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# *The Holy Trinity*



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know a nursery space is available for  
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

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## Introduction

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

# Welcome to Worship

## Call to Worship

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Called to be faithful stewards of creation, we come to worship:

**All To sing to the One**

**who has created all that is good, beautiful and true,  
and who has shared everything with us.**

*P* Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to learn:

**All To follow the One**

**who meets us in every moment of our lives,  
in every place we find ourselves.**

*P* Called to proclaim the Good News of Easter, we come to find the words:

**All To be taught by the Spirit**

**who moves in and through us as we serve the world.**

## Prayer of Confession

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**All Amen**

*P* When God looks at us,  
the One who created us sees hope, joy, grace, life.  
But all too often others see us as broken, hurtful, sinful...  
Let us confess our deeds and words to the One who loves us  
and longs to re-create us in the image of true life.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*P* Loving God,

**All** Why do you pay us any attention, Artist of creation?

**Created in your image, we show faces filled with desire to do good,  
but offer hearts filled with anger to those around us.**

*R1* Called to be disciples of Christ, we all too often are seen chasing after  
the false promises of the easy life.

*R2* Offered the role of being stewards of creation,  
we think that everything you have created is to be used up  
so we can enjoy life, giving no thought for future generations.

*R3* Yet you have declared everything you created to be good, even us,  
God of unexpected grace.

*R4* So we know that in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour,  
you will reshape our greed into generosity,  
our bitterness into blessings  
and our brokenness into lives poured out in service to  
our sisters and brothers.

## Assurance of Pardon

*P* Lives that are chaotic become cradles of peace;  
hearts malformed by meanness are reshaped into goodness;  
souls filled with despair are cleansed with grace.

**All** This is the Good News:

**The God who created us is the same God who redeems us.**

**The God who redeems us ✝ is the God who sends us forth to serve.**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

**Amen!**

# Opening Song

## Kyrie eleison



All  
Refrain Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



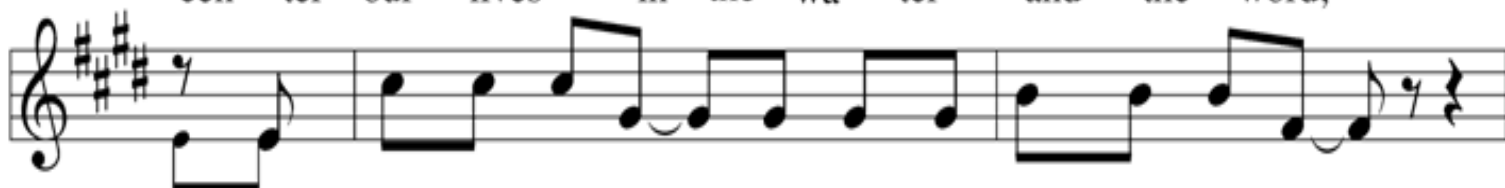
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the  
2 That we may live out your im -  
3 For peace in our hearts, for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

## Greeting

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

*P* Holy God, Three in One,

**All** We join with the saints on earth and in heaven  
as we bring our worship to you.

**Come and meet us now by your Holy Spirit,**

**and gather our dispersed voices into one single church of praise.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## A Reading from Genesis, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God

saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

<sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

<sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Genesis 1:1--2:4a*

L The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## A Reading from 2 Corinthians, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.



L The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to\_\_\_ my feet and a light un-to my path.



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## Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Matthew 28:16-20*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

You may be Seated

Sermon

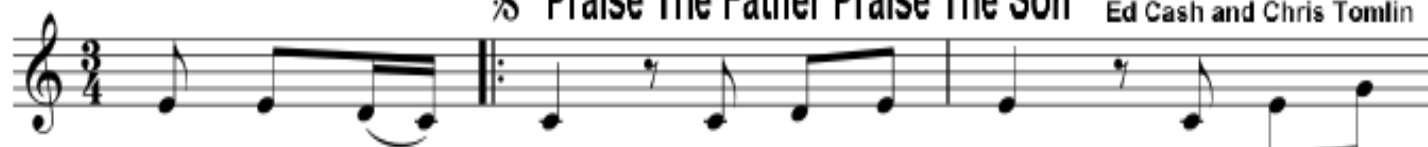
Pr. Debra Jimenez

# Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

## ♩ Praise The Father Praise The Son

Words and Music by  
Ed Cash and Chris Tomlin



1 O sov - 'reign God, O match - less King the saints a -  
(2. These suf - fer) - ings, this pass - ing tide un - der Your  
(3. To the) val - ley, for my soul; Thy great de -



dore, the an - gels sing, and fall be - fore the throne of  
wings I will a - bide, and ev - 'ry en - e - my shall  
scent has made me whole! Your word my heart has wel - comed



grace— to You be - longs the high - est praise. 2 These suf - fer -  
flee; You are my hope and vic - to -  
home; Now peace like wa - ter ev - er



ry. Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in  
flows.



One; Clothed in pow - er and in grace, the name a - bove all oth - er



names (D.S.) 2  
3 To the names. Oh, praise the



Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in One; Clothed in

pow - er and in grace, the name a - bove all oth - er names.

Yours is the king - dom, Yours is the pow - er, Yours is the

glo - ry for - ev - er! er! Praise the

Fa - ther, praise the Son, and Praise the Spir - it, Three in One; Clothed in pow - er and in

grace, the name a - bove all oth - er names, the name a - bove all oth - er names.

## Apostles' Creed

*P* Let us join together with one voice confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

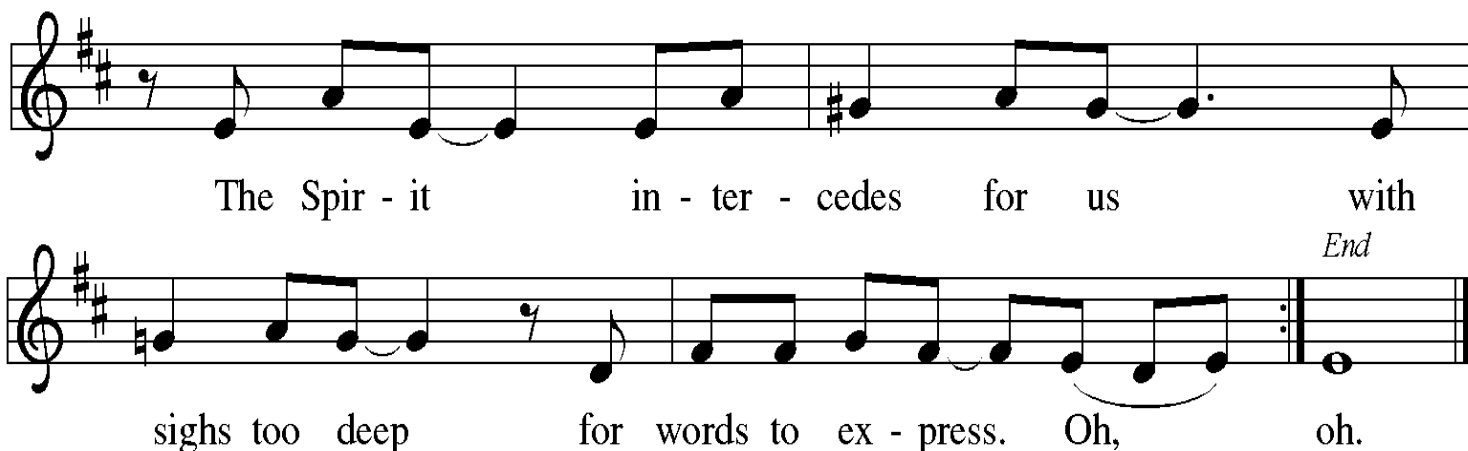
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

## Prayers of Intercession

[You may be Seated](#)

*L* Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.



The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with  
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

*End*

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L*: God, in your mercy,      *All*: You hear our prayer.

## Passing of the Peace

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

*P* Christ become peace with you.

*All* And also with you.

## Offering

*You may be Seated*

♪ ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow. ♪ ♪  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise God above! Praise God above ye Heav'nly Host!  
Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Let us pray:

Holy Community of Love,

**All use our gifts as you reach out to heal the broken,  
as you take the hands of the lost  
and as you pull out a chair to welcome the outcast to your table  
of wonder and hope. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* May God in Community be with you.

**All And with you as well.**

*P* Shaped in the divine image, let us open ourselves to the Creator.

**All With grace-filled hearts, we come to the Redeemer's table.**

*P* Called to be God's household, let us offer our praises.

**All We rejoice that the Holy Spirit has brought us,  
from many place, here to our home.**

*P* At the beginning, God of Imagination,  
you finger-painted sunrises and sunsets on the blank canvas of chaos.  
You sang creation's cantata, while suns, moons and stars  
kept watch over your delights.

You laughed, while lions, tigers and bears danced joyfully in the meadows  
and everything that wiggles, creeps, crawls  
clapped their hands in time.

When you would have clothed us in glory,  
we found sin and death to be a more comfortable fit.

Prophets came teaching obedience and calling us to faithful lives,  
but we continued to insist on having control of our souls.

So, you sent Jesus to make our brokenness whole once again.

So, with grace, love and unity,  
with our faithful companions and teachers,  
and with all the saints of every time and place  
we lift our songs of thanksgiving:

***All* How majestic is your name in all the earth, Holy One.**

**All creation greets you with glad songs of praise.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes to make us disciples.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*P* Holy are you, God-over-us, and blessed is Jesus Christ, God-with-us.

He took off glory's garb to put on humanity;

He set aside heaven's honour to be crowned with disgrace;

He spoke of love and hope silencing our enemy—pride;

He went into the grave to free us from death's grasp.

As we remember his life, death and resurrection,

As we celebrate his re-creating power in us,

We speak of that mystery called faith:

**All Christ died, crowned with death's thorns.**

**Christ was raised, crowned with resurrection's wonder.**

**Christ will come, to crown us with glory and honour.**

*P* In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Spirit to flow over the gifts of the bread and the cup,  
and to bring light and goodness to those who gather around Your Table.

As we break the Bread of life, may we become living hope to a world  
mired in despair.

As we drink from the Cup of Grace may we cradle your kindness and  
peace in our hearts and souls, so we might be poured out to those who  
thirst for your peace and gentleness.

And when your dreams which began at creation are realised and all time  
comes to an end—

when we gather around Your Table  
with saints and sinners,  
disciples and deniers—

we will find ourselves closer to you than we ever thought possible,  
singing your praises forever and ever, God in Community, Holy and One.

**All Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*P* Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All** 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.

## The Invitation

*P* All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

*You may be Seated*

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine  
while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

*Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant*

shed for you and  
for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin



**All are Welcome!**



# Communion Songs

## Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## How Majestic Is Your Name



Oh Lord, - our Lord, - how ma - jes - tic is Your name - in all - the - earth. Oh

Lord, \_ our Lord, \_ how ma-jes-tic is Your name \_ in all \_\_\_ the \_earth. Oh \_ Lord, we

praise Your \_ name; Oh \_ Lord, we mag - ni - fy \_\_\_ Your name; \_ Prince of

Peace, \_ Might-y God, oh \_ Lord \_ God Al-might - y. Oh

y; Prince of Peace, \_\_\_ Might - y God, oh \_\_\_

Lord \_\_\_ God Al - might - y!

## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

*[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All** Amen

**P** We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

**All** Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

# Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

*P* God, who created you in the divine image, send you forth:

**All** We go: to reflect the presence of our Creator to everyone we meet along the way.

*P* Jesus, who has redeemed you,  
has established God's Kingdom in our midst:

**All** We go: to bring healing and hope to all the broken of the world.

*P* The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people,  
goes with you to many places:

**All** We go: to tear down the walls which divide us, and to build lives of trust for all God's children.

*P* And now, may the peace of the rolling waves,  
the peace of the silent mountains,  
the peace of the singing stars,  
and the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace ✝  
be with you now and forever.

**All** Amen.

## Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

**Dismissal**

*P* Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All** Thanks be to God!



Readings for next Sunday,  
June 11  
Pentecost 2

**First Reading:** Hosea 5:15--6:6  
**Psalm:** Psalm 50:7-15  
**Second Reading:** Romans 4:13-25  
**Gospel:** Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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