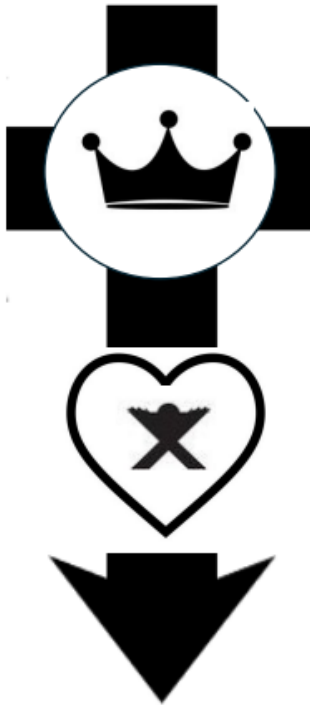


Kingly Love Mangered Now



That baby in the manger doesn't look like much of a king, but He's exactly the king that we needed.

**Third Sunday in Advent –  
A BLESSING COMES DOWN:  
KINGLY LOVE MANGERED LOW**

**Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:  
Luke 2:7-12 –  
A Blessing Comes Down:  
Kingly Love Mangered Now**

**WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at [www.stjohnsmontello.org](http://www.stjohnsmontello.org) and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH-WELS**

**December 15, 2024**

**Sun. 8:00am**

## **A BLESSING COMES DOWN: KINGLY LOVE MANGERED NOW**

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word meaning "to come to". The Advent season reminds us how Jesus comes to us: in the flesh at Christmas, in grace now through His Word and in glory at the final Judgment. Our services this Advent season will use the alphabet broken into seven parts to develop the main message of this season. ABCD - A Blessing Comes Down! In our last service we heard "Here Is Jesus", that when the time was right Jesus was born in Bethlehem just as Micah had foretold. Today we hear "Kingly Love Mangered Now"! That baby in the manger doesn't look like much of a king, but He's exactly the king that we needed.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Setting Three with no communion, pp. 188-198,171

**HYMNS:** 346, 341

**PSALM:** 130 "Out of the Depths"

**SERMON:** Luke 2:7-12 - A Blessing Comes Down: Kingly Love Mangered Now

**OPENING HYMN:** (From CW93-Hymn 58) "See in Yonder Manger Low"

**See in yonder manger low, Born for us on earth below,  
See the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.  
Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption's happy dawn'  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Lo, within a stable lies He who built the stary skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim.  
Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption's happy dawn'  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this.  
Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption's happy dawn'  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Teach, oh, teach us, holy Child, By thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble thee In thy sweet humility.  
Hail the ever blessed morn; Hail redemption's happy dawn'  
Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

## INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION

God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

**Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.** *James 4:6,10*

Dear friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation as we await Christ's second coming on the Last Day. We prepare our hearts to meet him as we humbly seek his forgiveness.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God have mercy on me, a sinner.**

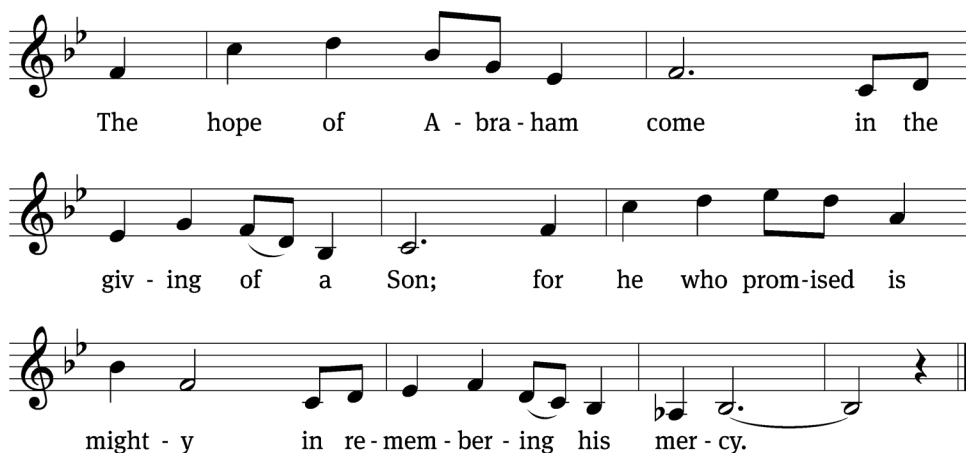
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.** *Psalms 130:3,4*

## 975 My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

1 My soul will mag - ni - fy the Lord; I re - joice in God my  
Sav - ior, in the won - der of his fa - vor.  
For he has done great things for me, he was mind - ful  
of his ser - vant; ev - 'ry age shall call me bless - ed.



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God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was fulfilled in the coming of his Son. Jesus Christ humbled himself by submitting to God's law. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross. God promises to lift up the humble and fill the hungry with good things because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor,  
so that we through his poverty might become rich.** *2 Corinthians 8:9*

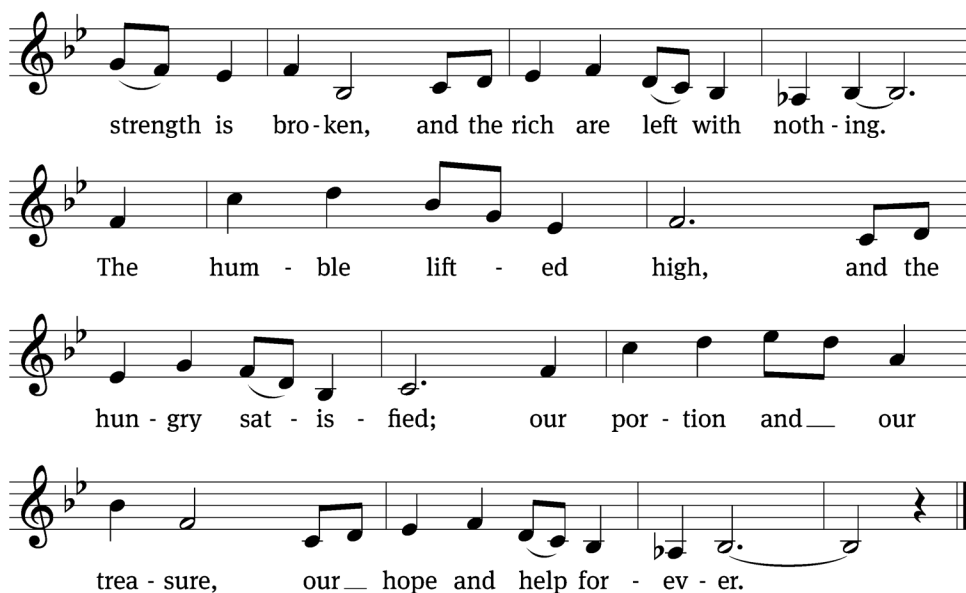
Even as we await Christ's second coming, he comes to us here and now in the words he gives his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## 975 My Soul Will Magnify the Lord

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## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** *(Third Sunday in Advent)*

We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.

**We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**

We hear his call to see the light.

**We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Luke 1:26–33

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

**PSALM:** 130 "Out of the Depths"**SECOND READING:** Revelation 19:11–16

<sup>11</sup>I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup>Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 11:10**Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### *Tone*

I will send my messenger a - head of you,  
who will prepare your way be - fore you.

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### **GOSPEL READINGS:** Luke 2:7–12 (Sermon Text) & John 18:28–37

**(Luke 2:7-12)** <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. <sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

**(John 18:28-37)** <sup>28</sup>Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?” <sup>30</sup>“If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.” <sup>31</sup>Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” “But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. <sup>32</sup>This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. <sup>33</sup>Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” <sup>35</sup>“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” <sup>37</sup>“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 346 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**SERMON:** Luke 2:7-12 - A Blessing Comes Down: Kingly Love Mattered Now

**APOSTLES' CREED:** Hymnal page 197

**OFFERING, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, ALTAR PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT:**

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

**Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.**

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

**Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.**

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

**Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.**

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

**Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.**

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

**Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.**

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

**May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence. *Silent prayer*

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

**Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**



**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS** (bulletin p. 10)

**CLOSING HYMN:** 341 "Away in a Manger"

**THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Fourth Sunday in Advent - A BLESSING COMES DOWN:  
THE ULTIMATE VICTORIOUS WORD

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St. John's is looking for a few good men to help as Ushers! If you'd like to join the usher crew, please talk to Jerre Duerr, James Wachholz, or Matthew Kath. Thanks!!

**UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Wednesday, Dec. 18**

**Emmanuel: 3:30pm**

**Midweek Advent Worship**

**St. John's: 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, December 24**

**Emmanuel: 4:30pm**

**Christmas Eve Service**

**Wednesday, December 25**

**St. John's: 9:00am**

**Christmas Day Worship**

**Tuesday, December 31**

**St. John's: 6:30pm**

**New Year's Eve Memorial Worship  
with Communion**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including Janice Arvidson, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Gene Crook, Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Samuel Harmon (Linda Lou Wacholtz's nephew) Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Mary Luck, Darren Marceau, Garrett Miller (Dawn Marcelain & Candace Sonnenberg's brother-in-law), Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Kim Peyton (Church Boetcher's niece), Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Shelley Rene (Mary Isberner's niece), Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Heather Smith (Diane Hintz' step-daughter), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul & LuAnn Weldon (added this week: \_\_)  
- For our St. John's member, Mary Luck, who celebrated her 85th birthday on Friday (12/13)

**Dear members of St. John's,  
Our next Call meeting for Little Lambs Director/Teacher will be  
Wednesday December 18th after our Advent service.**

### **CALA HOSTS WALL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FEB. 2025**

On Feb. 15 & 16, Christ Alone Lutheran Academy will host the annual WALL basketball tournament at WLA in Fond du Lac, WI. We need all hands on deck! If you are looking for a way to support and serve your school, please consider giving your time. You do not need to be a sports family to serve. Areas that we will need help in are concessions, admissions table, bookkeeping, scoreboard, and providing baked good items. All proceeds made that weekend will go to CALA. From these proceeds, CALA also plans to give back by making a monetary donation to the WLA new school building project. Thank you for your consideration!

**Please follow the link to sign up or contact Ciara in the Princeton office:**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: December 15-21, 2024

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Christmas Service “Mary Had a Little Lamb” SJ
	4:00 p.m.	CALA Christmas Service PRINCETON
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	CALA Call Meeting PRINCETON
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Advent Worship EM
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Worship SJ
	7:15 p.m.	LL Teacher/Director Call Meeting SJ

## Next Sunday: December 22, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m.	Sunday School St. John’s
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John’s
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
9:00 a.m.	Birthday Party for Jesus hosted by Sunday School SJ
10:00 a.m.	St. John’s Worship with Communion

	Budget	Offerings	All Income	Expenses
<b>November</b>	\$40,014.98	\$21,829.30	\$29,646.05	\$37,904.77
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$200,074.90	\$121,201.90	\$163,734.94	\$182,123.57

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7***

## LL, CALA and Sunday School Singing Schedule

Date	
12/18/24	CALA K-8 PRINCETON
1/12/25	Sunday School MONTELLO
1/19/25	LL/CALA K-8 PRINCETON
2/16/25	Sunday School MONTELLO

## Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
12/8/24	50	70
12/11/24	111	17

**GriefShare in Montello will begin a new 13-week session on Thursday, January 9, 2025. If you would like more information, or wish to attend GriefShare, please contact Mark Emond at 608-697-1600.**

<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Usher's Schedule</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 15 Wednesday, Dec 18</b>	<b>Sunday, Dec 22 Wednesday, Dec 25</b>
<b>James Wachholz Aaron Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable</b>	<b>Paul Van Treeck Matt Borzick Ken Borzick James Henke Haiden Van Treeck Nolan Van Treeck Brody Henke Milo Henke</b>

**YOU ARE INVITED! Come to a birthday party for Jesus on Sunday, December 22, hosted by the Sunday School. It begins at 9 a.m. with a devotion and some Christmas activities for everyone.** Then there will be birthday cake & ice cream, coffee,& milk. Freewill offering for our Kids C.A.R.E. mission project, Antigua-St. John's Church & School. We'd love to have our church family enjoy the morning with us!

### **CHURCH RECORDS**

In coming months we will be updating our Church records and need your help! Office volunteers will be contacting you to update contact information and Church records. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**Thank you** to Kay Maass, Marilyn Riemer, and Diane Eisermann for donations for the Christmas wreaths hanging on the church's front doors. And thank you to Ashley Henke for creating the lovely wreaths. She also contributed the pumpkins and gourds that beautified our autumn décor. We appreciate it very much! We serve our Lord in many ways and are blessed in doing so.



## The Sixteenth Annual of His Word Conference

**Keynote:** Pastor Earle Treptow

“Forge Ahead in Faith”

**Worship Band:** Koine’

14 Challenging Breakout Sessions

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel and

Convention Center – Oshkosh, WI

Register at: [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org)

## FORGE AHEAD IN FAITH – Philippians 3:14 2025 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Speaker and Session details available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org)

1. Forge Ahead in Faith in a Political World
2. Forge Ahead in Faith as a Father
3. Forge Ahead in Faith as a Businessman
4. LIFT-ED (Living Integrated Faith Therapy)
5. Journey from War to Peace
6. Forge Ahead in Men's Ministry
7. A Post-PG 13 World
8. Lutheran Worship: What Now?
9. Forge Ahead in the Face of Loss
10. Dad, Husband, Volunteer, Employee - Being a Man of His Word No Matter the Title
11. Forge a Stronger Marriage
12. Acknowledge and Embrace Diversity as We Forge Ahead in Faith
13. More than a Movement: A Biblical/Relational Approach to LGBTQ Discussions
14. Certified non-toxic masculinity

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*Scan the code below using your smartphone camera and fill out the prompted information. Don't have a smartphone? That's ok! Fill out an attendance card located at the end of each pew and place it in the offering plate located at the entry of each church.*



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