

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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8:30 AM AND 10:30 AM
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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KIM KYLLO, SENIOR PASTOR
NATHAN LYKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
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PRELUDE: *"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"*..... arr. Raymond Haan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESSELW p. 94

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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 to 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 SONG: "Light Dawns on a Weary World"..... ELW 726
 (10:30) Stanza 1: Choir Only, refrain and Stanzas 2 and 3—All



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
 Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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GREETING:ELW p. 98

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"ELW p. 101


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Psalm 36:5-10

L: A Reading from Psalms. Please read responsively with me.

- ⁵ Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**
- ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- ⁹ For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Pastor Nathan Lyke



GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

P: A reading from the Gospel of John

C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

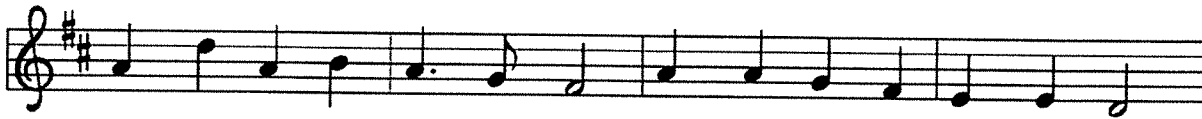
¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

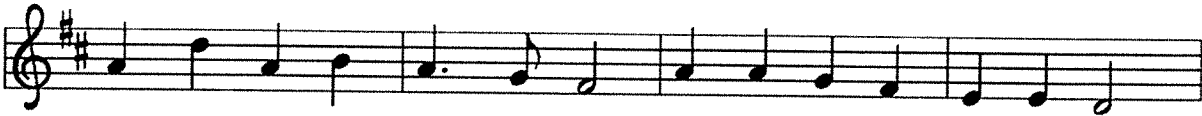
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW 310



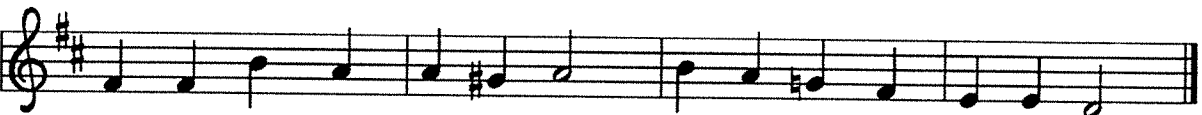
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

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.**

OFFERING MUSIC: *"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"* arr. Wayne Wold

GIVE WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE please scan this QR code or text "give"
to 218-210-7853 and click the link



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: God of Grace

C: Receive our Prayer

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray...God of today, tomorrow, and yesterday,

As we begin this new year, we once again find ourselves looking for you.
We long for the clarity of a star in the sky, or a voice in the clouds declaring your presence in our lives.

So today we ask that you would make yourself known to us.
Do what only you can do. Reach into our spirits to give us a boost of confidence that love is real and we are not alone. Remind us that we are beloved in your eyes.
We know we're asking a lot for a group that brings very little. We don't have gold or Frankincense or Myrrh. We haven't thrown off our shoes to honor your holy ground. We haven't been baptized in the Jordan river. We haven't spent the last several days traveling here by camel. We're no Magi, Moses, or Messiah, but we're yours.
Instead, we bring ourselves to this Table—to your Table—in hopes of catching a glimpse of you. Speak to us in this bread. Speak to us in the cup. Speak to us through these star words. Speak to us as you spoke through the clouds at Jesus's baptism, so that these star words may be a tool that helps us look for you in the coming year.
Holy God, you call us beloved. You are with us in our joy. You are with us in our sorrow. Surely, you are with us here as well.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

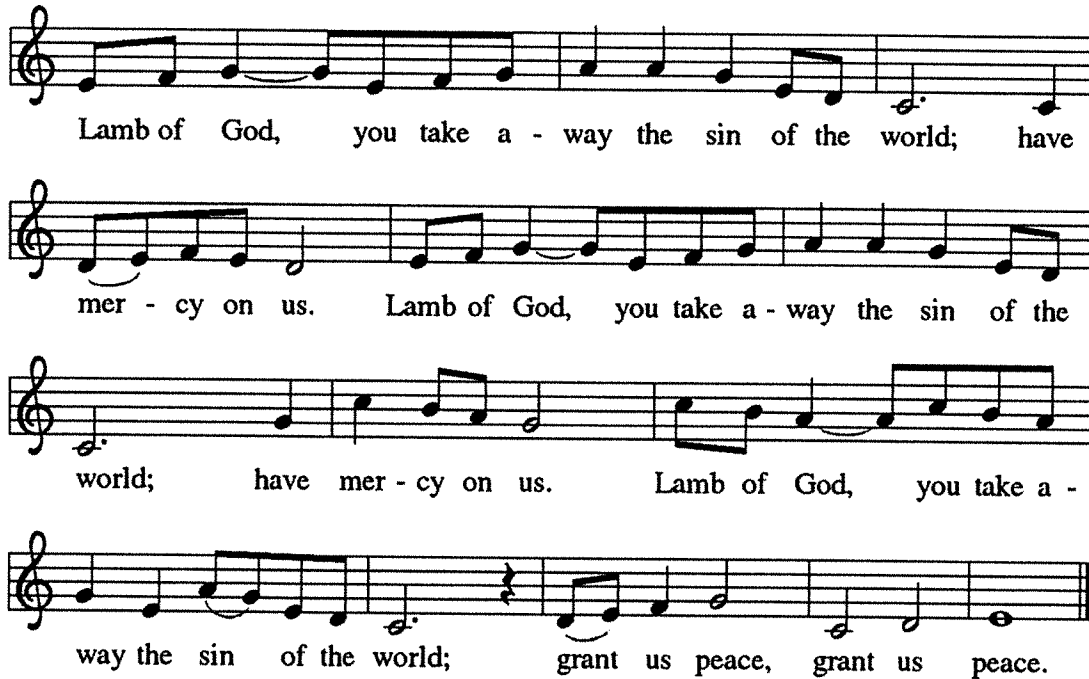
P: Family of faith, the bread has been broken and the cup has been poured, which means the feast is ready and all are welcome.
After you have received the bread and cup, we invite you to draw a star from the basket

on the next table. The invitation is to be open to what the Holy Spirit has for you, not to choose your own word, so choose a star face-down without knowing the word God has for you this year.

Friends, we have been seeking, but God is here. Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "*Lamb of God*"ELW p.112



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "In This Feast of Love"ACS 962



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
 Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio
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BENEDICTION ELW p. 115

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.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



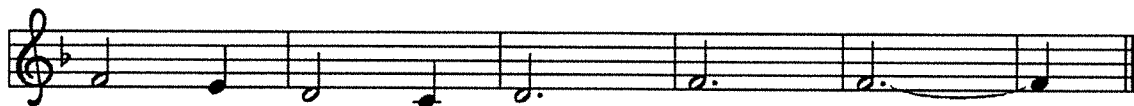
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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DISMISSAL

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

P: We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave.

POSTLUDE: *"When Jesus Came to Jordan"* Wayne L. Wold

Star Words: Epiphany 2025

The use of star words, also called "star gifts," is a prayer practice connected to Epiphany and the new year. Each star word has a unique intention word, or guiding word, and is written or printed on paper stars. These paper stars are then arranged, most commonly face down, on the Communion Table or in a large basket. During the worship service, individuals are invited to draw a word from the basket or off the Table, and to use that word as a guiding word throughout the year. Typically, participants are encouraged to trust the word they have drawn, and not to replace the word. However, there is not a strong need to be the "star police" if an individual wants to trade. Individuals are often encouraged to place their star word somewhere they will see it regularly throughout the year to allow consistent reflection on how God has moved through, around, or in connection to that word.

Why star words?

1. The Magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus.
2. We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one such lens that might provide us a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight.
3. We trust that it is often easy to miss God in our daily midst. Having an intention word to consider both in present days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows for us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.
4. We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. We believe that star words invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God. By not looking or sorting through the star words at their selection, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It is not us that are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.

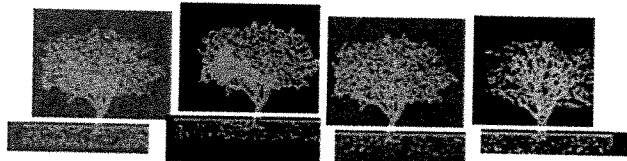
Announcements:

1. Altar Flowers are given today in honor of Charlotte Schultz's 80th birthday by her son, John Schultz.
2. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
3. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**
Facilitator: Jackie Knauff
Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 4th.**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
4. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.
5. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on February 13th.**
Where: Highview Hills
6. The pink envelopes in January support the St. John's Youth Assistance Fund to help kids who need financial assistance go to camp, mission trips, and summer stretch events. Pick up a pink donation envelope from the pew rack while at church and place your check or cash inside and place in the offering plate during service. Or you can give on Tithe.ly too, just choose "pink envelopes" from the dropdown menu and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the note box.
7. More Than Just Lunch in January will be going for lunch on **January 21st** at Bourbon Butcher in Farmington. We will meet at church at 11:00 for the short drive to Farmington. Our hope is that those attending will come with some suggestions for this year's tours, as well as, what you liked or didn't like about the tours you have been a part of.

8. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pjgudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next January 20th.**
Where: Perkins in Lakeville
 Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.
9. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

10. **Raise Right Gift Cards:** We support the school in Muhanga Tanzania with this gift card fundraising program. It is as easy as 1. 2. 3. **1. Shop** with a gift card you purchase from the Raise Right table at church or shop online across hundreds of popular brands. **2. Earn funds** while you shop. Instantly earn with every purchase (6% average, up to 20%). **3. Allocate the earnings.** St John's distributes the funds to support the programs in Muhanga.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the St. John's congregation will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 26, at 11:45 am.

Pick up your Annual Report in the Narthex today.

Included on the meeting's agenda will be key leader reports, the 2025 ministry budget (we will vote on this during the meeting), and information about the year ahead at St. John's.

The meeting can also be available by Zoom. Contact the church office if you wish to receive the link to the meeting.

Nursery will also be available during the meeting

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
LectorMarcé Spies-Johnson (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:30), Andy Schultz (10:30)
Communion Set Up..... Jeanne Hartwig
Communion Clean Up..... Laurie Barth
Communion Servers..... Ginger Gustafson, Jeanne Hartwig, John Hartwig (8:30)
Pam Haukoos, Don Alberts, Elisa Brown (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Todd Kylo (8:30), Dave Coldren (10:30)
Clicker TeamChristie Wright (8:30), Christie Wright (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso (8:30), (10:30)
Worship Coordinator John Hartwig (8:30), Pam & Peter Haukoos (10:30)
Coffee ServersGinger Gustafson, Kathy Ziller

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Dave Coldren (8:30), (10:30)
Usher Team Leader John Hartwig (8:30), Wright/Olson families (10:30)
Acolyte (8:30), Riley Ackman (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up.....Laurie Barth
Communion Servers Christie Wright, Danny Barth, Tricia Murphy (8:30)
Jenni Tange, Don Alberts, (10:30)
Sound Tech.....Dan Nelson (8:30), Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker Team..... Katie Henning (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso (8:30), (10:30)
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