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JOHN 14:15-31

LIVE  
LOVE  
LEAD  
*like Jesus*

ON BROADWAY



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

*let your  
light  
shine*

MATT. 6:18

**January 24, 2021**  
***Live, Love, and Lead Like Jesus***

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Message</b>	<b>Rollie Johnson</b>
<b>Assisting Pastor</b>	<b>Pastor Marty Tollefson</b>
<b>Music Minister</b>	<b>Michael Olson</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Carl Wichman</b>

**PRELUDE:**

*Fugue in G minor* – J.S. Bach  
Michael Olson, organist

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion,  
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection)*

P: God, wonderful counselor,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way.  
We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world.  
We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger;  
we desire gifts that will not endure.  
Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus  
dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

P: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus,  
who is Love born for you, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

(ELW 631)



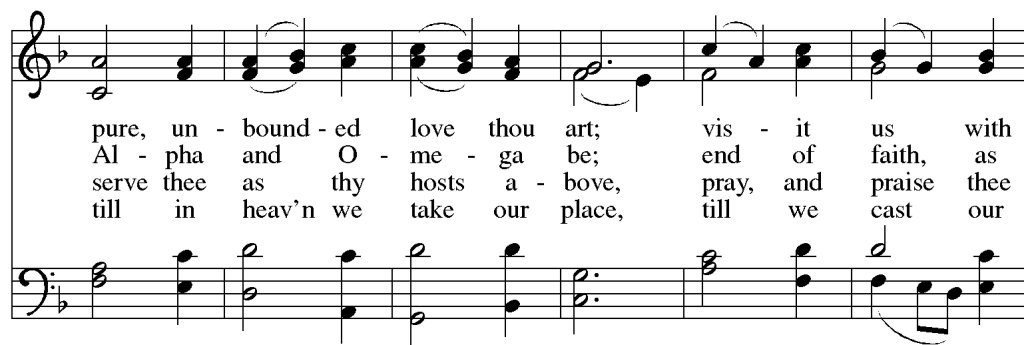
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



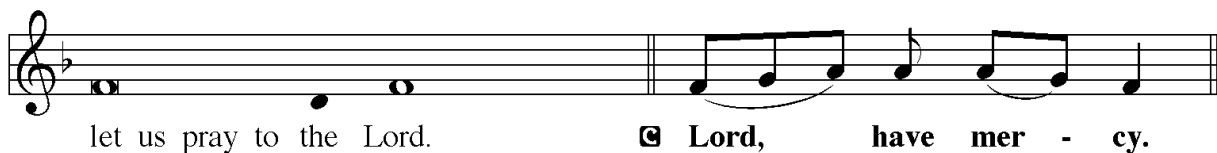
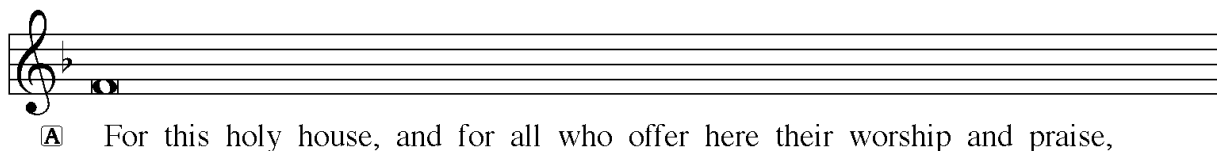
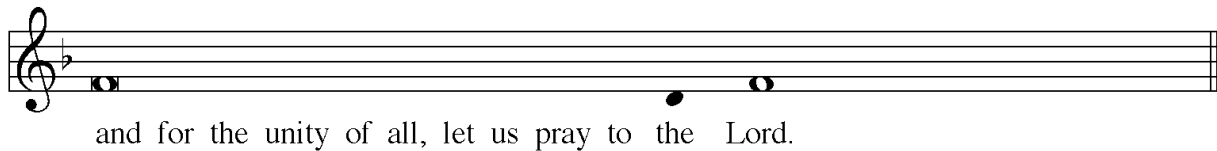
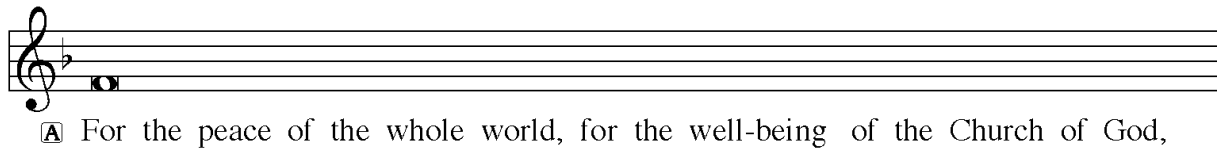
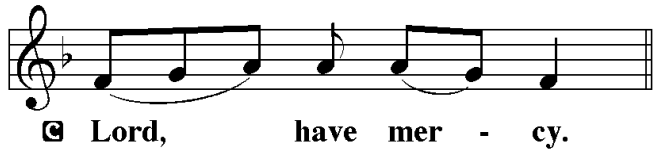
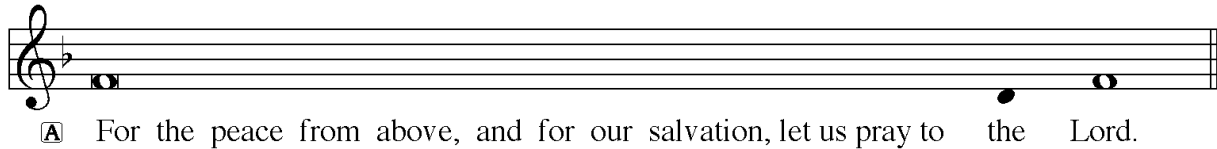
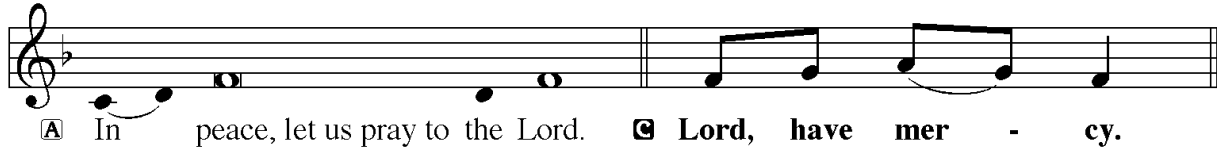
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## GREETING:

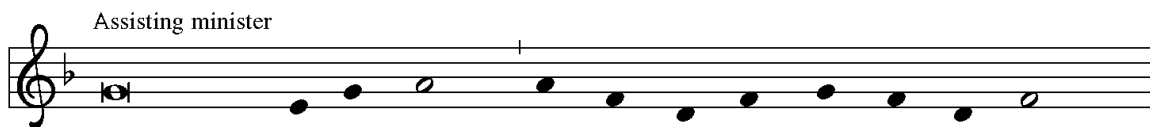
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## KYRIE



## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

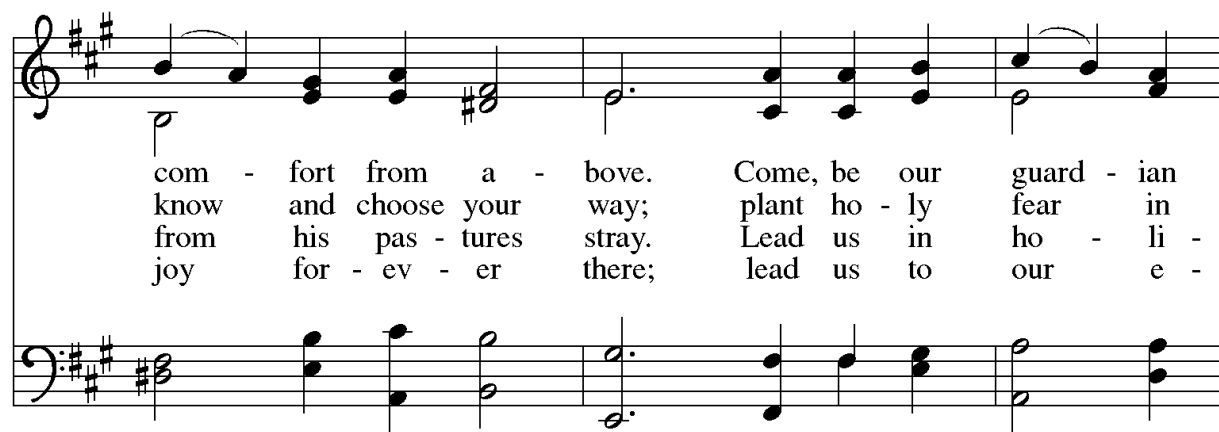
C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

(ELW 404)



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pas - tures stray; Lead us in ho - li -  
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

## OFFERING:

### **OFFERING OPTIONS**

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. While we worship online, our stewardship continues. Offerings can be mailed to the church office and we also encourage you to use our online giving and texting options.

**Online Giving is an easy and convenient way to "set it and forget it."**



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## MUSICAL MEDITATION:

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit* – arr. David Ferreira  
Gene Okerlund, Carl Wichman, Paul Nelson, Dorian Olson  
Michael Olson, accompanist

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 14:15-31

**MESSAGE:** Rollie Johnson

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## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

(ELW 879)



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.



## 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 FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *(spoken by the congregation)*

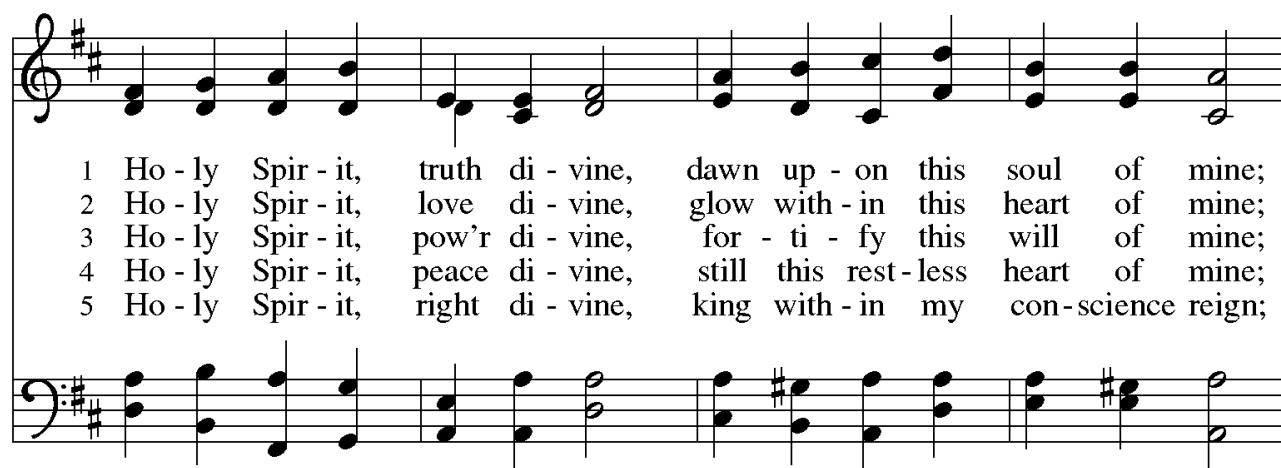
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;**

**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.**

## BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

**SENDING HYMN:** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

(ELW 398)



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

## POSTLUDE:

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* – Mark Hayes  
Michael Olson, organist



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## 2021 RE-OPENING UPDATE

Every day we thank God for the people of First Lutheran and our surrounding community.

These last few months have been anything but normal. Now, as the number of COVID-19 cases in our region decline, we feel it is safe to begin in-person worship again with certain precautions in place. We are excited to announce...

IN-PERSON  
WORSHIP  
RESUMES  
**JANUARY 31**

See you soon!

# Welcome Back!

## IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### In-Person Sundays | beginning Jan. 31

- » Traditional (Sanctuary) worship, 9 a.m.
- » Contemporary (Celebration) worship, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

### In-Person Wednesdays | beginning Feb. 17

- » Evening worship services will begin Ash Wednesday, February 17  
(*Watch for more details on our Lenten theme and worship schedule.*)

### Online Worship Continues!

- » Sundays, Traditional 9 a.m.
- » Sundays, Contemporary 10:30 a.m.
- » Wednesdays, 6 p.m. (*Face-to-Face*)

## VISITOR AND FACILITY PROTOCOLS

We want you to stay safe and healthy at First Lutheran Church. Here is what you can expect during your visit:

- » **Face masks are required** for all those attending (*optional for kids age 3 and younger*)
- » Physical distance seating
- » Touch-free environment
- » Hand-sanitizer stations located throughout the church
- » Frequent disinfection of common areas by staff

Thank you for keeping each other safe!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- » Nursery will remain closed for now
- » Online classes and resources will continue to the end of the school year. In-person kids' classes will resume in early Fall 2021.



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Christian Education classes (ONLINE), Wednesdays, various times**

If you are new to First Lutheran or know of a friend who would like to join in, contact Erik Carlson, [ecarlson@flcfargo.org](mailto:ecarlson@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389 to get registered and to receive the Zoom meeting details.

- 56ers (5th-6th grades), 6 p.m.
- Servant Leadership Academy/Confirmation (7th-8th grades), 7 p.m.
- High School Youth Group (9th-12th grades), 8 p.m.

### **Online Small Groups following Rob Bell's NOOMA series**

Now through February 11, join Pr. Laurie or Rollie Johnson for a small group Zoom discussion to explore spiritual direction following a weekly stand-alone topic presented by Pr. Rob Bell.

- Women's studies: Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. or Thursdays, 7 p.m.
- Men's study: Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.
- Contact Pr. Laurie, [lnell@flcfargo.org](mailto:lnell@flcfargo.org), or Rollie, [rjohnson@flcfargo.org](mailto:rjohnson@flcfargo.org) for Zoom meeting details.

### **Snowshoe Sundays: Sunday, January 24, 2 p.m.**

#### **MB Johnson Park, 3601 11th St N, Moorhead (note location change this week)**

Get out of the house! Get some fresh air! Interact with other people! Exercise! Enjoy God's Creation! Please bring a face covering and maintain physical distancing. Meet at the northside shelter (look for Rollie's blue FJ Cruiser). Questions? Contact Rollie Johnson, [rjohnson@flcfargo.org](mailto:rjohnson@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389.

### **Feed My Starving Children Online Pack-a-thon**

#### **Thursday, January 28, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., [fmsc.org/fargo](https://fmsc.org/fargo)**

For the past six years, we have looked forward to the annual Feed My Starving Children volunteer meal-packing event the first weekend of February which helps nourish and support thousands of children and families worldwide. This year the pandemic has disrupted volunteer meal packing events. However, the need is now greater than ever before, and Feed My Starving Children has been able to continue packing meals through automation.

We invite you to participate in a FMSC Fargo online pack-a-thon on January 28 to help raise funds to continue the packing of meals. If you or your business are interested in becoming event sponsors, contact Amy Okeson, [aokeson@atonementfargo.org](mailto:aokeson@atonementfargo.org).

### **Grief Support: Virtual Small Group Resources**

Two of our community ministry partners, Hospice of the Red River Valley and Living Free/Jail Chaplains, are offering online small groups to help deal with many types of personal loss. Several groups are beginning in the following weeks. We invite you to visit their websites to learn more and to register.

Hospice of the Red River Valley: [hrrv.org](http://hrrv.org)

Living Free/Jail Chaplains: [jailchaplains.com](http://jailchaplains.com)



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During the COVID-19/Coronavirus response, in-person worship at First Lutheran Church is suspended. However, we will broadcast worship on radio, television and online as noted below. Please join us for worship to praise Jesus and to stay connected as a faith community.



## ONLINE STREAMING

**([flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org) & Facebook):**

- Traditional Worship, Sundays, 9 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- Face-to-Face Worship, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.



## TELEVISION:

- Fargo channels, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; and Sundays 1:30 p.m. (Midco 68, Sparklight 1068)
- Moorhead channels, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.; and Sundays 5 p.m. (Midco 99, Sparklight 69)



## RADIO:

- Sundays, 9 a.m., WDAY 970 AM and 93.1 FM

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## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly: *Fran Nelson, Jordan Nettum, Mark Nettum, Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Kathy Otheim, Jim Frisk, Gail Zimprich, Clark Hoffman, Julie Anderson, Janice Ames, Richard Driesbach, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Kristi Jarolimek, George, Shauna, Jeff, Amanda, Nancy, Margot, and Marcia.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Phyllis Cusey**, sister of Jane Schaubert.

## CONTACT US:

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