

# *Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church*

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## Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

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**please tune your radio to 98.7 FM** or join us for the  
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## Holy Communion

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### **Welcome to worship.**

If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

**We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.**

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

## Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering.

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love - John Carter

**For the TEXT, see ELW 666.**

## ◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

AM Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Gracious God,  
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

◆ GATHERING HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW 597

All Verses



- 1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



## ◆ 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

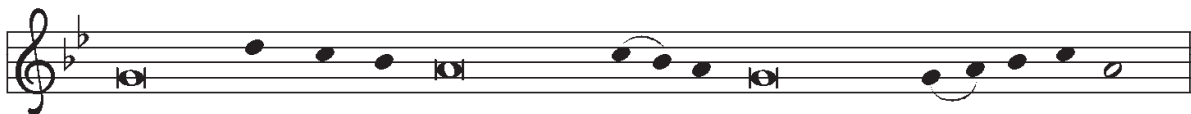
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



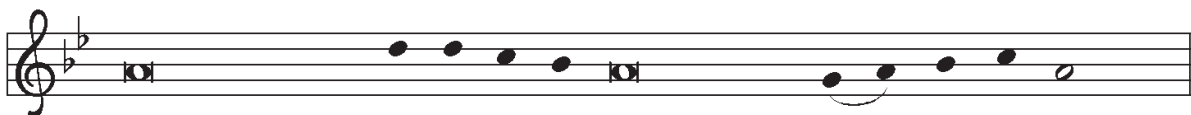
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of

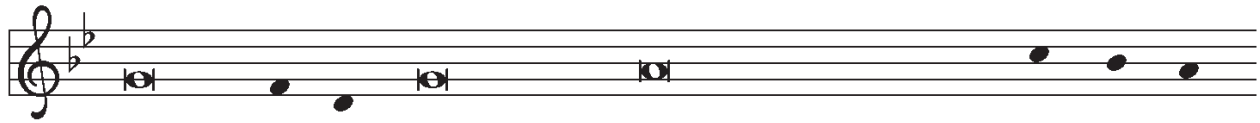


God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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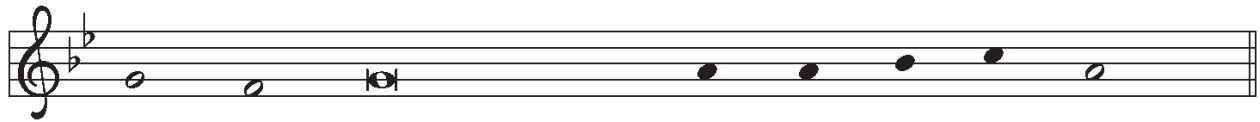
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## ◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

# Word

## FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a one-sided covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

**L** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# PSALM

## Psalms 27

*In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*



- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then <sup>|</sup> shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I <sup>|</sup> be afraid?
- <sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to de- <sup>|</sup> vour my flesh,**  
**they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- <sup>|</sup> ble and fall.**
- <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart <sup>|</sup> will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will <sup>|</sup> not be shaken.
- <sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one <sup>|</sup> thing I seek;**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze**  
**upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God <sup>|</sup> in the temple.**
- <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will <sup>|</sup> give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- <sup>|</sup> on  
a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies <sup>|</sup> who surround me.**  
**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;**  
**I will sing and make music <sup>|</sup> to the LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>|</sup> when I call;  
have mercy on me and <sup>|</sup> answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— <sup>|</sup> “Seek my face.”**  
**Your face, O LORD, <sup>|</sup> I will seek.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- <sup>|</sup> vant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God  
of <sup>|</sup> my salvation.

- <sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- <sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- <sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!
- <sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17– 4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

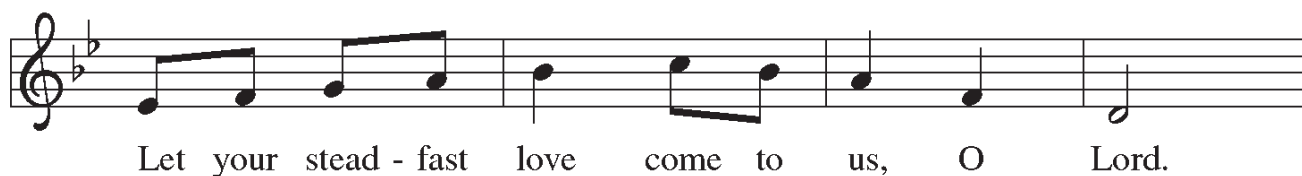
<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**L** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 9



## ◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the thirteenth chapter.

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

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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



CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON

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◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth"

ELW 727

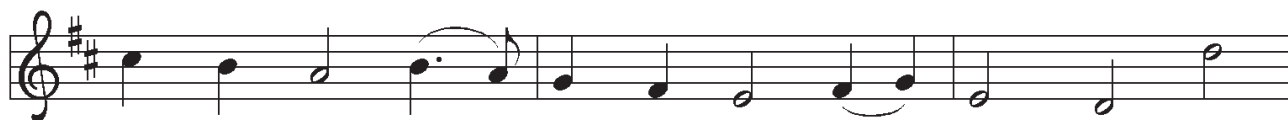
Verses 1, 2, and 4



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -  
 2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing  
 life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall  
 we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of  
 us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
 bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till  
 hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From  
 vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
 not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
 an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.  
 pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
 of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
 fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

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## ◆ 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.**

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



## ◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**AM**    God in your mercy,    **C**    **receive our prayer.**

# Meal

## ◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,  
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*



OFFERTORY "Interlude No. 5" - Eric Thiman



## ◆ OFFERTORY HYMN "As The Grains of Wheat" **ELW 465**

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second and third staves continue the melody for the subsequent lines. The lyrics are written below the notes. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

## ◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**    *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation's ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



## ◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 9

Musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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.

P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy .....

.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 9

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

P In the night in which he was betrayed .....

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ◆ LORD'S PRAYER

- ~ **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.**



**COMMUNION** *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

**If you desire to commune at the altar rail:** Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

**If coming forward is difficult:** Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 9

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.

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

- **ELW 468**

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

- **ELW 479**

"I Received the Living God"

- **ELW 477**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

- **ELW 705**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

- **ELW 834**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

# Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ◆ BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**



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◆ SENDING HYMN "As the Winter Days Grow Longer" **ACS 924**

**Verses 1, 2, and 3**



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—  
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—  
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
 Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.  
 Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
 God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

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 Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody  
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◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "As the Grains of Wheat" - Marty Haugen/arr. Mark Sedio

*Edison Lutheran Church - Welcoming.....Nurturing.....Serving*

Thank you to all who serve in worship!

	<b>Serving Sunday March 16</b>	<b>Serving Next Sunday March 23</b>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor John Guthridge	Pastor John Guthridge
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<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jerry Benson	Darla Jensen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eva Kloggeri	Davis Fenimore
<b>Lector</b>	Darla Jensen	Linda Johnson
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<b>Ushers</b>	Mike and Jean Miller	Mark Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Debbie Conijn Terri Olsen	Terri Olsen RuthAnne Pocock
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Dan & Patsy Martin Darla Jensen	Mark & Linda Johnson Katy Olson
<b>Council Member of the Day</b>	Laura Engebretsen	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb

*Scripture Readings for next Sunday, March 23, are:*

**Isaiah 55:1-9    Psalm 63:1-8    1 Corinthians 10:1-13    Luke 13:1-9**

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