



# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 19th, 2025

**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

Norwood, PA ~ Phone: 610.586.5860

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church

The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^MISSION STATEMENT:

**C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful and loving God, 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.**

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! **Amen.**

# ^GATHERING HYMN

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.

## When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

## ^KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

^HYMN OF PRAISE (*Verses 1&2*)

## God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace

*Refrain*

God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace

kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.

1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter      soak - ing our dry - ness,  
 2 Word of pro - claim - ing,      breath on the wa - ter,  
 3 Oil of a - noint - ing,      fra - grant with pow - er,  
 4 Bright light of Eas - ter      cleav - ing the dark - ness,  
 5 Robe of a - dop - tion      grow - ing God's fam - 'ly,

drown - ing our sin each day, mak - ing us new—  
 plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:  
 nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—  
 shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—  
 wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—

*Refrain*

mer - cy come stream - ing from you.  
 "This is my child, my be - loved."  
 mark of the life that we gain.  
 bea - con of hope on the way.  
 love be - come sym - bol and sign.

P: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

## ^PRAYER OF THE DAY

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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. Amen.

### First Reading:

### Genesis 32:22-31

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

<sup>22</sup> The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm:****Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- er of Israel will neither slum- be nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for- evermore**

**SECOND READING****2 Timothy 3:14—4:5**

*The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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## ^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's Holy Name, alleluia!**  
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## ^HOLY GOSPEL

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you O Lord**

*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.*

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

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

Pastor. Scott Lee

## ^HYMN

**Together****by Chris Tomlin**

Every day, through the night, You're where I go  
Every step, You are there. In the valley of the shadow  
I never walk alone, not for a minute;  
Whatever I'm in, I know that we're in it.

Chorus

Together, together, Your mighty hands are holding me.  
Together, together, You're the God who never leaves  
When life gets hard we all need Jesus  
We fall apart and You're putting the pieces... Together, together  
Thank you, Lord, You hold things ... Together

Through the highs and lows, and the bends in the road  
Lord, I know whatever life brings  
You're my calm in the storm and I know that  
For my good You're working all things  
(repeat the chorus)

I never walk alone, not even for a minute  
Whatever I'm in I know that we're in it ... Together, together  
Lift your voice to the King of Kings... Together, together  
Come on everybody sing!  
(repeat the chorus)

## ^APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**



**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Kneeling as able.)*

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

^PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you feel comfortable.

## OFFERING

*We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who don't feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.*

## ^OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the

brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

## ^GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION *In the night he was betrayed.....*

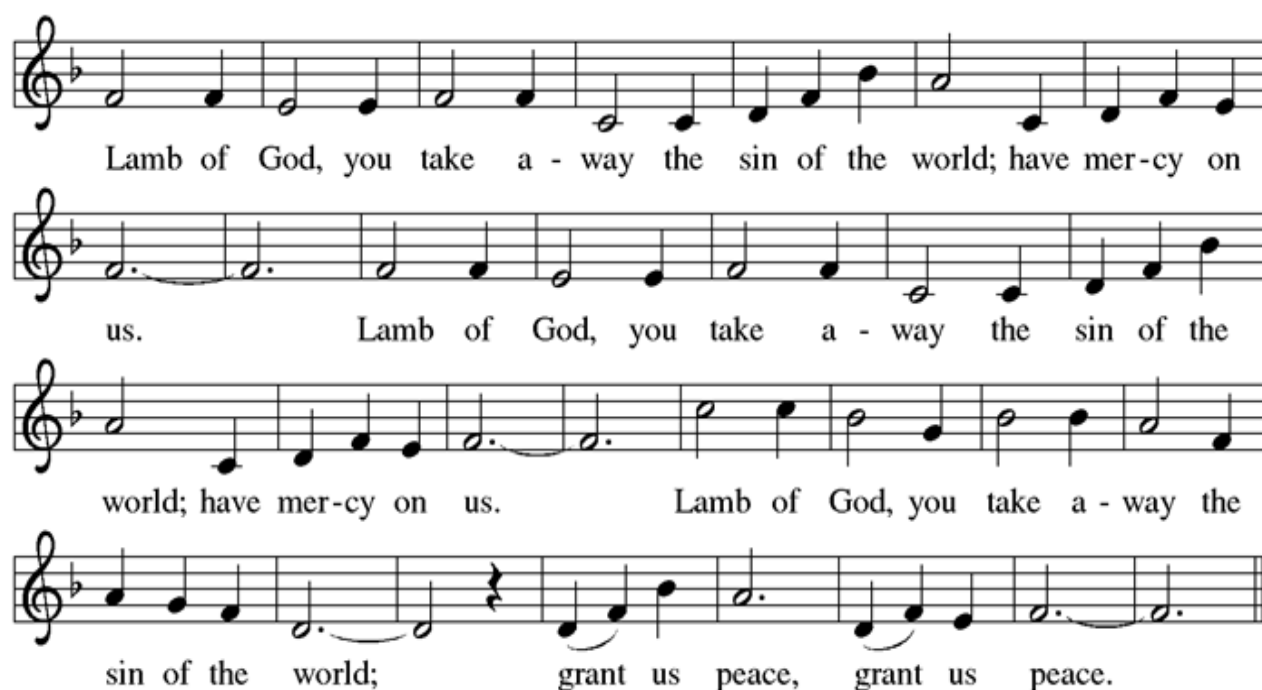
## ^LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P:** The table is ready, come and eat.

**C:** Amen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *(By Intinction)*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice).*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by  
morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy  
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

## ^HYMN

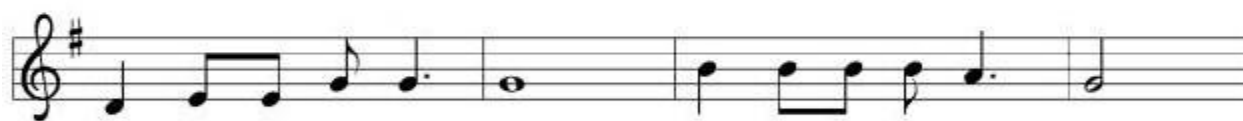
## This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## ^DISMISSAL

. Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ReconcilingWorks**  
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



As a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity in our congregation, community, and country. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

**Welcome Visitors!** We are very glad you are with us today! It is a privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. We would appreciate having a record of your communion with us today. Please sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions please ask any of the members, we'll be happy to help. Check out [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org) or our Facebook page. **Thanks for being with us!**



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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

**SUNDAY**

Worship .

11:00 AM

Worship and Music Meeting

12:00PM

| Date   | Lector       | Worship Assistant | Greeters     | Acolytes    |
|--------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Oct 19 | D. McClellan | M. Horne- Onimus  | K. McClellan | E. Enriquez |
| Oct 26 |              | J. Kintsche       | J. Crane     |             |



**September Income - \$8,080**  
**September Expenses \$10,559**

**Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards!** They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the coupons. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

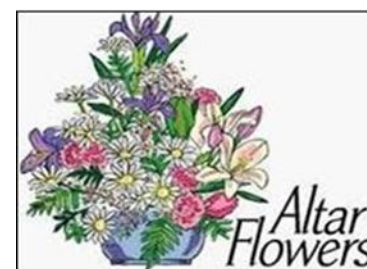
**ACME**



**Heating Oil Season is almost here!**

Our mascot for our Heating Oil campaign, **Scout** is asking that our members do their best to contribute monthly a little extra using **the OIL envelopes you'll find at Heating Oil campaign poster board** locate in the Hospitality area

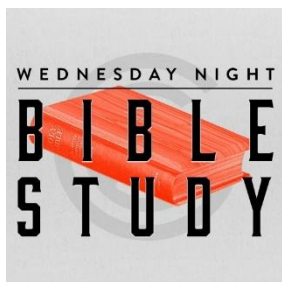
**Sponsor Altar Flowers!** Call Fran Fisher at 610.586.3095 with the details of when you would like to sponsor the altar flowers, and the wording of dedication you would like to appear in the Sunday bulletin for that day. Spruce up the Altar!! Flowers are \$30.





## LAST CALL!

**Boscov's shopping event! 25% off lowest sale price on Wednesday October 22, 2025 shopping hours 8AM – 11PM in store AND online.** Immanuel receives \$5.00 for each pass used! Please contact Mary Lyn at (610)888-2579 for details.



### Weekly Virtual Bible Study is back on!

Join us via zoom for Bible study on Wednesdays; 7:00 to 8:00 PM for a series on Luke: How Do You Respond to Jesus? All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we connect. Study Guides are available in the mailboxes in the coat room- in the left-hand lower corner you'll find "Zoom Bible" with copies for that week in a folder. Karl McClellan and Fred Warner lead sessions.

You may join at any time! Just go to our website:

**[www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org)** and click on the *Church Calendar* tab, then scroll to the **ZOOM LINK FOR WEEKNIGHT BIBLE STUDY**. You can use your phone to connect. dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. Use the numbers below when you are prompted.

Dial In Numbers: +1 646 931 3860 or +1 929 205 6099

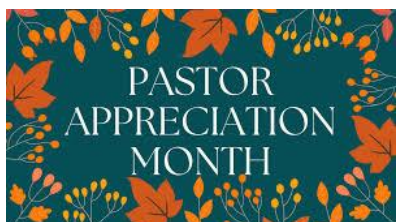
Meeting ID: 897 7827 9740 Passcode: 952485

We hope you will join us!! Any questions please see our leaders, Karl McClellan or Fred Warner

**Wednesday Mornings at St. Matthew's in person with Pastor Lee at 9:00AM – 9:45 AM.** What

does God teach us about himself through the wonders of creation? How do the lives of the people he fashioned glorify him and further his eternal purposes?

This six-session series offers a big-picture view of the foundational book of Genesis, exploring the splendor of creation and the significance of God's work in the lives of flawed yet faithful men and women. And while it tells of fascinating people experiencing transformational events, Genesis continually points us back to their God and ours, the Creator.



**October is Minister Appreciation Month**

We all forget to say “Thank You” to folks who serve us as part of their work responsibilities. Pastors have a special relationship to their jobs...both they and their congregations pray for guidance as they consider

whether God is calling the candidate to support their congregation. Pastor Lee has been serving Immanuel for about eight years. It would be lovely if each member could thank Pastor this month – a few words as you shake hands or a card or note would be appreciated.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY – Oct 26th Service will be held downstairs including a breakfast.** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for what is needed for the breakfast. Thank you for signing up. *Don't forget to wear your red!*



## ENVELOPES!!!

If you did not get a box of envelopes in 2025, and would like one for 2026, please see Jeanne Warner to obtain one.



## RAISE RIGHT

Ready to start your Christmas shopping? Maybe stock up on restaurants for a night out? Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store you may want. Our church will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area. Fill out form, make your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and hand in to Jeanne Warner or the office. Dates that orders will be sent in for purchase will be ***Oct 26, Nov 14, and Dec 7***. Gift cards usually arrive within a week of ordering. Don't see a store you need? You may search online at: [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) and add it to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check if will be available.



We will again be having a Pampered chef fundraiser this fall. It's time to start thinking about getting holiday gifts and this is a great way to get something for everyone and support Immanuel. The sale official starts **November 3rd**, but you can shop earlier using the below link. More information to come closer to the sale start date in November but if you prefer to look and get done the sales will count for our fundraiser. Any questions please talk to Colleen Kelly

# CARS, COFFEE & CHRIST

HOSTS: Immanuel, Norwood and St. Matthew, Woodlyn  
Lutheran Churches in St. Matthew's Parking Lot



**SATURDAY from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**  
**November 22, 2025**

BRING SOMETHING TO SHOW, OR JUST COME FOR THE COFFEE!

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