

Confession and Absolution

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*

and shall not be | put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*

his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*

let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*

I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*

none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*

and shall not be | put to shame.

942 Kyrie! God, Father



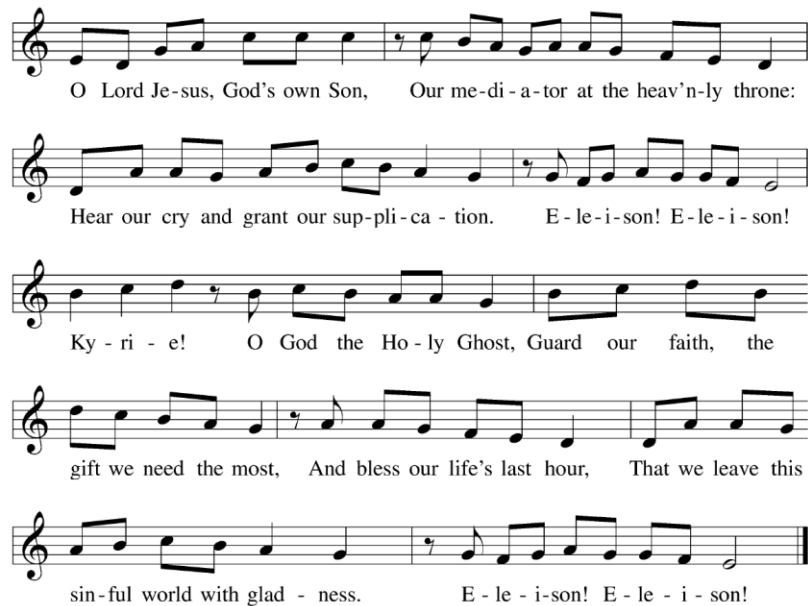
Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



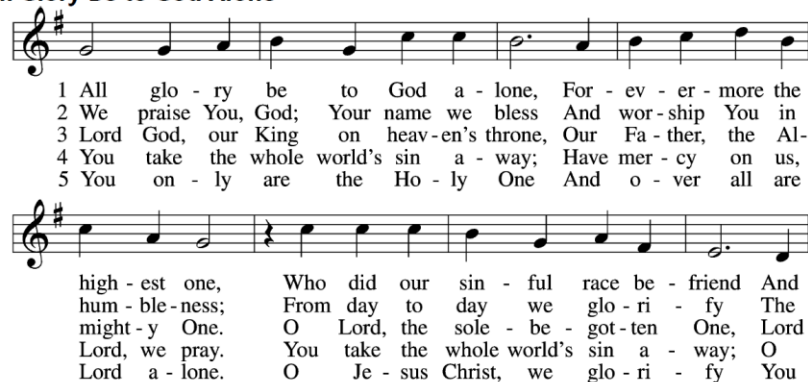
Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.



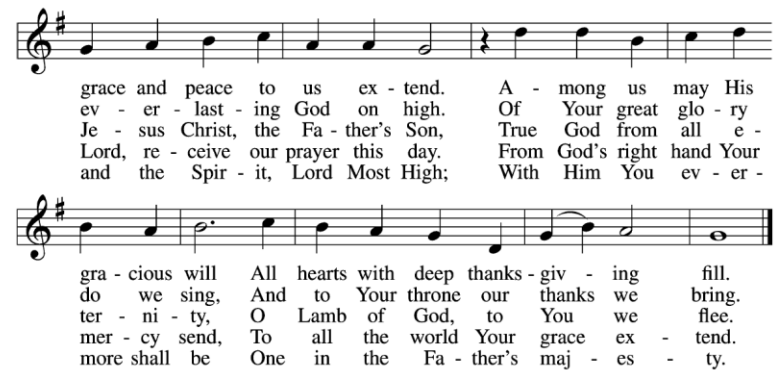
O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di-a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:
 Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca-tion. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!
 Ky-ri-e! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the
 gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this
 sin-ful world with glad-ness. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

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948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo-ry be to God a-lone, For-ev-er-more the
 2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor-ship You in
 3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa-ther, the Al-
 4 You take the whole world's sin a-way; Have mer-cy on us,
 5 You on-ly are the Ho-ly One And o-ver all are
 high-est one, Who did our sin-ful race be-friend And
 hum-ble-ness; From day to day we glo-ri-fy The
 might-y One. O Lord, the sole-be-got-ten One, Lord
 Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a-way; O
 Lord a-lone. O Je-sus Christ, we glo-ri-fy You



grace and peace to us ex-tend. A-mong us may His
 ev-er-last-ing God on high. Of Your great glo-ry
 Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's Son, True God from all e-
 Lord, re-ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
 and the Spir-it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev-er-
 gra-cious will All hearts with deep thanks-giv-ing fill.
 do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
 ter-ni-ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
 mer-cy send, To all the world Your grace ex-tend.
 more shall be One in the Fa-ther's maj-es-ty.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
 Almighty and gracious Lord, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

260 O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold

Ps. 12
Ach Gott vom Himmel, sieh darein
Martin Luther, 1523
Tr., composite

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Ach Gott vom Himmel
"Enchiridion"
Erfurt, 1524

1 O Lord, look down from heav'n, be - hold And let Thy pit - y wak - en:
2 With fraud which they them - selves in - vent Thy truth they have con - found - ed;
3 May God root out all her - e - sy And of false teach - ers rid us
4 There - fore saith God, "I must a - rise, The poor My help are need - ing;

How few are we with - in Thy Fold, Thy saints by men for - sak - en!
Their hearts are not with one con - sent On Thy pure doc - trine ground - ed.
Who proud - ly say: "Now, where is he That shall our speech for - bid us?
To Me as - cend My peo ple's cries, And I have heard their plead - ing.

True faith seems quenched on ev - 'ry hand, Men suf - fer not Thy
While they pa -rade with out - ward show, They lead the peo - ple
By right or might we shall pre -vail; What we de - ter - mine
For them My sav - ing Word shall fight And fear - less - ly and

Word to stand; Dark times have us o'er - tak - en.
to and fro, In er -ror's maze as - tound - ed.
can - not fail; We own no lord and mas - ter."
sharp - ly smite, The poor with might de - fend - ing." A - men.

5 As silver tried by fire is pure
From all adulteration,
So through God's Word shall men endure
Each trial and temptation.
Its light beams brighter through the cross,

6 Thy truth defend, O God, and stay
This evil generation;
And from the error of their way
Keep Thine own congregation.
The wicked ev'rywhere abound

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

578 Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

953 We All Believe in One True God

1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,

Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.

All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
 By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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Sit

Sermon

Stand

Post Sermon Offertory:

582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us...
- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

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Lord's Prayer

- C** **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** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
 did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that
 filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;
 Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their
 fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,
 And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er
 called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!
 Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of

Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels
 trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand, For
 giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
 Your Word cannot be broken;
 Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
 No falsehood have You spoken.
 Baptized into Your precious name,
 My faith cannot be put to shame,
 And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
 And makes us conscience-stricken;
 But then the Gospel enters in
 The sinful soul to quicken.
 Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
 The Law no peace can ever give,
 No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
 And rests in Him unceasing;
 And by its fruits true faith is known,
 With love and hope increasing.
 For faith alone can justify;
 Works serve our neighbor and supply
 The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessed name we hallow.

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Stand

938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart



1 In peace and joy I now de-part Since God so wills it.
2 Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My faith - ful Sav - ior,
3 You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their great sal - va - tion;
4 Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of those in blind - ness;



Se - rene and con - fi - dent my heart; Still - ness fills it.
Whom You have made my eyes to see By Your fa - vor.
Your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons forth Ev - 'ry na - tion
He guides and com-forts those in night By His kind - ness.



For the Lord has prom-ised me That death is but a slum - ber.
Now I know He is my life, My friend when I am dy - ing.
By Your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re - sound-ing.
For Your peo - ple Is - ra - el In Him find joy and glo - ry.

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P 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.
G Amen.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us;
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

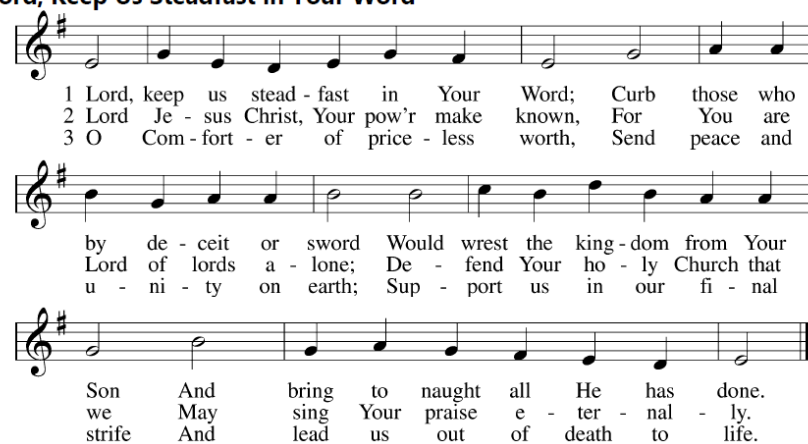
dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed - is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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