



That we may lead
a peaceful and quiet life

1 Timothy 2:2

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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This Week's Memory Verse

For there is one God,
and there is one mediator
between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5



Memory Verse Aid

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Holy Forever”

Contemporary Choir

Stand and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Ten Commandments

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

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Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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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

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat

for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”
The word of the Lord.

Psalms 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
praise the name | of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations,
and his glory a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits en- | throned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens | and the earth?

⁶**He takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes.**

⁷He sets them | with the princes,
with the princes | of his people.

⁸**He makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful moth- | er of children.**

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in

faith and truth. ⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness — with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing — if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

The word of the Lord.

Offering: Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the giving page on your phone or tablet. Ushers will also pass the offering plates along each row.



Anthem: “Awesome God”

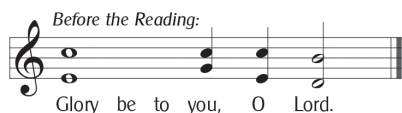
Contemporary Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel according to the sixteenth chapter of Luke.



Gospel: Luke 16:1–15

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the

manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’

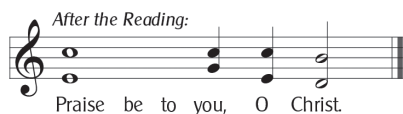
⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

Let us together profess our faith in God with the Nicene Creed.

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 from the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen



It is truly good, right, and good for us 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 as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, 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:



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,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but 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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Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the altar rail. A pastor will bring communion to the pews for those who are unable to come to the rail. Please raise your hand so he doesn't miss you.

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

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

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant depart | 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 with- | out | end. A- | men

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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Johann Walther

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

Benediction

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

Congregation:

A - men.

*We extend our love and sympathy to Julie Johnson
on the death of her father, Don McKnight.
Mr. McKnight died Thursday, September 11, 2025,
and his funeral was held at St. Marks Lutheran Church,
Monday, September 15, 2025.
Please keep Julie and her family in your prayers.*

The Calendar this Week

Sunday, September 21

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Contemporary Choir, 2pm
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

*All are welcome to meet with us for Morning Prayer Monday–Friday,
at 8:30am in the chapel.*

Monday, September 22

- Homeschool Dance, 10am

Tuesday, September 23

- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 24

- Classical Conversations, 8:30am–3pm
- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Confirmation, 7pm

Thursday, September 25

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–Noon

Saturday, September 27

- Outreach Committee, assembling kitchen kits, 10am

Sunday, September 28

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Contemporary Choir, 2pm
- Vespers, 6pm

Praise the Lord!

Find the 34 bold words from Psalm 113

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

Praise the **LORD**! Praise, O **servants** of the LORD, praise the **name** of the LORD! **Blessed** be the name of the LORD from this **time** forth and forevermore! From the **rising** of the **sun** to its **setting**, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is **high above all nations**, and his **glory** above the **heavens**! Who is like the LORD our God, who is **seated** on high, who **looks far down** on the heavens and the **earth**? He **raises** the **poor** from the **dust** and lifts the **needy** from the **ash heap**, to make them **sit** with **princes**, with the princes of his people. He gives the **barren** woman a **home**, making her the **joyous mother** of **children**. Praise the LORD!

Unscramble the verse:

Ereht si eno odg nda teehr si eon taromide bweeten dgo nad mne.

Pentecost 15C

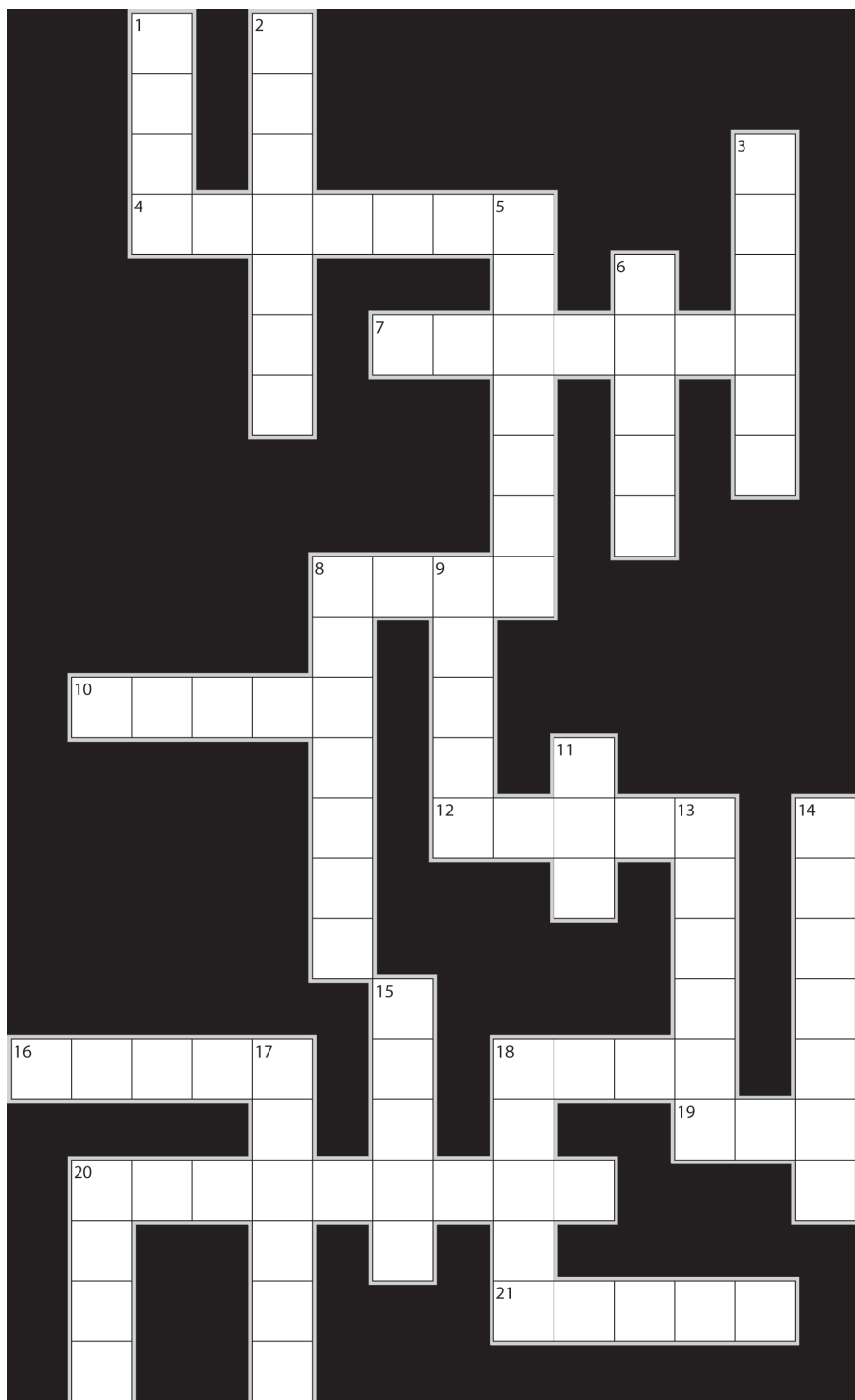
*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Luke 16:1-15.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.*

ACROSS

4. The Lord looks down on both the earth and...
7. The shrewd manager reduced their debts.
8. One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in...
10. Paul urged that prayers be said for them.
12. How women are saved through childbearing
16. The Lord has sworn by his pride.
18. The Lord lifts the poor from there.
19. From the rising to the setting of this, the name of the Lord is to be praised.
20. Lovers of money
21. God our Savior wants all people to be...

DOWN

1. Where is the Lord seated?
2. The rich man in the parable wished to get rid of him.
3. Jesus gave himself as this for all people.
5. What did the greedy want to end so they could sell their wheat?
6. You cannot serve God and this.
8. No servant can serve two of them.
9. The greedy would even sell this part of the wheat to the needy.
11. The shrewd manager thought he was not strong enough to do this.
13. God knows them.
14. The Lord is high above all these bodies of people.
15. What kind of balances did the deceitful use?
17. The Lord gives her a home.
18. The Lord will not forget them.
20. The evil wish to buy them.



Recent Prayer Needs

- Betty Camerlin – health concerns
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Myralyn Goodman – health concerns
- Autumn Hill – recovering from surgery
- Shirley Hoosier – health concerns
- Randy Johnson – health concerns
- Sally Kruchkow, Tiffany Holland's grandmother – health concerns
- Jan McCanless – Rowan Novant Hospital
- Tommy McKnight, Julie Johnson's brother – health concerns
- Ed Niedens – home; health concerns
- Lexi Norris – health concerns
- Eddie Peeler – health concerns
- Linda Robbins, step-mother of Heather Canup – health concerns
- Bobby Shelton, Dani Cottingham's father – health concerns
- Hurley Stanley, boyfriend of Julie Johnson – health concerns
- Barbara Upright – health concerns
- Kelly Warfield, friend of Heather Canup – health concerns

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle. This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs. Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Stats

Homecoming attendance was 194.
The rest of the statistics for last Sunday
will be reported in next Sunday's bulletin.

Children's Change Collection

During the third quarter of 2025, the children's change
collections will benefit Friends of Madagascar Mission.

Last Sunday: \$ 187.50 Quarter's total so far: \$ 1,920

In the last two+ years, they have collected
\$21,156.12 for missions.

The total collected for The Table Ministry
during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life
during the first quarter of 2025 was \$1,951.00.

In 2024, our children collected for the following:

- Dept. of Lutheran Studies, Gordon-Conwell – \$1,929.50
 - Lutherans for Life – \$1,976.00
 - St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$1,869.50
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,945.12

In 2023, they collected for the following missions and ministries:

- Lutherans for Life – \$1,855
- Spiritual Orphans Network – \$1,981
- St. Paul Lutheran Seminary – \$2,019
- Lutheran Military Veterans & Family Ministries – \$1,901



Reminder: Information for weekly bulletins should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for monthly newsletters needs to be in during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. Please email, call, or bring information. **Also, please be sure you and your family have your names the friendship register.** This helps us know who communes, and how many are worshiping.

Lifting Holy Hands

Find the 33 bold words from 1 Timothy 2:1–8 KJV.

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

I **exhort** therefore, that, first of all, supplications, **prayers**, intercessions, and **giving of thanks**, be made for **all** men; for **kings**, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a **quiet** and peaceable **life** in all **godliness** and **honesty**. For this is **good** and acceptable in the **sight** of **God** our **Saviour**; who will have all men to be **saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the **truth**. For there is **one God**, and one mediator between God and men, the man **Christ Jesus**; who gave himself a **ransom** for all, to be **testified** in **due time**. Whereunto I am **ordained** a **preacher**, and an **apostle**, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in **faith** and **verity**. I will therefore that men **pray** every where, **lifting up holy hands**, without wrath and doubting.



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Next weeks lessons: Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31

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