# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
## June 21, 2026

**Bethany Lutheran Church**
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*Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love – we are God's people.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone
feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship–red hymnal*

**PRELUDE**

Welcome, Birthday/Anniversary Bank
*(money given to Bethany's Human Concerns Fund)*

# We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

**BLESSING OF FATHERS**

P: God of all creation,
pour out your blessing on all fathers
and those who provide fatherly care.
You have made them in your image
and given them children to love and care for in your name.
Bless them with a heart like your heart:
discerning and thoughtful, bold and decisive,
compassionate and loving.
As they model for their children
the life that is lived by faith and not by sight,
grant them courage under pressure
and confidence in your power.
When troubles threaten to overwhelm them,
grant them your coping calm.
When doubts give rise to anxiety,
shore up their trust in your promises.
When joy fills their days,
grant them a keen gratitude for your abundant supply of grace.
Season them with a lively sense of humor, Lord,
for it will make life richer for us all.
In all circumstances preserve them as your own.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please Stand)*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

**C: we confess to you all our sins.**
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**
**In Christ's name we pray,**
**Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *"Let the Whole Creation Cry"* **ELW Hymn 876**

**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**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
**Amen.**

# We Listen to God's Word

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING** **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

7 O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
9 If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
10 For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
11 But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
12 O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

13 Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

***Continued…***

L: Word of God, word of life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *(read responsively)* **Psalm 69:7-18**

L: Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
**C: I have become a stranger to my own kindred,**
**an alien to my mother's children.**
L: Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
**C: I humbled myself with fasting,**
**but that was turned to my reproach.**
L: I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.
**C: Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,**
**and the drunkards make songs about me.**
L: But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.
**C: Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;**
**let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**
L: Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
**C: Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;**
**in your great compassion, turn to me.**
L: Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
**C: Draw near to me and redeem me;**
**because of my enemies deliver me.**

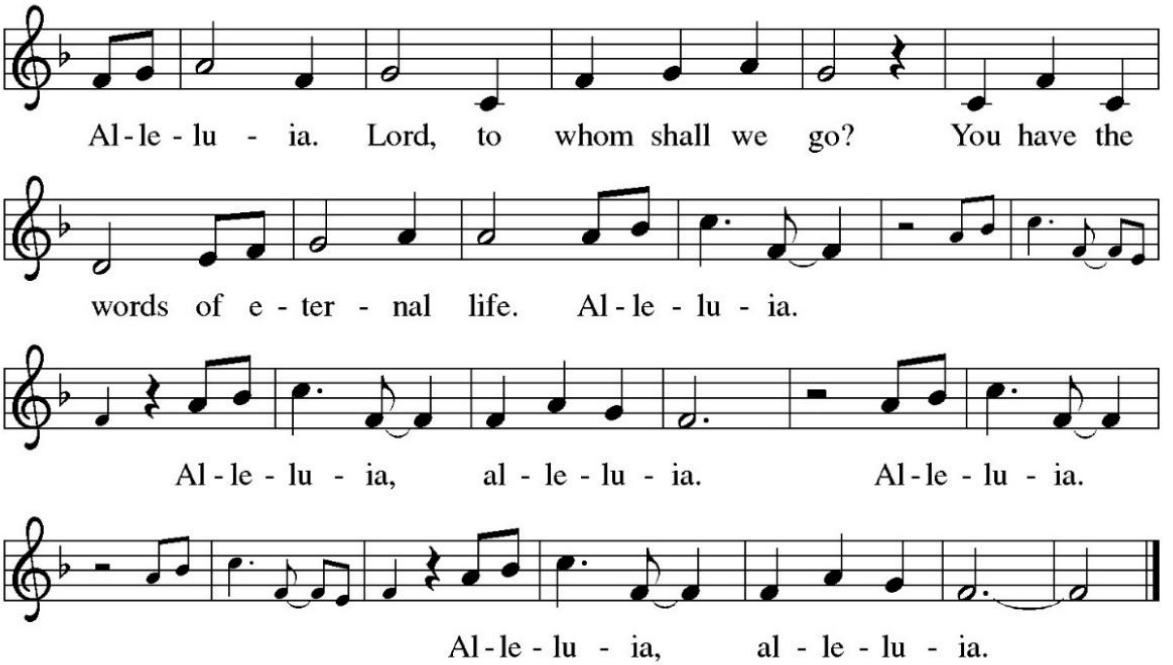
**SECOND READING** **Romans 6:1b-11**

[1b] Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? [2] By no means! How
can we who died to sin go on living in it? [3] Do you not know that all of us who were
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] Therefore we were buried
with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by
the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

[5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be
united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] We know that our old self was crucified
with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be
enslaved to sin. [7] For whoever has died is freed from sin. [8] But if we died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him. [9] We know that Christ, being raised from
the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] The death
he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. [11] So you
also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, word of life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**




P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 10:24-39**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above
the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like
the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more
will they malign those of his household!

26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered
and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell
in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not
fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can
destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet
not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs
of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than
many sparrows.
32 "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will
acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I
also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to
bring peace but a sword.
35 For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
37 "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever
loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and whoever does not
take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will
lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

P: The Gospel of our Lord
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON** ***Pastor Misha McFarland-Pollock***

*(Please Stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"How Firm a Foundation"* **ELW Hymn 796**

# We Respond to God's Word

**APOSTLES' CREED** ***(unison)***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

(*Please be seated)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition concludes:*
P: God of Grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

# We Share in the Holy Meal

*(Please Stand)*

**DIALOGUE**

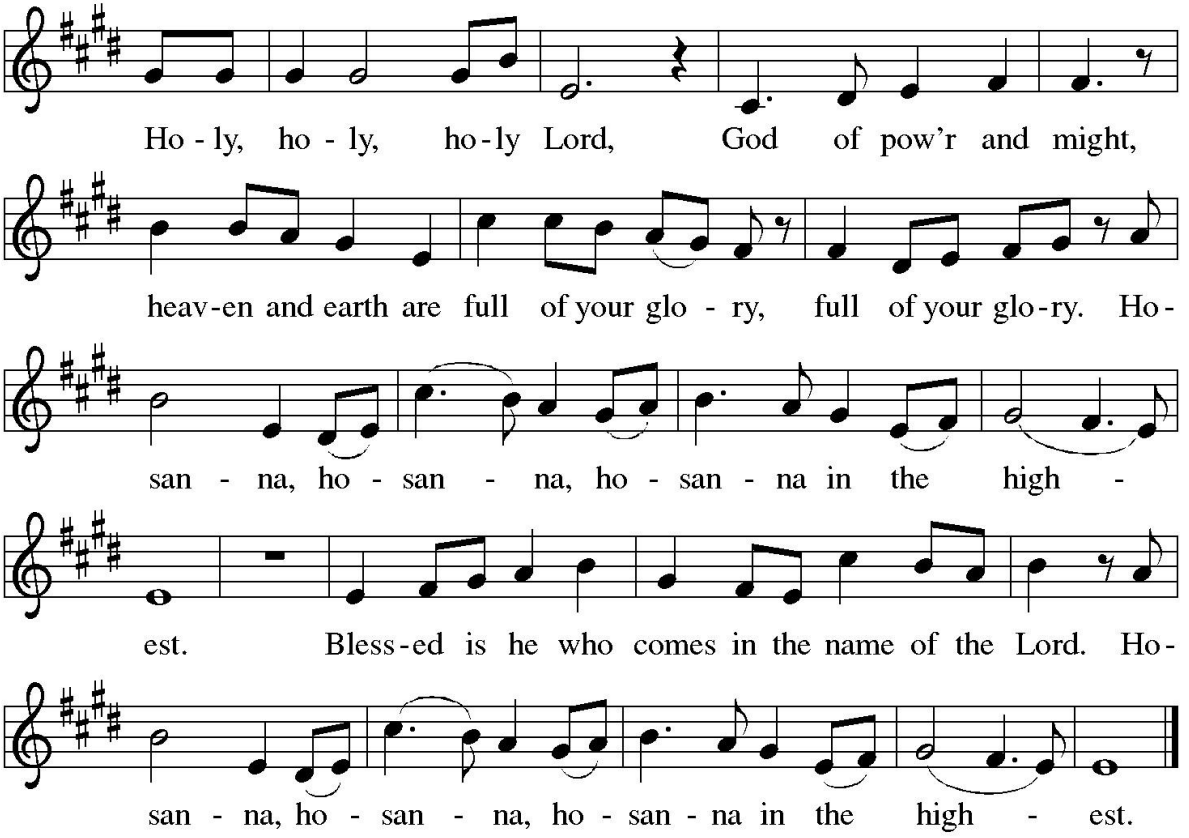
P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

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….

…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** ***(unison)***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

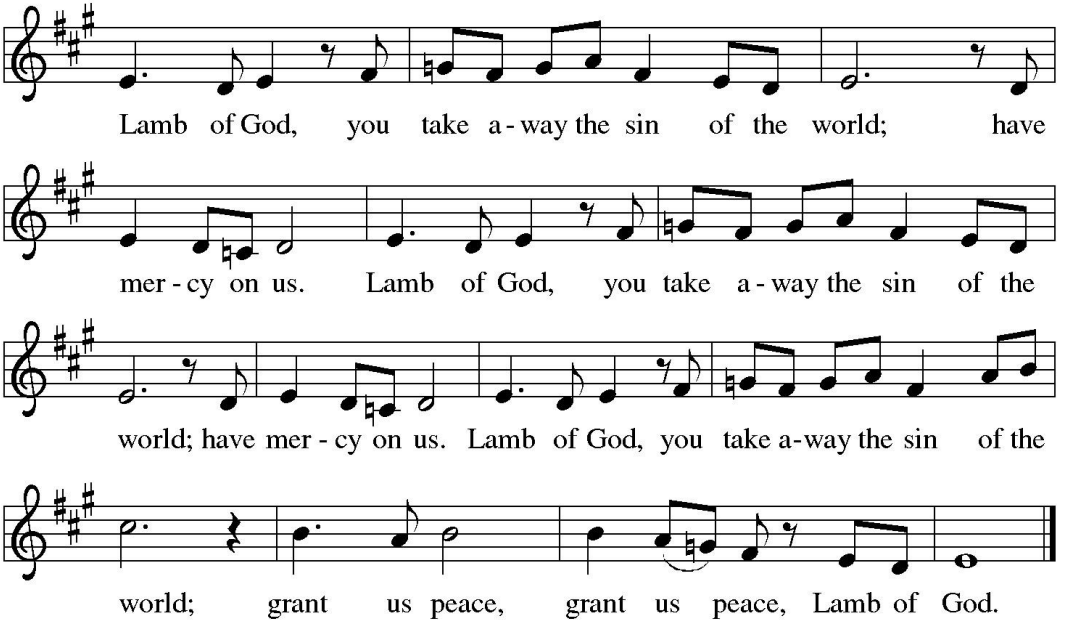
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory,**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

*(Please be seated)*

**LAMB OF GOD**



## DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

***(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)***

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"One Bread, One Body"* ELW Hymn 496

Refrain – All
Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,
taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.
Leader or All
1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall
al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the
Refrain
Lord; for God has been so good to me.
2 Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me. To-geth-er let us
all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an-swered
Refrain
me; from all my trou-bles I was set free.

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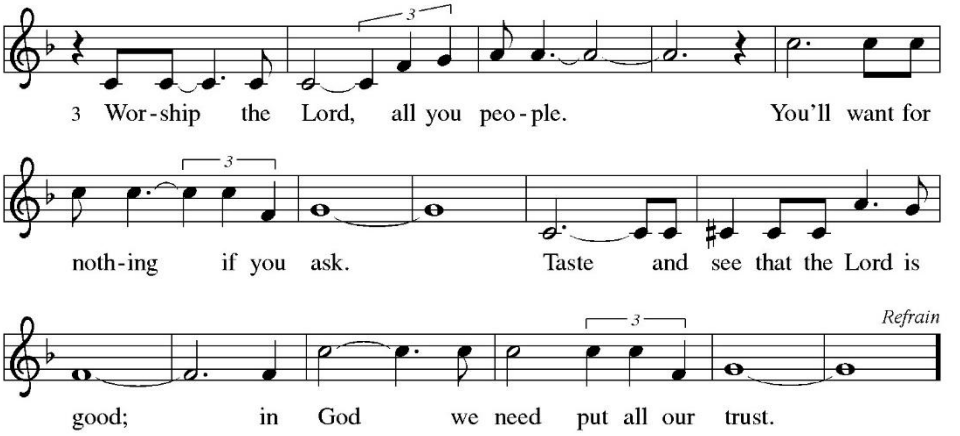


*(Please Stand)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* **ELW Hymn 810**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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*A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right. There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week. Ask our usher for help.*

*Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall following the worship service. We would like to get to know you and offer our friendship.*

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Today: | **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** | |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| | 10:55 a.m. | Lutheran Church of Hope Service |
| **Wednesday:** | **Campfire Worship Service @ Messiah** | |
| | **6:00 p.m.** | **Meal** |
| | **7:00 p.m.** | **Service** |
| **Thursday:** | 9:30 a.m. | Bible Study @ Messiah |
| **Saturday:** | ***Bethany hosting Traveling Youth Group overnight in Fellowship Hall*** | |
| Next Sunday: | **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** | |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| | 10:55 a.m. | Lutheran Church of Hope Service |

**SUMMER CAMPFIRE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Campfire Worship Service kicks off on Wednesday, June 24 at Messiah! A meal will start things off at 6:00pm with the service to start at 7:00pm and roasting s'mores will wrap up the evening! We will be singing out of the "With One Voice" Hymnals again this year. Come gather around the fire with us!

**WEEKLY FINANCE REPORT**
These are the numbers for where we are financially for the dates of June 7 – June 13:

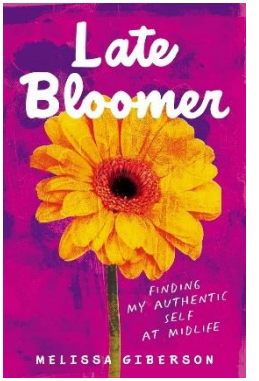
June 7-June 13
Income: $1,431.00
Expense: $2,621.72
Shortfall: $1,190.72

If you have any questions about these numbers, please contact a member of the Finance Committee.

**OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3**
The office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of 4th of July. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

**JUNE OUTREACH DONATIONS**
Food Pantry Donations for June will be Crackers, Peanut Butter, and Soups!

**JULY PASTOR'S BOOK CLUB**
Our July book club will meet again this Tuesday, July 14 @ 5:00 p.m., here at Bethany. All are invited to join us! For this month, we will be reading "Late Bloomer" by Melissa Giberson!



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***Office Hours***
*Monday-Wednesday-Friday – 9:00am-1:00pm*
*Tuesday & Thursday – 1:30pm-4:30pm*

***Pastor Misha's Office Hours***
*Bethany: Monday & Tuesday*
*Messiah: Wednesday & Thursday*
**** Pastor Misha's hours vary in the office from week to week as she may be out of office on visits or other Pastor duties. Please call or text her to make an appointment or to see if she is in the office. ****

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