

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • August 3, 2025

*Now the Feast and Celebration*



*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free  
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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*We Are an Offering*

arr. Mark Hayes

## GATHERING

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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## SALUTATION

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

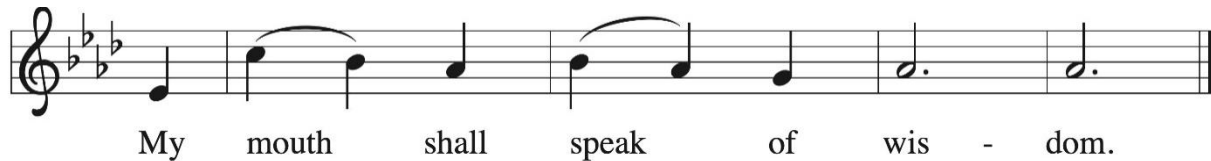
Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 49:1-12



Psalm 49:3

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Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

**you of high degree and low,**

**rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**I will incline my ear to a proverb**

**and set forth my riddle upon the harp. R**

Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,**

**and boast of their great riches?**

One can never redeem another,

or give to God the ransom for another's life,

**for the ransom of a life is so great**

**that there would never be enough to pay it,**

in order to live forever and ever

and never see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish**

**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;**

**they are like the beasts that perish. R**

### SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these, the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices, and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But Jesus said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things

you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**  
**SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky  
Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Are an Offering*  
OFFERING; *sung twice*

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**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Edwards/Larson

Taylor Simpon, tenor, and Charles Robinson, baritone

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands for sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.  
Amen, amen, amen!*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*As the Grains of Wheat*

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### OFFERTORY

Creator God,  
**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

## MEAL

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## PROPER PREFACE

It is our duty and delight...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## 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.**

## AGNUS DEI

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## COMMUNION

*Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a **clear** cup with wine or a **purple** cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

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ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE      *Thanks Be to You*      *Now the Feast* booklet page 15

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*  
ENGELBERG

ELW 449

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God**

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on Engelberg*

Robert A. Hobby

## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Patrick Spisak

ACOLYTES — Carl Carpenter & Elena Stevens

LECTOR — Sue Moeslein

USHERS/GREETERS — Tricia & Jacob Wessler

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Doug Hill

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **RED FOOD BOX**

Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box! With these warm days we need many bottled waters. Thank you again!

### **SAVE THE DATE! NEW DIRECTORY!**

Mark your calendars! We are going to have photographers here to build our new photo directory on Thursday, October 9 and Friday, October 10. Time slots will go live next month, but for now save the date AND!

We are looking for a team of 3-5 volunteers who will help us coordinate the directory and help get the project promoted and organized. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tina.

### **FFF**

The next Faith Friends and Fellowship discussion group will meet on Aug 10th after the service. We will share in fellowship and enjoy snacks and beverages while continuing with Part 2 of our 3-part series on exploring bias.

If you want to explore some of the references we are discussing in this series, you can:

-Listen to the June 5th radio episode of Another View

-Take one or a few of the Implicit Association Tests as part of Harvard University's Project Implicit.

We hope to see you at the next FFF group!

### **TREASURER'S NOTE!**

Dear Trinity Family,

Just a reminder that, since we just voted to approve the 2025 - 2026 budget and have just begun the new fiscal year this month, this is a great time to prayerfully consider increasing your offering, especially if you haven't done so in a few years. It's easy to forget that our church family needs not just your time and talent but your treasure, too!

Thanks to all the members of our family for all you do!

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS** — Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Shirley Anderson; Williamsburg Landing Rehab: Jerry Cobb, Room 140; Warwick Forest: Bonnie Carlson and Virginia Hamby.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** — The family and friends of *Phyllis Harrison Philpot*, requested by *Bill Solomon*; Warren, Maddie Walker's family; requested by *Nancy Lindfors*; Lilly Petty, requested by *Carol Bessom*; Eddie Bateman & Karen Vodenichar, requested by the *Sniady Family*; Bonnie Carlson, requested by *Pastor Tina*; Blaine Pearsall, requested by *Lina Valdez*; Family and friends of *Scott Campbell*, requested by *Todd Recupero*; Don Harvey, Anne Obara's Dad, requested by *Anne Obara*; Stephanie Beauvais, requested by *Jarvis Edwards*; Larry and Linda Jones, requested by *Judy Hunt*; Sarah Miller, requested by *John and Sandy Lunsford*; Wayne Skinner and Pam Carmean, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by the *Dail family*; The family of *Carole Knopp*, requested by *Wendy Mynonymany*; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by *Tricia Wessler*; Ahlen family, requested by *Kathy Stevens*.

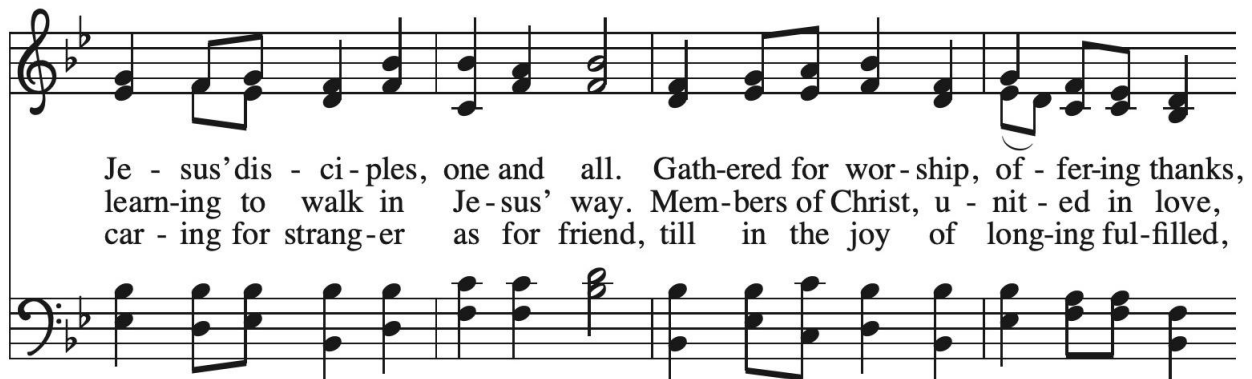
**THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY** — James Fielding, *Tokyo, Japan*; Bryan Hunt, *State Dept., Sierra Leone*; Tyler Obara, *Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB*.



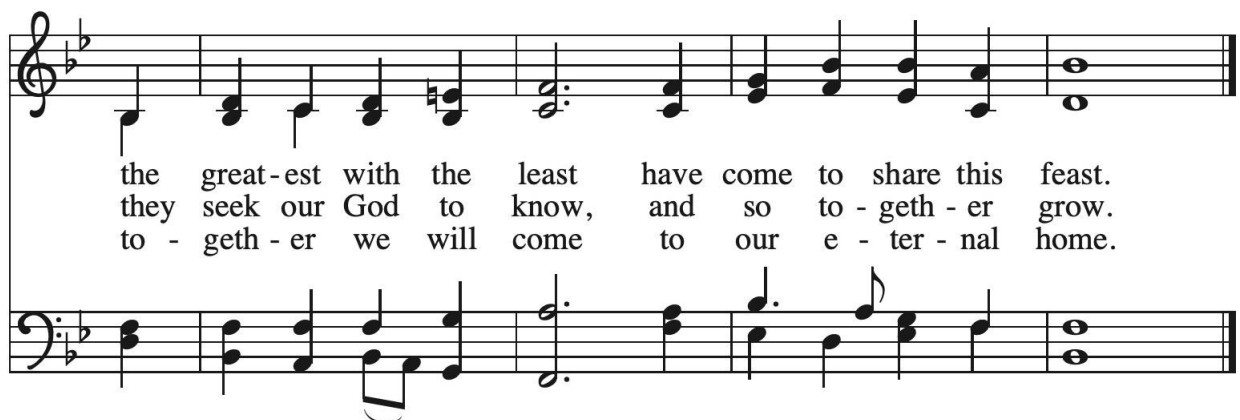
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. It features a melody with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. Triplet markings (a '3' over a group of three notes) are present on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un-til you come a-gain.

- |                       |                              |            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing  |
| 2 Seek not the food   | that will pass a - way;      | set your   |
| 3 Love as the one     | who, in love for you,        | gave him - |
| 4 Dwell in the one    | who now dwells in you;       | make your  |
| 5 Drink of this cup   | and de - clare his death;    | eat this   |

thanks, hun-gry ones,	gath-er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en-dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life -	giv-ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas-ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness	of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger	and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve	in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one	in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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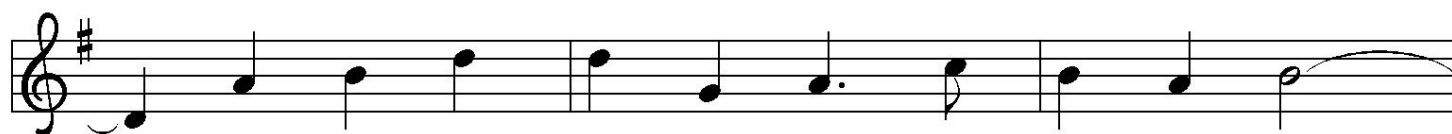
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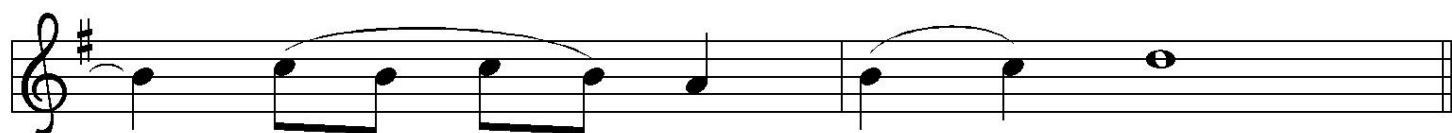
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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