

Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

October 19^h 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Minister Alex Linn

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Pat Ruth

Technical Specialist: Michael Lindahl

Sacristan: Nancy Crivello

Introduction to the Day

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:27-34

After uttering many oracles of judgment, Jeremiah announces a day of hope when God will make a new covenant with Israel and Judah, a covenant written upon their hearts and sealed with God's forgiveness.

PSALM: Psalm 121

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

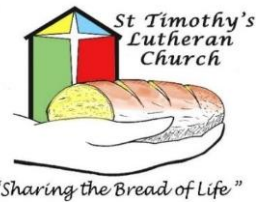
FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Thursday, October 23, 2025

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

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WELCOME

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

ALL: Amen

PRESIDING MINISTER: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We keep silence for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

ALL: we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1	Rise up, O saints of God!	From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2	Speak out, O saints of God!	De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3	Rise up, O saints of God!	The king - dom's task em - brace;
4	Give heed, O saints of God!	Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5	Com - mit your hearts to seek	the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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GREETING

PRESIDING MINISTER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRESIDING MINISTER: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.
Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 31:27-34

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from Jeremiah

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

CHORAL ANTHEM: Psalm 121 (Text p. 10)

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

PRESIDING MINISTER: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

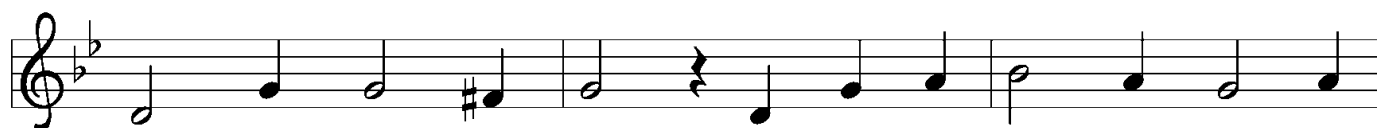
SERMON

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #769 If you but Trust in God to Guide you



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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Please be seated.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ASSISTING MINISTER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

ALL: Receive our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

ALL: Receive our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. God of grace,

ALL: Receive our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer, especially:

(pause as members of the community name those in need of God's clear presence)

God of grace,

ALL: Receive our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for, O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

ALL: Receive our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: And for what else do the people of God assembled here pray or give thanks?

(pause as members of the community raise thanks and concerns, either muted or unmuted)

God of grace,

ALL: Receive our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, especially:

(pause as members of the community raise up the names of the blessed dead in whose communion we remain)

God of grace,

ALL: Receive our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY LITANY

ASSISTING MINISTER: It is Birthday Sunday! We thank God for the gift of life.

ALL: We thank God for those people whose birthdays we celebrate this October:

Pat Ruth,

ASSISTING MINISTER: Are there any October birthdays?

We sing our birthday greetings...

Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday and God bless you!
Happy Birthday to you!

ASSISTING MINISTER: Life is precious.

ALL: We are grateful for all these precious people.

ASSISTING MINISTER: May God bless them in this time and through all the days of their lives

ALL: We are glad that God has brought us together in this world.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We are enriched by those in our lives, our families, our church, and our community.

ALL: May we always be open to seeing God in others.

ASSISTING MINISTER: May we always follow God's leading into the future.

ALL: Thanks be to God for the gift of life. Amen.

PEACE

PRESIDING MINISTER: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for all God has given us we offer the first fruits of our labors for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. In addition to giving in our offering plate, you are welcome to give in one of two ways: 1) By mailing your gift to St. Timothy's at 9000 Kildare Ave, Skokie, IL 60076; or 2) By giving online via the QR code in the back of the bulletin or the link on our website: sttimothyskokie.org.

PRESIDING MINISTER: We worship God with our offering.

OFFERING SONG



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.

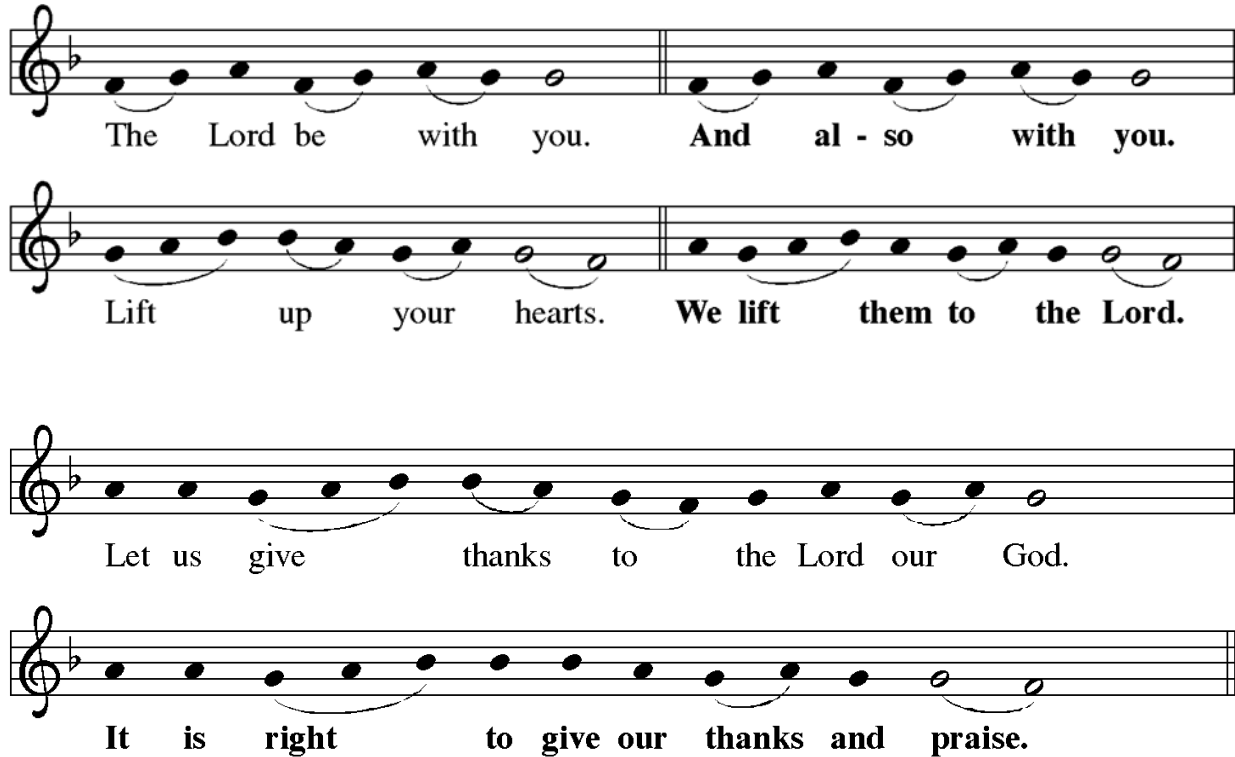
OFFERING PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

ALL: Amen.

EUCCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

PRESIDING MINISTER: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly is our

4
God; God the Lord of Earth and heav - en, Ho - ly, ho - ly is our

8
God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, is our

12
God, God the Lord of all of his - t'ry, Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRESIDING MINISTER: Come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION

TABLE DISMISSAL

PRESIDING MINISTER: And now may the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRESIDING MINISTER: O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

BLESSING

PRESIDING MINISTER: The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #624 Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Variation on the Hymn of the Day

CHORAL ANTHEM TEXT: I to the hills will lift my eyes: From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord above, Who heav'ns and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved, Your Guardian never sleeps;
His watchful and unslumb'ring care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, Your shelter and your shade;
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, You shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe, Provide for all you need;
Your going out, your coming in, He will forever lead.

IN OUR PRAYERS

You are invited to pray for those listed throughout the week using this or another prayer:

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing, especially (*Speak names here*).

When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday

John and Nancy Lang, Phillip DeRosa, Louise Nygard, Brian and Jackson Siegel, Susan Prichodko, Bill Yeager, Jim and Laurel Nelson, Pat Flaherty and Sandy Waterhouse, The Family of Michael Rapp, Paul Luke, Irene Hildner

Monday

The Family of Esther Hildner
Marci Stanley
John Stanton
Robert Skillen
Russon and Gloria Brown
John Kueter
Bob Miller

Tuesday

Martilias Porreca
Janet Johnson
Susan Jensen
Jennie Ramirez
Linda and Paul Wold
Eileen Cooney
Jennifer Kinsella

Wednesday

Elaine Morgan
John Fergus
Michael Halliwell
Marlene Hawkins
Joanne and Colin Haeberlin
The family of Simon Kerslake
The family of William D. Murphy

Thursday

Christine Haeberlin
Jan Karp
The Family of Maisa Abudayyeh
The Family of Rosita Cueva
The Family of Larry Ruegg
Helene Preisig
The Family of Patricia Study

Friday

Jim Henderson
David Hooseholder
Phil and family
Lynn Tomey
Miriam Lietz
Virginia McLaughlin

Saturday

Liam Hansen
Patrick Hansen
Sheila McDiarmid
The Family of Joseph Pucher
Bill Maki
Dick and Joan Nelson
Pennie Olson

NOTE: We are happy to include friends and loved ones. Please contact the church office to renew or add a prayer request, or to let us know it is time for a prayer of thanksgiving.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, OCTOBER 19th TO OCTOBER 25th

Sunday	10:30am	Worship/ Birthday Sunday
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday	9:45 am	Sack Lunch
Saturday		

ASSISTING MINISTER Pat Ruth

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, OCTOBER 26th TO NOVEMBER 1st

Sunday		No Worship at St. Tim's
	10:30am	Reformation Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

ASSISTING MINISTER

SAVE THE DATE

Sack Lunch

Come and join us for our next Sack Lunch opportunity on Friday, October 24th, in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am! For more information, please reach out to Janice Skillen or call the church office at (847) 676-1300.

Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday 2025, a collaborative worship amongst neighboring congregations being hosted by Grace Lutheran Church, 1430 S. Boulevard, Evanston, IL. 60202 at 10:30 AM, October 26th 2025.

Coffeehouse Presents

Mark your calendars and join St. Tim's Coffeehouse with WFMT featuring The Oh Boys on Saturday, November 15th! To learn more about the Coffeehouse and buy tickets, visit sttimothyskokie.org/coffeehouse.

Hospitality Team

Are you looking for a new way to serve? Consider joining our Hospitality Team, which provides the refreshments for fellowship hour after worship every Sunday! There are plenty of opportunities to serve! To learn more and sign up, call the church office.

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