

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at www.bethanybatavia.org. Welcome!

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Children's Resources

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery

While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to the Foelske Family for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

As We Gather:

"If you love me," Jesus says to his disciples. These are the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Do you wonder if they were hurt by his words? Of course they loved him! And of course, shortly after this scene, they will let him down tremendously. So have we. We have failed to love Jesus; we have failed to follow his command to love one another. Jesus' love for us, however, is not predicated on our love for him. Jesus' love for us is shown forth in the midst of humanity's failures. We will not be left orphaned. We will not be forgotten. God cannot let us go. Christ dies, but also is risen. The Spirit of truth is sent to us and has taken root in our hearts, empowering and inspiring us to create communities of love. Yes, we have failed. But God simply will not let our failure have the last word.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Setting by Robert J. Powell Emma Hess, Flute

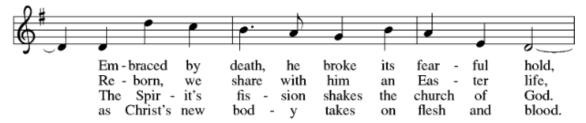
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

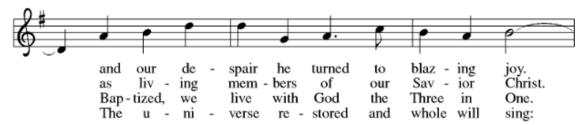
We stand.

GATHERING HYMN: We Know that Christ Is Raised

ELW #449









THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

We sit.



+ Word +

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22–31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

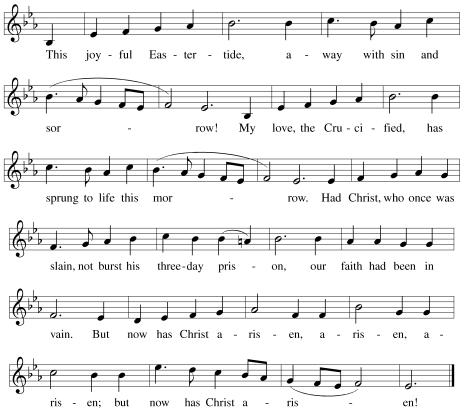
SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide



HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

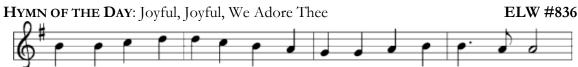
C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska John 14:15–21

We stand.



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



NICENE CREED

- A Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- A God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- A Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the first generation of your apostles and all your saints through the ages. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- 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.

+ MEAL +

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.



- 2. He was born on Christmas morning...
- 3. He was baptized in a river...
- 4. He had judgment before Pilate...
- 5. He has died to save us sinners...
- 6. He arose on Easter morning...
- 7. He ascended into heaven...
- 8. Let us all be joyful in Him...

9. Virgin Mary had a little baby...

Note: Start very softly. On each verse, increase volume until very loud with the 8^{th} verse. Finally, almost a whisper on the 9^{th} verse.

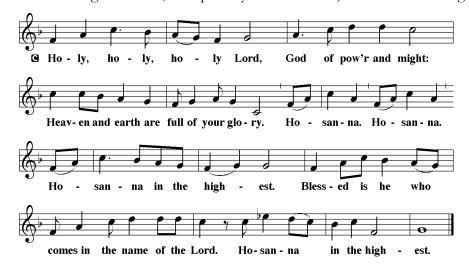
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 God thanks and praise.
 - It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. He is the One who has sent the Spirit of Truth that we may never be orphans in this world. He is the One who calls us to be a loving family with all who have gone before, all who are here now, and all who are to come in future generations. Thus, all of us across all generations, now praise your name and join in this unending hymn:



P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

 And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood, may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has first taught us:
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

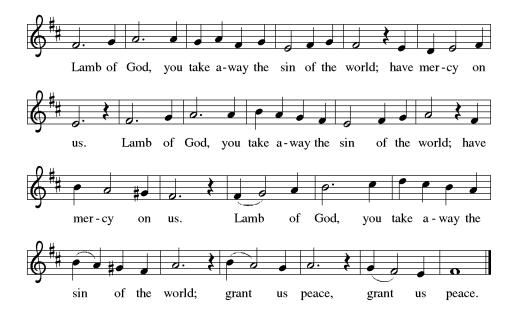
Give us this day our daily bread;

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.

- P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready. We sit.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his hanquet feast. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION



- What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!

Je - sus knows our ev-'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

HYMN: We Are Called ELW #720



We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C Amen.
- L Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C Amen.

SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, \$\P\$ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
- C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in g Minor

J.S. Bach



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Steve Mickelson, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist

Alan Spear, Organist Mia Rusev, Reader

Doug Clark, Ryan Pieratt, A/V Jan Bristow, Ann Holch, Altar Guild

Leslie Grashorn, Ryan Grashorn, Acolytes

Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger Ushers

Steve Mickelson, Emma Hess, Ruth Beck, Comm. Ass'ts

Emma Hess, Flute

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If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to council@bethanybatavia.org.

Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

Code of Conduct: At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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LET US PRAY...

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Mary Bradtmueller, John Bristow, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Liesa Ritter, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

Please pray for those who are homebound and those in a care facility:

Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
Dolores Hoffman Heritage Woods
Bill Keele Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Rhonda Nelson Batavia, IL

Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Jay & Carol Wierz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation.

Please pray for our family and friends:

Vicki Johnson Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk

Christine Smith On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Katie Taylor Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler Jane Wirth Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Michelle Hartzell Friend of Beth Richard

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Andrea Hensley Colleague of Emma Hess Christine Dalak Friend of Janice Reynolds

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston Friend of Ann Holch

Bob Gustafson Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna

Stahl

Jeff HallColleague of Emma HessBonnie & Jim HinesParents of Suzanne Grashorn

Tina Motter Sister of Jackie Page Mary Hughs Sister of Jackie Page Friend of Paulette Smigo Dottie Friend of Ed Schalk Diane Sharp Lizzie Bork Friend of Julie Howard Nancy Sister of Karol Clark Jeffrey Campbell Nephew of Nan Phillips Kate and Family Friend of John & Karol Clark

Damon Schultz
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Sue S.
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Nicole
Friend of Linda Sullivan

Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller
Maureen Scollon Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
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Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,

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Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Friend of Schuman Family Daughter of Ann Holch Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Son of Aaron Anderson

Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

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Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Friend of Katie Robertson Beth Richard's Father

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Daughter of Louise Pruitt

Teri Figura Teri Figura

Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Friend of Lois Benson

Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam Daughter of Shirley Streidl Father of Nicki McVey Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy Daughter of Diane Schalk

Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Father of Dan Stahl

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, May 14		
	Worship	
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 15		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room
12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7pm	Troop 6 Leaders	Lower Level
Tuesday, May 16		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Quilters	
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room
	Girls BSA Troop 606	
Wednesday, May 17	1	,
3 · 3	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber	
	Music/Worship Committee	
	Men's Basketball	
	Well's Dasketball	
Thursday, May 18		
	Bethany Walking Group	
	Boy Scout Troop 6	
	Bell Choir	
	Festival Choir	
7:30pm	BSA – Order of the Arrow	Fellowship Hall
Friday, May 19		
	Bethany Walking Group	
4:30pm	Swedish Am Children's Choir Rehear	sal Choir Room/Library
Saturday, May 20		
	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Altar Guild	Fellowship Hall
	Al-Anon	
10am	Al-Ateen	Lower Level
6pm	Movie Night	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday, May 21		•
	Youth Car Wash	Bethany Parking Lot
	Worship	
	Coffee Hour	
	Annual Congregational Meeting	
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