

Crabtown Churches

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025



God calls us together to grow in faith, love and service.

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock under his care.
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation! (Psalm 95:1-7a)

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

GREETING

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.

THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM (page 227 in the ELW)

Today we welcome into God's family Colgan Gunn Wilson, Marla Minter Wilson, Paige Ann Wilson, Elizabeth Gunn Wilson, and Nellie Josephine Wilson. Paige was born on November 23, 2010, Elizabeth was born on August 17, 2013, and Nellie was born on July 26, 2025, in Newport News, Virginia.

In baptism, our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Colgan Gunn Wilson, Marla Minter Wilson, Paige Ann Wilson, and Elizabeth Gunn Wilson, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

We do.

Now I ask Colgan and Marla to present Nellie Josephine for baptism.

We present Nellie Josephine Wilson for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Nellie Josephine to be baptized into Christ?

We do.

Colgan/Marla/Page/Elizabeth, as you receive the gift of baptism you are entrusted with these responsibilities. And Colgan and Marla, you are entrusted with these responsibilities for Nellie Josephine.

to live among God's faithful people,
come to hear the word of God and receive the holy supper,
learn and teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
read the holy scriptures,
be nurtured in faith and prayer,
in order that your family may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Colgan/Marla/Page/Elizabeth, do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

Colgan and Marla, do you promise to help Nellie grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Colgan, Marla, Paige, Elizabeth, and Nellie* and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the entire assembly.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

***Lower case "c" means universal.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the Promised Land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Children are welcome to join us at the font.

BAPTISM

Colgan Gunn Wilson/Marla Minter Wilson/Paige Ann Wilson/Elizabeth Gunn Wilson/Nellie Josephine Wilson,
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a prayer square/baptismal blanket.

This prayer square/baptismal blanket was prepared for you by the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Gloria Dei. Within their stitches are the love and prayers of the congregation.

May this prayer square/baptismal blanket serve as a reminder that you are wrapped in Jesus' loving arms and in the hearts of this congregation. May our community of faith be the mentors and teachers that you need us to be.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you have given *Colgan, Marla, Paige, Elizabeth, and Nellie* new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the heads of the newly baptized, the minister prays for them:

Sustain *Colgan/Marla/Paige/Elizabeth/Nellie* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Colgan/Marla/Paige/Elizabeth/Nellie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor presents the newly baptized to the congregation.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Wade in the Water

Cantor:

*See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the leader looks like the Israelite.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.*

Congregation (refrain):

*Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water*

God's gonna trouble the water (sing four times)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

I present the following who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Matthew Snyder
Kirsten Snyder

Matthew Wilco
Isabel Reid
Xandyr Wilco

Colgan Wilson
Marla Wilson
Paige Wilson
Elizabeth Wilson
Nellie Wilson

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for our brothers and sisters,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

With the congregation, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant
God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support them and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin,
and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Michael, Matthew, Colgan, Marla, Paige, Elizabeth, Nellie, Matthew, and Kirsten the gift of your Holy
Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the
fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and
grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregation sits. Children are invited to come forward during the song and sit on the chancel steps.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Send Me

*Here I am, are you calling to me? I am only a child, how can I be what you need?
But I keep hearing your call – telling to follow where you lead. So here I am; send me.*

READINGS

A reading from Amos (6:1a, 4-7). *(Sit)*

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (146) is read responsively.

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**
⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free.
⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**
⁹ The Lord cares [†] for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰ **The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

A reading from First Timothy (6:6-19).

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

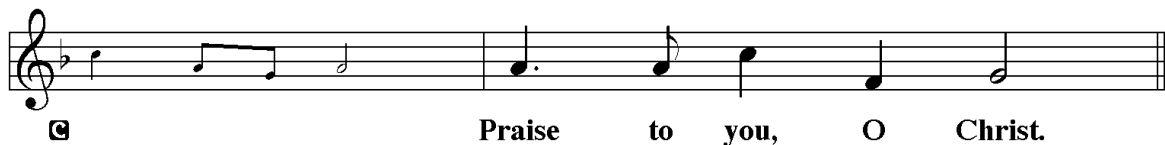
Congregation sings:



[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit)

Pastor Dave

Silence is kept for reflection.



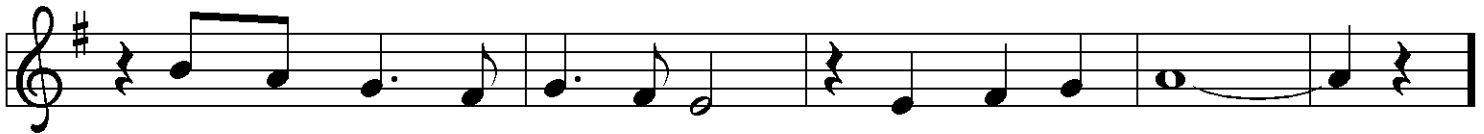
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either stand as you are able.

The response to each prayer will be *God of grace, **receive our prayer.***

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Stand)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *(Sit)*

*Join us in supporting the mission and ministry of St. Paul's and Gloria Dei
by placing your offering in the designated bucket of your choice.*

St. Paul's bucket is the BLUE one.

Gloria Dei's bucket is the ORANGE one.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

OFFERTORY HYMN (*Stand*)**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Creator God,

**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,**

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

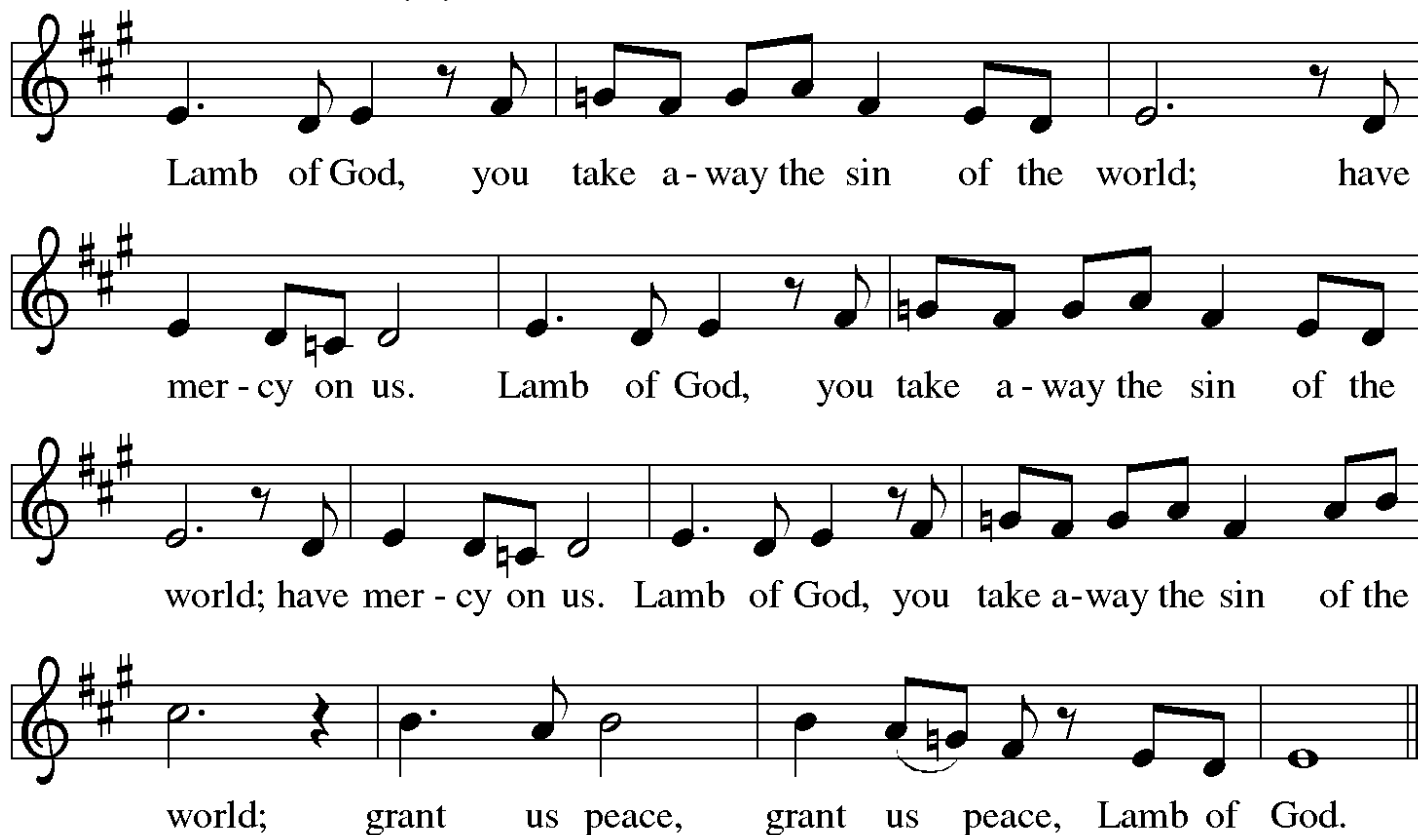
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION RESPONSE (Sit)

Lamb of God



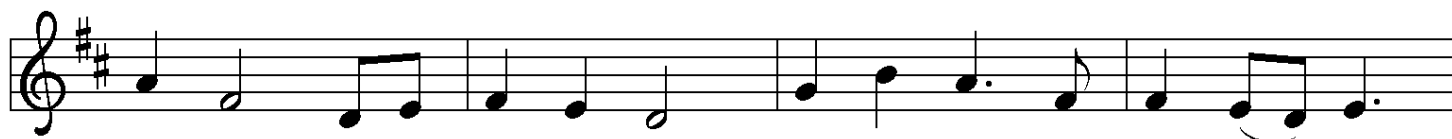
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*We believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ
offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness. All are welcome to share in Communion.*

*If you would like to receive communion by common cup instead of individual cups of wine or grape juice, after
you consume your wafer, hold your hands out (palms up), just like you did for your wafer.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



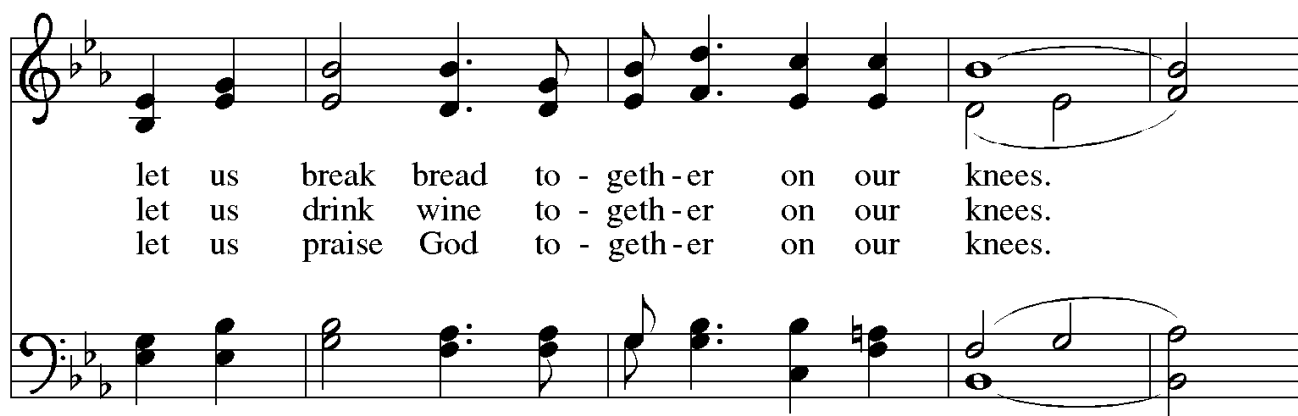
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

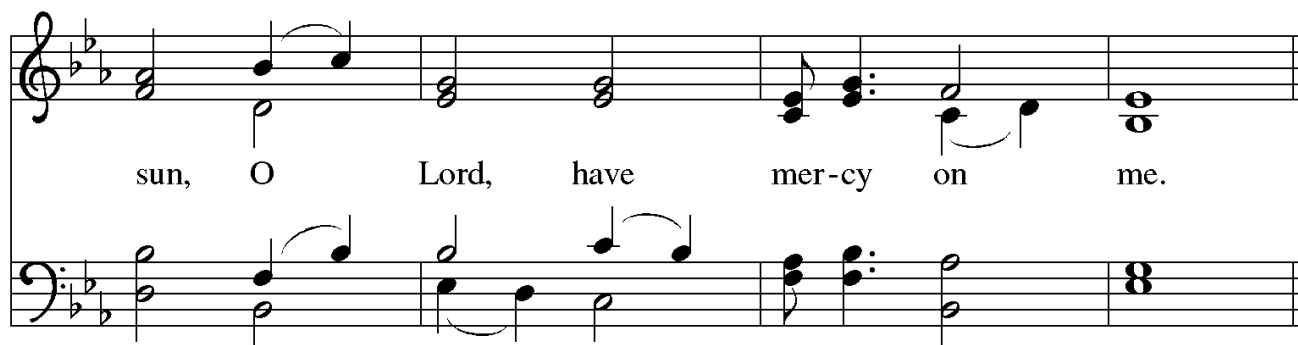


let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

SENDING

BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL *(Stand)*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

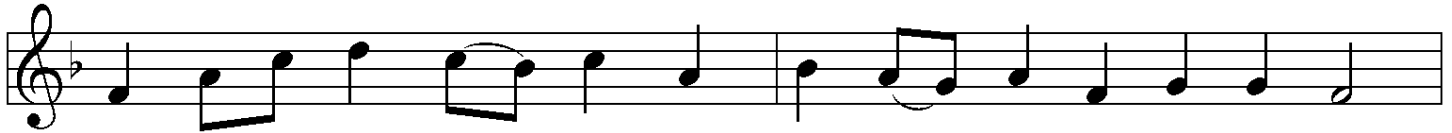
Let us pray together:

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

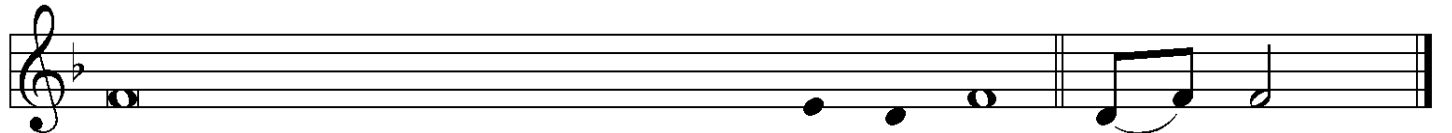


He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

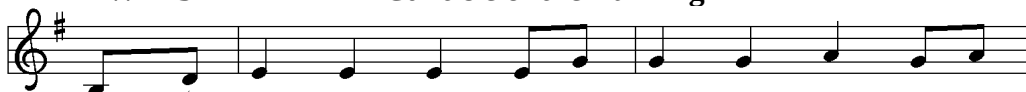


☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

**The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.**

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☞ A - men



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Sit)

POSTLUDE

Please take this time to ponder what Christ may be calling you/us to do through today's prayers, readings, sermons, and hymns as we listen to the postlude. If you are particularly moved by the Postlude, please hold your applause and congratulate the musician in person after worship.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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Serving Today

CROSS AND CROWN: McKenna Behan
GREETER: Debbi Ortiz
LAY ASSISTANT: Rita Foringer
READER: Rita Foringer
TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley,
Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS: John Campbell, Jason Green

St. Paul's Property Day

St. Paul's Property/Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, October 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. Please call or email the church office to volunteer 757-838-2636, stpauls_hampton@verizon.net.

St. Paul's Stewardship

St. Paul's members, offerings and estimate of giving cards for 2026 will be brought to the altar and dedicated to the glory of God on Consecration Sunday, October 5.

St. Paul's Fall Yard Sale

St. Paul's Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 18, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., rain or shine! Donated items are welcome starting Monday, October 13.

St. Paul's Piano Lessons

St. Paul's Church Musician, Grace Garner, welcomes beginning and continuing piano students ages 6 and up. Lessons are held at 807 West Mercury Blvd., Hampton. For more information, please contact Grace 757-651-3708 or gelizgarner@gmail.com.

Suppers at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. We will have a meal together and share in conversations around Scripture. At the end of our time together, we will share Holy Communion. Invite your friends and family. **Please, RSVP to Peggy in the Church Office by Tuesday, October 21;** we want to make sure the restaurant is prepared for our group being there. You are responsible for the cost of your meal and a generous tip.

First Light (Sunday School)



Our new Sunday School program, First Light, is on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m., in the Simeon Center. This class is for all ages.

Breakfast on Sunday Mornings

Running late? Short on time? We have milk and a small selection of cereals available before worship each Sunday morning. Please visit the Coffee Bar for available cereal choices.

Worship on YouTube

We are excited to make our worship more accessible to those who want to worship with us at Gloria Dei who are not physically able to be with us in the nave. YouTube is available to anyone with the internet to worship with us. You can worship live or at a more convenient time.

Scan this QR code with your smartphone:



Virginia Choral Society Production

Virginia Choral Society Presents

Gatsby's Grand Affair



October 11 at 4:00 p.m.

October 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Temple Baptist Church
235 Harpersville Road, Newport News

H.E.L.P. Donations

Please, join us in filling up the red wagon to feed the hungry in our community. The following are items on their most needed list:

- * Mac & Cheese
- * Peanut Butter
- * Juice (individual size)
- * Shelf-stable milk
- * Canned veggies—corn, beans, green beans
- * Toilet Paper
- * Crackers
- * Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- * Soap

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

If you have any prayer requests during the week, you may email psipes@gloriadei.net, or call the church office, 757-851-2838.

Our members: Brown Cornwell, Rowena Cornwell, Debbie Dunn, Fred Bradley, Julie Hutchison, Frank Dickseski, Debbi Ortiz, Lisa Dadez, Sharon Rose, Gordon Robertson, Ernie Atkins, Leonard Mayo, Jill Ruhl, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Charlie Venable, Vickie Roark, Joann Morrison, Dorie Scherer, Joan Ehlers, Tommy Vanorsdale, Donna Vanorsdale, Chris Tucker, Craig Ruhl, Susan Krebs, Marna Mayo, Wivi Pelt-Detlie, Bill Siefers, Nancy Monroe, Bill Monroe, Bill Swanson, Emily Urban

All names below will remain on the prayer list for the current month. Should you wish your loved one to remain on this list, please call the church office the first week of each month to have them added.

Prayers for our families and friends:

Emily Worsham, friend of Carol Godley
Sylvia Cordner, GDLS employee
John Henry, friend of Gary and Bonnie Hess
Lauren Grant, friend of Peggy Todd
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
Adonai Bennett, son of Tamika (GDLS parent)
Kevin Watterton, husband of Amy Watterton (GDLS employee)
Jane Barefoot, GDLS employee
Michelle Nisbet, GDLS employee
Larry Mullins, friend of the Fullens
Siggi Williams, friend of the Fullens and Atkins
Julia Mutch, friend of Jim and Jeane Fullen
Jude (GDLS student) and Monte (GDLS parent) Kuligowski
Corie Amell, niece of Julie Hutchison
Mike May, brother of Deborah Walker, GDLS employee
Sheila May, mother of Deborah Walker, GDLS employee
Tom Vanorsdale, husband of Donna Vanorsdale

Members and friends serving in the military who have asked for our prayers:

Ian Bogy, USN	Husband of Tamara Bogy
Mark Bradford, USN	Husband of Marilyn Bradford
Colin Chambers, USA	Friend of Mike Canny
Ryan Curtis, USAF	Son of Lynn and Cathy Curtis
Crystal Curtis, USAF	Daughter-in-law of Lynn and Cathy Curtis
John Demitraszek, USMC	Son-in-law of Bill and Carolyn Swanson
Matthew Dudek, USA	Friend of the Venables
Tyler Green, USAF	Son-in-law of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Nicholas Griesse, USAF	Son of Vivian Griesse
Megan Haskell, USA	Granddaughter of Buzz and Anita Hamilton
Jack Jones, USA	Family friend of Mike Canny
Kerri Masters, USA	Member of Gloria Dei
W. Allan Monroe, MSC	Son of Bill and Nancy Monroe
Matthew Morse, USMC	Son of Kevin Morse
Alex Murphy, USN	Member of Gloria Dei
Troy Newton, USN	Friend of Laura and Berto Lopez
Marc St. Pierre, USMC	Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Paul St. Pierre, II, USCG/FSO	Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Bradley Rollyson, USMC	Son of Mark and Marilyn Bradford
Nick Tavarez, USN	Grandson-in-law of Donna and Tom Vanorsdale
J.P. Venable, III, USAF	Member of Gloria Dei
Richard Williams, USAF	Husband of Stephanie Williams

Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP at Gosnold's Hope Park;**
New Members Join
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Monday – Wednesday *Gathering of the Ministerium*
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
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Calendar Request

Please email all facility usage requests to:
CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net.

Birthdays

September
28 Lisa Pfahl
30 Kent Morgan
October
3 Skylar St. Laurent
4 Mike Canny, McKenna Behan, Bob Reynolds
5 Joanna Yohn, Amiee Lomax

Anniversaries

September
29 Roger and Melanie Lowman
Frank and Virginia Saloka, Jr.
30 Eric and Sarah Olsen
October
1 Bo and Amiee Lomax, IV
5 Brian and Sara Yohn

Life Groups at Gloria Dei

Joining or creating a small group in your church offers a unique opportunity to grow deeper in your faith and build meaningful connections. In a small group, you can share your struggles, celebrate victories, and pray with others who understand your journey. It's a space where you can learn, ask questions, and support one another in ways that go beyond Sunday services. The relationships formed in small groups often become a source of encouragement and accountability, helping you live out your faith daily. As the early church gathered together in Acts, small groups are still a powerful way to experience fellowship, discipleship, and service. By connecting with others, you not only strengthen your own faith, but also contribute to the growth and health of the church body. Together, we can grow in love, truth, and purpose—empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as Christ's hands and feet. If you feel the call to host a small group and/or to join a small group, please email Pastor at pastordave@gloriadei.net.

Good Works Tree

"Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

In the first challenge, we prayed for our church and school communities. We then acknowledged God's love for us by recognizing things for which we are grateful. Now it is time to look outward...to show God's love to others. Our third challenge is **60 Days of Good Works**. This challenge invites us all to share Christ's love through everyday acts of kindness, service and compassion. Involve the whole family and your friends!

Try to do at least one act of kindness EVERY day throughout this challenge, which ends on October 5. Check out the display on the table in the Tower of the Triumphant entrance. There, you will find a bookmark with suggestions and information about kindness. You will also find cards on which you can write a kind message to leave for someone. But you are not limited to that! There are so many opportunities to brighten someone's day. Take advantage of where God has placed you and who can you bless with a kind word or helpful gesture.

There are blank paper stars and suns representing light on which to write down how many acts of kindness you and/or your family did during the day or week. Write the total number down (include a note if you want) then attach it to the **Good Works Tree** with a clip. Continue to add your numbers to the tree throughout the 60 Day Challenge. We want to count up the total number of acts of good works during our challenge!

Make Acts of Kindness and Good Works a daily habit!

Women of Gloria Dei WELCA

A "Glass with the Girls" continues to get together at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton on the fourth Monday of the month. Please join us at 7:00 p.m., **Monday, October 27**. It's always an evening of fun and fellowship.

Ideas for activities are always welcome. If you have any suggestions, please let me know; I'm always open to something new or different. Contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net with your suggestions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Sunday of the month following worship services. We will meet in the Koinonia Atrium, near the fireplace. After an hour or so of creating shawls and lap robes, we head off to lunch. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

Fellowship Bible Study

Fellowship Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Simeon Center. We use a study called Daily Faith Practices published by the ELCA. For information, please email Sharon Padula at slpadula1@gmail.com.

Community Bible Study

We will not meet on Wednesday, October 1. Our weekly Community Bible Study is held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, on Wednesdays at noon. All are invited to attend.

Little Library

Our Little Library, located at the middle set of doors, gets a lot of action from parents as they are dropping off or picking up their children. We are asking that you please consider donating any children's books by placing them on the back counter at the Information Desk. These books will be used to refill when the Little Library gets low on books. Thank you for your generosity.

Lunch & Learn Seminars

You're invited to Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center's Lunch and Learn Series on the fourth Tuesday of every month. This is a free opportunity to learn more about the featured topics as we hope to raise awareness and improve resiliency in ourselves and our community.

All Lunch and Learn seminars will run from noon to 1:00 p.m. and will be conducted at PPCC's main office at 707 Gum Rock Court in Newport News unless otherwise noted. Dates and topics are updated on the following website on an ongoing basis. The next Lunch and Learn is on **Tuesday, September 23, at noon**; its subject is "*Radical and Righteous Rest*." Please visit the PPCC website to pre-register: https://peninsulapastoral.org/events/?blm_id=18276

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- * **Director of Transportation**
- * **Director of Food Service**
- * **Part-time Bus Drivers**
- * **Afternoon Child Care Aides**
- * **Buildings and Grounds Assistant**
- * **Substitute Teachers (preschool, elementary, and middle school)**

If you are interested in applying, you can find an application online at <http://www.gdlshamptonva.com/school-forms>. Part-time and full-time hours available. Once completed, you may turn it into the School Office at 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, attention: Lisa Dadez.

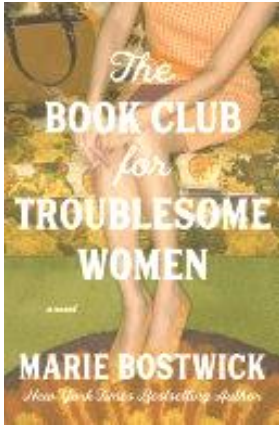
Harris Teeter School Fundraiser

Harris Teeter—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at Harris Teeter. Once you ask for and receive your VIC card, you can go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>, click on "Link your school today," log in or register, then go to "My Account," and scroll down to "Together in Education," and click to link a school. You will then enter our School code, 6528, and click on *Gloria Dei Lutheran School*. Thank you!

Back To School

We are now registering for the 2025-2026 School Year. Accepting student applications for toddlers – 8th grade. Please drop in for a tour of our facilities on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

WELCA Book Club



WELCA Book Group
invites you to
an evening of fun and fellowship
sharing thoughts about the book,
“The Book Club for Troublesome Women,”
by Marie Bostwick.

Monday, October 13
7:00 p.m.

Diane Washburn, hostess
713 Windbrook Circle
Newport News, Virginia 23602

RSVP: Diane at 757-739-2634 or Rita at 757-870-3619

Wonderful Wednesdays

You are invited to

W O N D E R F U L
WEDNESDAYS

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY • FOOD • MUSIC • CRAFTS

1st Session

Oct. 1, 8, 15

2nd Session

Oct. 29
Nov. 5, 12, 19
Dec. 3, 10

We are excited
to offer this
program to all
students in
Grades K-12.



Please scan this
QR Code to
register your
child.

Gloria Dei Fish Fry

Saturday, October 11, 2025

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

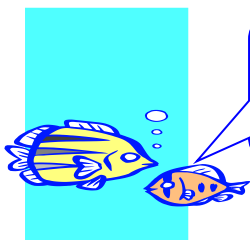
Ticket Prices

Adults - \$12 Children (6 – 12 years) - \$6

Children under 6 years are FREE

**Includes: FISH, COLE SLAW, BAKED BEANS,
HOMEMADE HUSHPUPPIES,
& REFRESHMENTS**

(Hot Dogs and Chili Dogs available for the landlubbers!)



You don't want to miss
this! Come on out and
catch the fun!!

Volunteers are needed!

Please contact:

Dan Singer, dan.singer62@gmail.com

or

Kevin Morse, 757-288-0268

**Tickets are available at: Willow Oaks Office and
Information Desk in the Atrium**

**Please bring cans of TUNA
in support of H.E.L.P.**

QR Codes for Online Giving to Gloria Dei

If you would like to give electronically to Gloria Dei, you can do so by scanning one of the QR codes below.

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