to make Ascension's Mission Bracelets as our service project.

• There is a basket in the Narthex to collect Ingathering items for AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) for their developmentally challenged clients.

• Please contact Mae, Karon, or Virginia if you have any questions.

† THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES

Our Next Class is Saturday, May 14 from 10:30am to noon.

† FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION-PUZZLE AND GAME SALE

Donate your useable games and puzzles! Bring donations to the Community Room Prior to May 15 and place them on the tables designated for the sale. Take a game or puzzle, leave a donation, it is that simple. Sale will last about three weeks!

† C-IOI IS COMING!

What? Christianity101—Basics of the Christian Faith When? Wednesday, June 1 from 6-7pm. with eight sessions each Wednesday, ending July 20.

Where? The Community Room.

Who? Those seeking membership, explorers in the faith, and anyone who wants a refresher!

† VANCE PROPERTIES PLANNING

The Vance Vision Plan is a conceptual plan for future use of Multnomah County's 90-acre Vance properties in west Gresham's Rockwood/Centennial neighborhood. The plan was released in March 2022. The Board of County Commissioners was briefed on the plan on March 15, 2022. An executive summary of the plan is also available. For more information visit: https://www.multco.us/vanceproperties-planning

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or email: office@alcportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Rich Zahursky, The family of Fred Greco, The family of Ray Brown, MaryLou May, Miki Etzel, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Judy Blubaum, Members and friends with Covid, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-inlaw of Wanda Cassetty);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force – Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:				
Judy Blubaum	4/24	Marcia Bryant	4/24	
Ruby Sylvia	4/25	Bob East	4/26	
Nola Petri	4/26	Nekayla Maier	4/28	
Ty Fogarty	4/29	Allan Krueger	4/30	

BIRTHDAYS: None

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, April 24 – Saturday, April 30

Sunday, Apr. 24	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm	Worship Education Hour Worship with Communion Online Worship Posted
Wednesday, April 27	7:00pm	NO Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, April 28	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Apr. 29	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmation
Saturday, Apr. 30	9:30am	LWML Zone Rally

NEXT WEEK –Sunday, May 1 – Saturday, May 7

Sunday, May 1	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm 3:00pm	Worship with Communion Education Hour Worship Online Worship Posted Community Room in use
Tuesday, May 3	6:00pm	NO Elder Meeting
Wednesday, May 4	11:00am	NO CareConnect
	7:00pm	NO Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, May 5	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 6	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmation

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Elder: Acolytes:	8:30am Randy Bryant	11:00am Herb Hoefer
Ushers:	Marcus Young Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney James Freeman Bob Freeman Wyatt Brown
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Christina Freeman
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Carol Hoefer
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Sheryl Maier
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY I

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl	John Knoke
	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart	Marcus Young
	Randy Schroeder	
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Riki Neagle
	Elizabeth Alvarado	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Both Services	-
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

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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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