



**THE RIGHTEOUS
WILL SHINE
LIKE THE SUN
IN THE KINGDOM
OF THEIR FATHER.
MATTHEW 13:43**

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Aria”

Flor Peeters

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

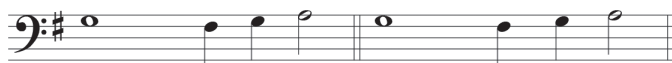


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:



Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:57-64

⁵⁷You only are my por- | tion, O LORD;

I have promised to | keep your words.

⁵⁸**I entreat you with | all my heart,**

be merciful to me according | to your promise.

⁵⁹I have consi- | dered my ways

and turned my feet toward | your decrees.

⁶⁰**I hasten and | do not tarry**

to keep | your commandments.

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked en- | tangle me,

I do not for- | get your law.

⁶²**At midnight I will rise to | give you thanks,**

because of your | righteous judgments.

⁶³I am a companion of | all who fear you

and of those who keep | your commandments.

⁶⁴**The earth, O LORD, is full | of your love;**

instruct me | in your statutes.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain

the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

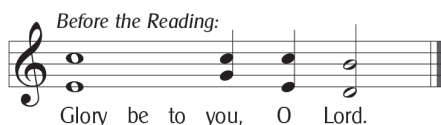
Anthem: “The Gift of Love” Andrew Baker and Elizabeth Baker

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the 13th chapter of Matthew.



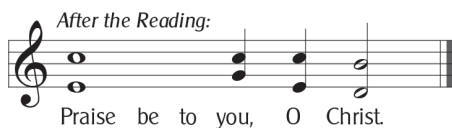
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴Jesus put another parable before [the disciples], saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So

when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Orthopedic Shoes"

Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

Remain seated after the distribution.

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May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Fanfare”

Francis Jackson

*We remain seated, worshipping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*We are grateful to have Gene Brittain at the organ today.
Thank you Mr. Brittain, for being with us.*



*We extend our love and sympathy to Michelle Orbison
and family on the loss of Michelle’s mother, Brenda Thomason.
Ms. Thomason died Tuesday, July 18, 2023.
Please keep Michelle and her family in prayer.*



*Altar flowers are given by Wayne and Jane Wilhelm and
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson to the glory of God, and to honor the
60th wedding anniversary of Wayne and Jane on July 27th, and the
55th wedding anniversary of Wayne and Bonnie, also on July 27th.*

Sunday, July 23

- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, July 24

- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 26

- No Choir practice tonight

Thursday, July 27

- Bible Study, 6pm

Sunday, July 30

- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Recent prayer needs:

- Rowena Atagi-Stone (friend of Autumn Hill) – Recovering from surgery
- Betty Camerlin – Recovering at home
- Edna Chapman – Recovering at home
- Shirley Clark – Recovering from surgery
- Sandy Corley – Recovering from surgery
- Grady Earnhardt – Recovering at home
- Terry Eller – Recovering at home
- Della Jenkins – Recovering at home
- Beth Kalbfus (Susan Ryman's sister) – Health concerns
- Lindsay Lowman – Recovering from surgery
- Ray Mongold (son of Dottie Stancil) – Recovering at home
- Lisa Phelps – Recovering at home
- Jeff Powlas – Recovering at home
- Terri Powlas – Recovering at home
- Tommy Rabon (Sandy Corley's brother) – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Parable of Weeds Explained

Find the 33 bold words from Matthew 13:36b–43.

K D H M Y L W S E F E S M S S
T I S X I T L X D K Q W O R T
Y S E V Y E P O E E W O D E U
L C E C G L O E A A E S G P M
J I Y N A G A H N H R W N A B
U P A I D N E N A E S S I E L
J L N O N E R R G A M N K R I
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E L B A R A P E W C I U M I T
D L R O W Y R E I F S A M L P

His **disciples** came to him, saying, “**Explain** to us the **parable** of the **weeds** of the field.” He answered and said, “He who sows the **good seed** is the **Son of Man**. The **field** is the **world**, and the good seed is the **sons** of the **kingdom**. The weeds are the sons of the **evil one**, and the **enemy** who sowed them is the **devil**. The **harvest** is the **end** of the **age**, and the **reapers** are **angels**. As the weeds are gathered up and **burned** with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his **angels**, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of **stumbling**, and those who act lawlessly, and **cast** them into the **fiery furnace**. There will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth in that place. Then the righteous will **shine** like the **sun** in the kingdom of their **Father**. He who has **ears**, let him **hear**.

The School Bell is Getting Ready to Ring—The Women of St. Paul's have set up bins in the Narthex and by the conference room to collect school supplies for Koontz Elementary and Faith Academy Charter School. We need and appreciate everyone's help to fill them up this month. Most needed items are:

Pencils, backpacks, composition books (not spiral bound), spiral notebooks, wide-ruled loose paper, crayons, markers, glue sticks, dry-erase markers, pink erasers, pencil-top erasers, scissors, pencil boxes, boxes of tissues, construction paper, copy paper, headphones and/or earbuds (to use with iPads in class)

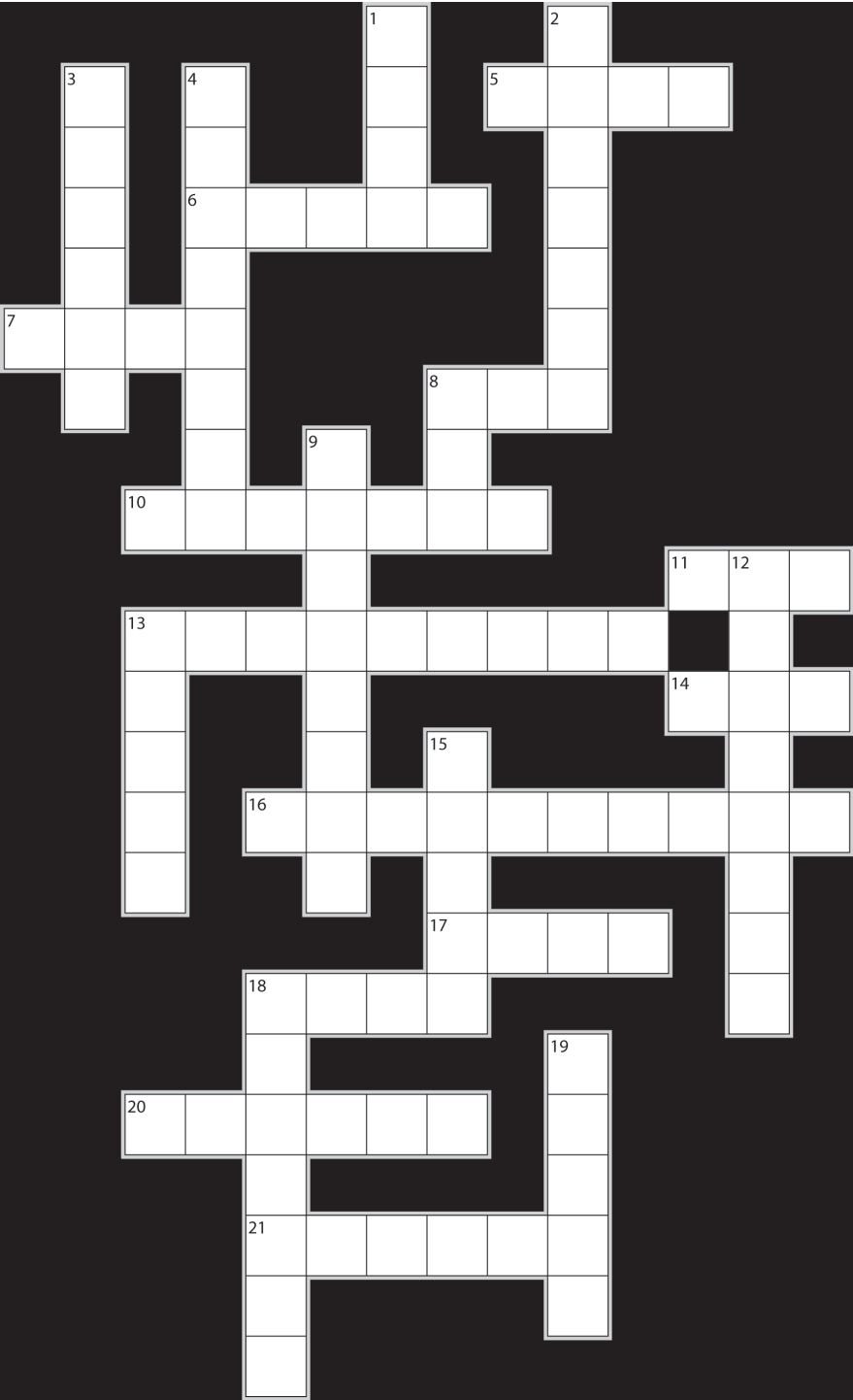
After-School Program for Faith Academy Charter School

Our **Monday-only Afterschool Program** is starting back up in August. As long as our volunteers from last year are willing to come back, or others will volunteer, we can keep the program going. Volunteers from last school year were Gina Barringer, Louise Eller, Libby Bingham, Lisa Monroe, Dana Bost, Terri Powlas, Ben and Susan Bernhardt, Larry and Tricia Clark, and Pastor Ryman. Some came each week, others just once a month. The commitment is for about 2 hours on Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm.

The bus drops the kids at the church around 1pm, and the parents pick them up at 3pm. We provide Bible Study, outside time, craft time, and snack time. Please let me know if you will volunteer again this year so I can make plans with FACS to continue this program. Contact Susan Bernhardt (704-637-0155), srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (7/16).....	\$6,611
Other Offering (7/16)	\$1,157
Children's Mission (3rd qtr. St. Paul Lutheran Seminary).....	\$432
Worship Attendance (7/16)	179
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (7/16).....	\$228,248
General Fund YTD Budget as of (7/16).....	\$278,986



Pentecost 8A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

5. The kind of seed the man was sowing
6. It's full of God's steadfast love.
7. The psalmist needed to turn these.
8. He sows the good seed.
10. The Lord appointed this people.
11. No matter what, the psalmist would not forget this.
13. We are the Lord's...
14. Besides the Lord, there is no other...
16. Creation has been groaning like it's in this maternal state.
17. Besides God there is no...
18. We don't know how to do this as we should.
20. Fear not, nor be...
21. The bundled weeds were to be...

DOWN

1. The Lord is the first and...
2. The Lord is our...
3. Though spirit and soul are redeemed, we are waiting for the redemption of these.
4. It waits with eager longing.
8. The righteous will shine like this.
9. A good hour for praise
12. Paul said we're waiting for this.
13. They grew up with the wheat.
15. Our suffering isn't worth comparing for this to come.
18. Jesus was speaking in this literary form.
19. The psalmist promised to keep them.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52

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