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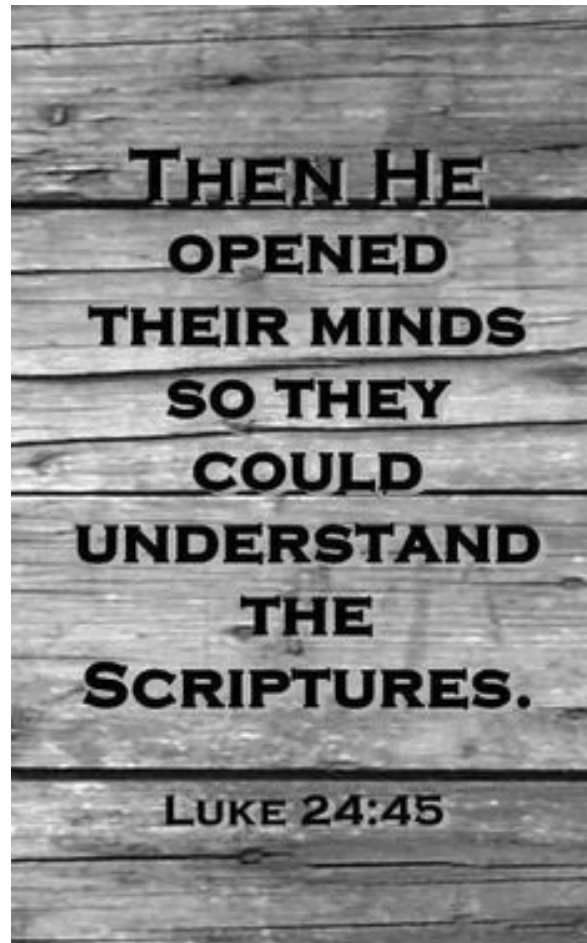
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God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day  
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,  
and who also generously provides our daily bread,  
we welcome you into our presence.  
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?

***April 15, 2018 — 3rd Sunday of Easter***



***Third Sunday of Easter***

***April 15, 2018***

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5***

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER**

*See Bulletin Cover*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P God of grace and glory,

**C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

**ELW HYMN 377**

**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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.  
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19**

*After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

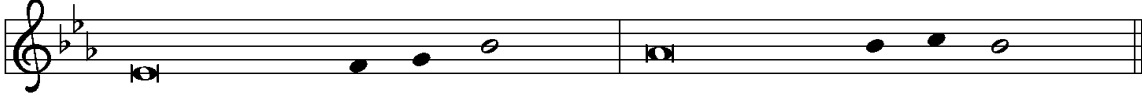
<sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

*Sung responsively*



- <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**
- <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices,  
and put your trust | in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart,  
more than when grain and | wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

**SECOND READING: 1ST JOHN 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

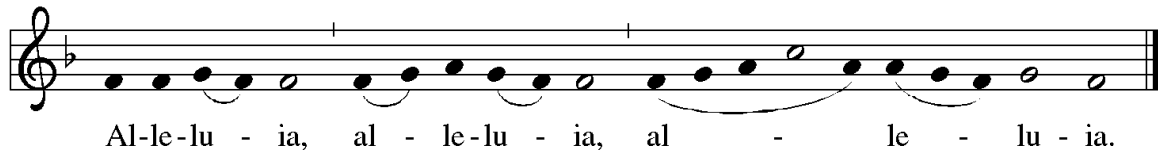
<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

<sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

<sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S TIME & SERMON

INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Thine the Amen*

ELW 826

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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 PRAYERS

A Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy God, we pray for the church in its diversity. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices. Slow down our rush to consume. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Compassionate God, you heal us. For all in need of healing and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Today we pray especially for Walt Laughlin. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**



A Holy God, bless Peggy Buchholz as she celebrates her birthday and Linda Longren as she remembers her baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, you give life to our companions at Advent Lutheran in Olathe and Trinity Lutheran in Otis, Kansas, Hope Lutheran in Rolla, Missouri and Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn. Hold them in your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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#### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Please stand as you are able.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C **Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising

has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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 Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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. A - men.

*We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.*

*Note: we now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.*

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 484</b>
	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 853</b>

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C Amen.**

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### **SENDING**

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#### **BLESSING**

**P** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

<b>SENDING HYMN</b>	<i>The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done</i>	<b>ELW HYMN 366</b>
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#### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**A** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

## *Welcome to worship at Trinity!*

*Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst.*

*If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.*

### *Remember our shut-ins!*

Kathryn Axelton	Marie Henriksen	Ron Owensby
Lucille Brill	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Marlene Hassan	Roy O'Neil	Evelyn Johnson



OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Mar. 18	\$1,305.00	\$0.00	\$67.00	\$0.00	\$1,372.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,271.92	35/39
Mar. 25	\$2,538.00	\$0.00	\$77.00	\$50.00	\$2,665.00	-\$2,643.92	\$21.08	43/43
Apr. 1	\$4,758.00	\$0.00	\$685.41	\$25.00	\$5,468.41	-\$2,643.92	\$2,824.49	90/73
Apr. 8	\$2,947.00	\$0.00	\$28.89	\$0.00	\$2,975.89	-\$2,643.92	\$331.97	38/27
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		Mar. 2018	\$9,599.00	-\$9,607.61	-\$8.61			
		Jan. thru Mar.	\$29,132.16	-\$31,101.91	-\$1,969.75			

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, April 15 .....	Worship with Holy Communion .....	10:30 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School .....	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School/Confirmation Class .....	9:15 AM
.....	Youth Group Meeting .....	5:30 PM
Mon., Apr. 16 .....	Women's AA .....	5:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 17 .....	Quilters .....	9:00 AM
Wed., Apr. 18 .....	May <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline .....	
.....	Priscilla Circle Bible Study .....	10:00 AM
.....	Women's AA .....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Apr. 19 .....	Men's AA .....	7:00 PM
Sunday, April 22 .....	Worship with Holy Communion .....	10:30 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School .....	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School/Confirmation Class .....	9:15 AM

Pr. Alan will be at the annual transitional pastors' meeting in St. Louis Monday and Tuesday and plans to be in Topeka next Wednesday, April 18th.

Please notice the form included in this bulletin on which you may list your favorite hymns. We will use as many of the hymns as possible during the summer months. After today, you may pick up a form from the usher if you want to add to your favorites!



Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
April 15, 2018	<b>Diane Bottorff</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Marcy Carlson</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Diane Bottorff &amp; Team 1</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Bob Horton</b>	<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>
April 22, 2018	<b>Donna Allen</b>	<b>Duane Pomeroy</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Debbie Pomeroy</b>	<b>Curt Lewis</b>	<b>Diane Bottorff &amp; Team 1</b>	<b>Duane &amp; Debbie Pomeroy</b>	<b>Mary Heald</b>	<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>
April 29, 2018	<b>Vickie Jacobs</b>	<b>Bob Horton</b>	<b>Mitchell Bean</b>	<b>Diane Bottorff</b>	<b>Parker Jackson</b>	<b>Diane Bottorff &amp; Team 1</b>	<b>Junior &amp; Liz Utech</b>	<b>Marsha Ridinger</b>	<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>



The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church**  
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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