

"O woman, great is your faith!"



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, August 16, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 Lords 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 on the cup return table.*)

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 comulgar con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.)*

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: “JOY AT THE CROSSROADS”

AS WE GATHER: In today’s Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, “Lord, help me” (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring “foreigners” to His “house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:6–7). Here He gives “many blessings even though we are undeserving” (Prayer of the Day). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God’s people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people “that He may have mercy on all” (Romans 11:32). Because of God’s effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“Listen, God Is Calling”

(LSB 833)

**Refrain Listen, listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.**

- 1 Jesus gave His mandate: Share the good news
That He came to save us and set us free. **(refrain)**
- 2 Let none be forgotten throughout the world.
In the triune name of God Go and baptize. **(refrain)**
- 3 Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
Walking in Your precepts, led by Your Word. **(refrain)**

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INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

C Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.” Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.

C Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.

P Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.

C Amen.

“Softly And Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals He’s waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Chorus

**Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

Oh for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. **(chorus)**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, almighty Father, Your mercy has been published throughout the world, calling all people to repentance and faith in Your Son. Grant us a lively faith that we may proclaim Christ to all nations for the gathering of all people into Your house of prayer; 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.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (ESV)

¹Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon My salvation will come,
and My deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to Him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be His servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast My covenant—

⁷these I will bring to My holy mountain,
and make them joyful in My house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on My altar;

for My house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,

Who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to Him
besides those already gathered.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 (ESV)

¹I ask, then, has God rejected His people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . ²⁸As regards the Gospel, they are enemies of God for Your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came

and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."
²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER/LOVE-IN-ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

(LSB 653)

(tune: How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds)

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 With God there is no tribe or race;
In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through
Our faith in His dear Son.
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name
Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame,
From spite and enmity!
- 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child
Is surely kin to me.
- 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;
In Him meet south and north.
All Christian souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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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.)

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have established Your church as a house of prayer for all people. Receive our prayer this day as our sacrifice of praise for Your mercy in accepting us into the family of those You have called to faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that many of all nations and nationalities be drawn by Your Spirit to the salvation You have provided by the sacrifice of Jesus for the sin of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of truth and might, give strength and confidence to all pastors and called servants of Your church, that they may proclaim boldly Your desire to gather all by Your mercy into the family of the redeemed. Bless Your Word they preach to the joy and edifying of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal God, bless all those gathered here in Your presence with an increase of faith and steadfastness in Your Word, that they may continually look to You for the salvation of their souls and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, hear our prayer especially for all who are in any need, those who are sick or hospitalized, those who are in trouble or suffer any need, those who are considered outcasts of society, and all who we name now before You...Grant to them healing, help, and deliverance from their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, thank You for the blessings You have bestowed on Your whole creation. We pray in thanksgiving and rejoice with those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

“LORD’S PRAYER” (sung to “Immortal Invisible)

Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread;
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!

(11:00am service, please turn to page 13 for the benediction.)

+ 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 +

“Agnus Dei”

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Agnus Dei, Text: Stephen P. Starke

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

(LSB 622)

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared, Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603–68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt., Text: Public domain

- 1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard
News of a Lord who loved and came;
Nor known His reconciling word,
Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name?
- 2 “To all the world,” to ev’ry place,
Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
Preach the good news of saving grace;
Go while the great commission stands.
- 3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call,
Constant in prayer, through toil and pain,
Telling of One who died for all,
To bring a lost world home again?
- 4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire impart
To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
And make a world for Christ my goal.
- 5 Spirit of love, within us move:
Spirit of truth, in pow’r come down!
So shall they hear and find and prove
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have gathered us into Your house of prayer and fed us with the gift of Your mercy in this Sacrament. Enable us now to welcome all who join us by Your calling into the joyful fellowship of faith; 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

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.)

“Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin -- My hand will save.
I Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? **(refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? **(refrain)**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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*Thanks to Barb Conway for the lovely altar flowers
in honor of family birthdays given to the glory of God.*

† ALL PEOPLES CONFERENCE

Sara Cardona and Herb Hoefer will attend the conference in Puyallup WA on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. They will leave at 7:15am, if anyone would like to carpool, contact Herb Hoefer: herbhoefer@gmail.com or 503-780-8033.

† LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The choice for our next Ladies Bible Study beginning Tuesday, September 8 at 2:00pm in the Community Room will be “God’s Relentless Love” by Sharla Fritz. Each session will have a short video that accompanies it. This is going to be a great study! Get your book right away from Amazon or Concordia Publishing House. If you cannot get online, please call Michele and she will help you get your book.

† HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

During the month of August, the Human Care board will be collecting kid-friendly foods such as peanut butter, tuna, macaroni and cheese, pasta, granola bars and cereal for Food 4 Families, which serves underprivileged families in the Centennial School District. Please join with us by donating kid friendly foods in one of the collection boxes under the coat rack in the Narthex.

† IRON MEN DEVOTION

All men are invited. Saturday, Aug. 22 at 8:00am.

† FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY – ALL CHURCH WORSHIP

Join us Sunday, August 30 at 10:30am for our annual all church worship! A potluck lunch will follow in the Community Room. The church will provide chicken, drinks and dinnerware for all. The congregation is invited to supply mains, salads, sides and desserts! Invite your friends and family and plan to join us for worship, fellowship, food, and fun at Ascension’s annual gathering. Remember just ONE service that day!

FOOD NEEDS: Please make sure any hot dish is ready to serve when you arrive. We will not be turning on the ovens.

Check out the list in the narthex to sign up for items to bring! If you cannot contribute, please do not let that keep you from coming.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jaimie Bailey, Heather Gulde, Carolyn Shore, Mark (a friend of the Bryant's), Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Diana (sister-in-law of Randy Bryant), Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, *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)

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN. AUG. 16 – SAT., AUG. 22

Sunday, Aug. 16	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Aug. 17	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Aug. 20	6:00pm	Praise Team

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., AUG. 23 – SAT., AUG. 29

Sunday, Aug. 23	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Aug. 24	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Aug. 27	6:00pm	Praise Team
Saturday, Aug. 29	8:00am	Iron Men Devotion

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Randy Schroeder
Ushers:	Mike Adams-1 John Aden-2	Randy Schroeder-1 Marcus Young-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Sheryl Maier	Michele Sprengle
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services:	NEEDED
Counters:	Both Services:	Dave and Jan Oswald
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Audrey and Gina

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Duke Sheppard-1 Bryant Sheppard-2	Rich Bartell-1 Jae Evans-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Heather Gulde	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Sue Rotramel	Rich Bartell
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services:	John and Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services:	Lottie Guericke and Stan Chapulis
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Carrie and Carolyn

MILESTONES – Sunday, Aug. 16 – Sat., Aug. 22

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Marty Blankenburg	Aug. 16	Larry Brooks	Aug. 16
Cynthia Jacobsen	Aug. 18	KaiLeah Woods	Aug. 20

BIRTHDAYS:

Randy Bryant	Aug. 16	John Aden	Aug. 17
Barbara Conway	Aug. 18	Matthias McInaney	Aug. 21
Karen Rivera	Aug. 22	John Haase	Aug. 22
Mark Jacobsen	Aug. 22	Taylor Osgood	Aug. 22

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

July General Fund Tithes	\$ 31,603
July Expenses	<u>\$ 31,363</u>
Difference	+ \$ 240

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

July Dedicated Offerings	\$ 129
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Attendance

Adult Ed: Sunday, August 9	29
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Worship: Sunday, August 9	8:30am 48
	<u>11:00am 60</u>
	TOTAL = 108

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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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