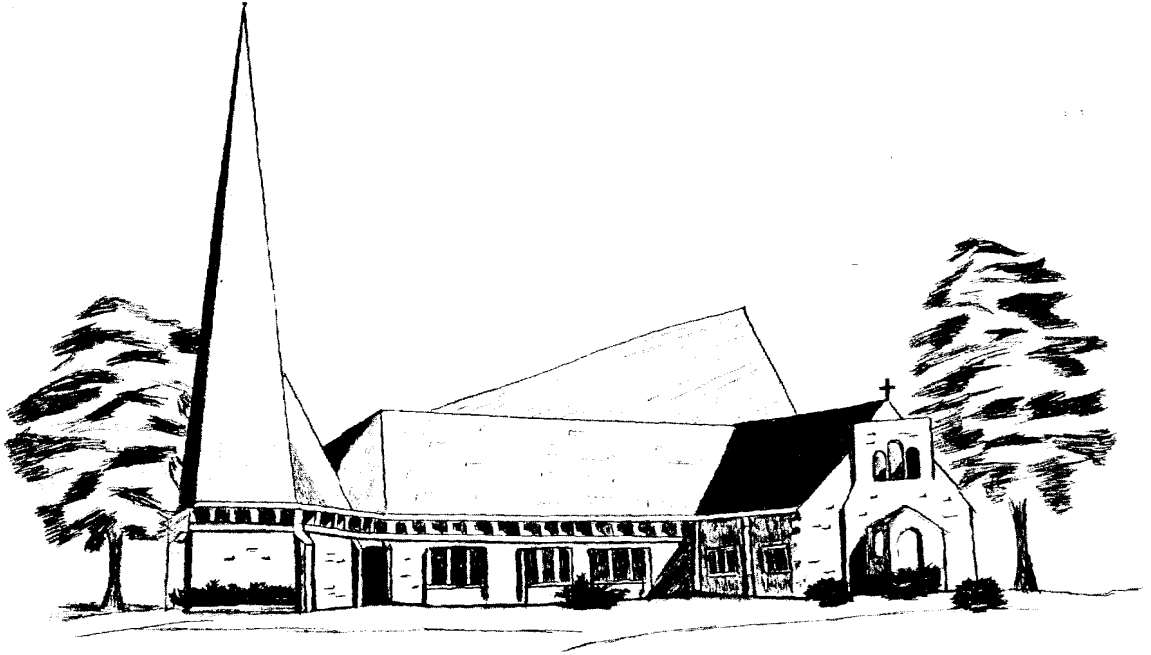


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## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 27, 2025

10:00 AM

**To Visitors and Newcomers:** Hello and welcome to St. Thomas. We're glad you're here! Children of all ages are welcome. At the rear of the church there are rocking chairs for use if needed. Also, there is a staffed nursery where children to age 4 may stay for all, or part of the service. To help us get to know you, please fill out a Welcome Card you will find in the Pew. Please come to the parish hall after the service for coffee and fellowship. We invite you to be part of the St. Thomas Church Community!



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**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**      Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God      Hymnal #711

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God      2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
and its righteousness,      Seek, and ye shall find,  
and all these things shall be added unto      Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
you;      Allelu, alleluia! *refrain*  
Allelu, alleluia!

*Refrain*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Allelu, alleluia!*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **LESSON:**

## **Genesis 18:20-32**

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.      **People Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 138**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name  
and your word above all things.

- 4    **When I called, you answered me;  
      you increased my strength within me.**
- 5    All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
      when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6    **They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
      that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7    Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;  
      he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8    **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
      you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
      your right hand shall save me.**
- 9    The Lord will make good his purpose for me;  
      O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
      do not abandon the works of your hands.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
      as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **EPISTLE:**

## **Colossians 2:6-19**

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Reader     The Word of the Lord.

**People     Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

A A / Gospel / A Tag

Ken Medema

A

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spit-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

## GOSPEL:

Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Continue to Verse A and Tag of Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

## **THE SERMON**

Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard

## **THE NICENE CREED**

BCP pg. 358

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP pg. 388

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY

More Precious Than Silver We Exalt Thee

(A A B C C)

**A** D A G D D A G

Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more costly than gold. Lord, You are more Beautiful than diamonds, and no-thing I desire compares with You.

**B** G A D B m G A D

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth. Thou art exalted far above all gods. For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth. Thou art exalted far above all gods.

**C** D A G D A

We exalt Thee. We exalt Thee. We exalt Thee. O Lord. We exalt Thee. We exalt Thee. We exalt Thee. O Lord.

*Please rise as you are able, as the offering is brought forward*

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP pg. 361

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel as you are able*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All**        **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
              **hallowed be thy Name,**  
              **thy kingdom come,**  
              **thy will be done,**  
              **on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
              **as we forgive those**  
              **who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
              **but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
              **and the power, and the glory,**  
              **for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People        Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**All**        We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive communion with us. If you would like to receive a Gluten Free Wafer, please let the celebrant know when you come up. Prayer ministers are available in the chapel during communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven **Hymnal #410**

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

For the Bread Which you Have Broken **Hymnal #341**

1 For the bread, which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 As our blessed ones adore you,  
seated at our Father's board,  
may the Church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.  
4 In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward,  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All        Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
              you have graciously accepted us as living members  
              of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
              and you have fed us with spiritual food  
              in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
              Send us now into the world in peace,  
              and grant us strength and courage  
              to love and serve you  
              with gladness and singleness of heart;  
              through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Celebrant The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

Forever

**A**

**A B Cc / D B C Cc**

Chris Tomlin

1. Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. His love en - dures for - ev - er.

For He is good. He is a - bove all things. His love en - dures for - ev - er.

Sing praise. Sing praise. 2. With a mighty hand and out - stretched arm His

love en - dures for - ev - er. For the life that's been re - born, His love en - dures for - ev - er.

sing praise. Sing praise. Sing praise. Sing praise.

For - ev - er God is faith - ful. For - ev - er God is strong. For - ev -

- er God is with us, for - ev - er. for - ev - er.

3. From the ri - sing to the set - ting sun His love en - dures for - ev - er. And by the

grace of God we will car - ry on. His love en - dures for - ev - er.

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## DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Instrumental

The following anniversaries of members of our Parish Family will be remembered.  
**Sunday, July 27, 2025 to Saturday, August 2, 2025**

**Birthdays**

- 1 Barbara Barczak  
Katharine Helein
- 2 Amy Yahr  
Ashley Puga  
Kim Van Rooy

**Wedding Anniversaries**

*No Commemorations*

**Faithful Departed**

- 27 William Cross  
Joan Le Mieux
- 2 Ernst Mahler  
Clarence Beyer  
Margaret Wilson

**Mission Partners**

Double Portion with Calvary Bible Church/  
St. Patrick's Church  
Betsy Hake – Honduras  
Mothers' Mercy Home – Kenya

**Mission Payer Links**

African Medical Mission  
Boy Scouts Troop 3  
Cub Scouts Pack 3003  
Carmen & Rosa and the San Lucas UCC  
– Chicago  
Gideon Bible Distribution Ministry  
Fr. Ian/Polly Montgomery – (SAMS)

**Serving in the Military**

Auston Allen – Air Force  
Kyle Cooper – Army National Guard  
James Kopczynski – Army National Guard  
Bruce McRae – Army Reserve  
Andrew Shaffer - Army  
Mark Sopkiw, Jr. - Army  
Matthew Verich – Navy  
KaDee Peterson – Navy Reserves

**Deployed**

Humberto Puga – Navy

*In the wider **Anglican Communion** Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In the **Diocesan** Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints Cathedral, Milwaukee; St. John's, Delafield, St. Barnabas, Clear Lake. In the **St. Thomas** cycle of prayer we pray for Ministries involving Youth including Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Kids Club, Nursery, Sunday School, VBS, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.*

<b>Lay Ministry</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Shari Lloyd, Wade Lindholm Eli Kopczynski	Julie Spanbauer
<b>Eucharistic Team:</b>	Dan Werbeckes Val Phillip	Sandie Umland Dan Werbeckes Val Phillip
<b>Prayer Ministry Team:</b>	Jill Beverlin Fr. John Peterson	Fr. John Peterson
<b>Reader:</b>	Wade Lindholm	Gordon Stillings
<b>Ushers:</b>	Gordon Stillings/ Steve Krautsch	Bill and Barb Barry
<b>Preacher:</b>	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard	Fr. Andy Cruz Lillegard
<b>Verger:</b>	Martina Mims	Martina Mims
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Laura Lindstrom, Shari Lloyd	Barb Barry, Peggy Langkau, Nancy Dombeck
<b>Vestry Announcements:</b>	<b>8am</b> Martina Mims <b>10am</b> Mary Kay Hietpas	<b>8am</b> Martina Mims <b>10am</b> Jon Phillip

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