



**Holy Communion  
and  
Installation of the Bishop**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Waynesboro, Virginia  
Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**1:00 p.m.**



## GATHERING

### Gathering Music

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Gordon Schuster (b.1950)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Duane Funderburk (b. 1954)

“The Church’s One Foundation” arr. Duane Funderburk

“Here I Am, Lord” arr. Ovid Young (1940-2014)

### Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

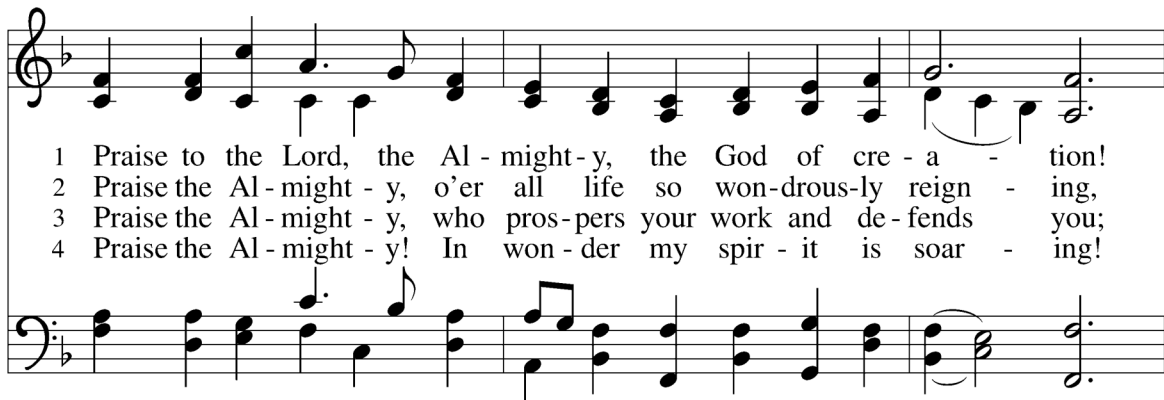
Most merciful God,

**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.**

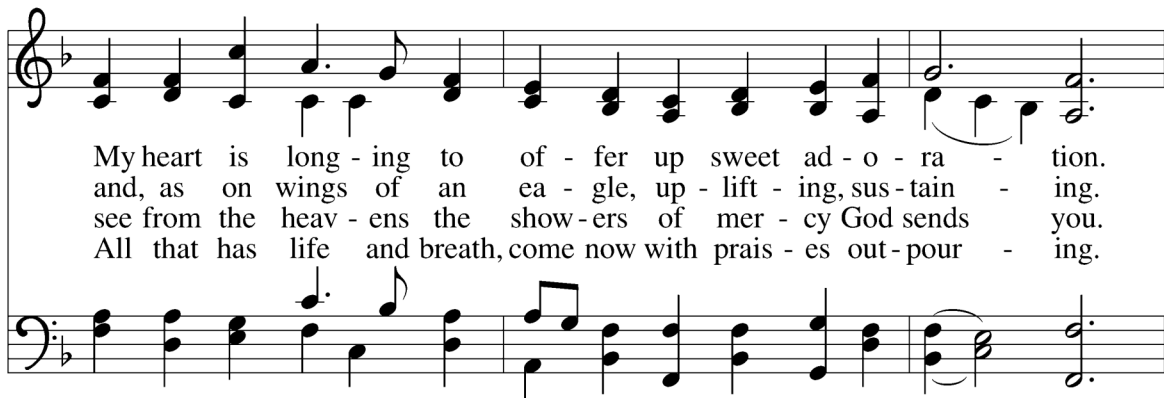
**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,  
 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de-fends you;  
 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.  
 Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;  
 Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.  
 in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.  
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

translated into English by Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878)

adapted for inclusive language by Marin A. Seltz (b. 1951)

## Greeting

*The presiding minister greets the congregation.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Glory to God

*Refrain*




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD



### First Reading

Isaiah 42:5-9

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 121

in a setting by Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

*The psalm is sung by the choir.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help?  
My help cometh from the LORD  
which made heaven and earth.

God shall not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
the One that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, thou that keepeth Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper;  
thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil,  
and shall preserve thy soul.  
The LORD shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time forth,  
and even for evermore.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 4:4-16

A reading from Ephesians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."  
<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands as able to welcome the gospel.*

*The acclamation is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by the assembly.*



*The cantor intones the tract.*

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation. Isaiah 52:7

*The assembly sings the acclamation twice more as directed.*

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon** — Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

*Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.*

*The assembly rises as able for the Hymn of the Day.*



*The choir will sing the refrain in Swahili, then the assembly will join in singing all five stanzas in English.*

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure.

## Nicene Creed

*The presiding minister introduces the creed.*

With the whole people of God, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**





## INSTALLATION OF A BISHOP

### Presentation

*The assembly stands. The bishop-elect and the secretary of the synod come before the presiding minister and the assembly.*

*The secretary presents the one being installed to the presiding minister.*

I present The Reverend Doctor Phyllis Blair Milton, who has been elected and called by the church, for installation into the office of bishop of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*The secretary moves aside, and the assembly is seated.*

### Address and Questions

*The bishop-elect is addressed with words of scripture.*

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, 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 28:18-20*)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:* Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. (*Acts 20:28*)

*A reading from Second Timothy:* Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. (*2 Timothy 2:15*)

*And again:* Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. (*2 Timothy 1:13-14*)

*The presiding minister questions the bishop-elect.*

To you is being given the care of the pastors, deacons, and congregations of this synod.

I ask you in the presence of God and of this assembly:

will you assume the office of bishop of the Virginia Synod?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be faithful in your office?

Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,  
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures  
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church,  
and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures  
and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people,  
nourish them with the word and sacraments,  
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you give faithful witness in the world,  
that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you guide, encourage, and support the ministers and the congregations  
of this synod in their ministries?

Will you be an advocate for the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,  
and will you support this church's work with global and ecumenical partners?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,  
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands as able.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, representatives of this synod,  
will you receive Phyllis as a servant of God  
and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for her,  
help and honor her for her work's sake,  
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invocation, the bishop-elect kneels. Ecumenical guests and others come forward, place a hand on the shoulder of the bishop-elect and offer brief words or prayers. The order is ecumenical guests, ELCA synod bishops, and Bishops-emeriti.*

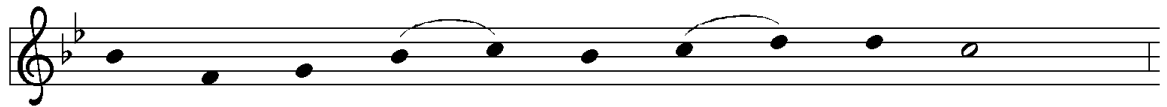
# Hymn of Invocation

Veni Creator Spiritus, Sarum plainsong

Sung as follows: Stanza 1: Solo, Stanza 2: All, Stanza 3: All who sing Soprano and Alto, Stanza 4: All  
Stanza 5: All who sing Tenor and Bass, Stanza 6: All, Stanza 7: All



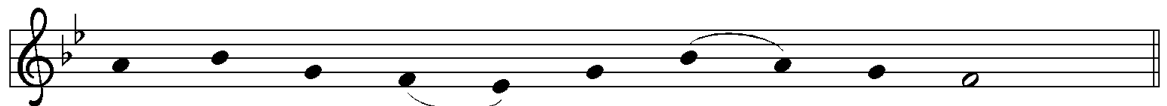
Solo 1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,  
All 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;  
S/A 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,  
All 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,  
T/B 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,  
All 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,



de - scend up - on us from a - bove;  
to you, the gift of God most high,  
we God's al - mighty - y hand be - hold;  
and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;  
and peace from your own hand be - stow;  
and you, of both, to be but one;



with grac - es man - i - fold re - store  
true fount of life, the fire of love,  
while you with tongues of fire pro - claim  
your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply  
up - held by you, our strength and guide,  
that through the a - ges all a - long



your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.  
no e - vil can our steps be - tide.  
your praise may be our end - less song.



All 7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Rhabanus Maurus (776-856)

## Thanksgiving

*The presiding minister leads the assembly in giving thanks.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit you sustain the church.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole church.

*The presiding bishop and other bishops in historic succession join in the laying on of hands, one at a time. Silent prayer is kept throughout and following this.*

*The presiding minister continues with the following prayer maintaining the laying on of hands.*

Pour out your Spirit upon Phyllis  
to empower and enlighten her ministry as a bishop in your church.  
Sustain her as a shepherd who tends the flock of Christ with love and gentleness,  
and oversees the ministries of the church with vision and wisdom.  
Uphold her as a faithful steward of your holy word and life-giving sacraments  
and a strong sign of reconciliation among all people.  
Give courage and fortitude to sustain her in this ministry.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord,  
through whom all glory and power and honor are yours  
in your holy church, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the bishop-elect.*

The office of bishop is now committed to you  
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

*Addressing the newly installed bishop, the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*The newly installed bishop may stand or remain kneeling for the prayers.*

*The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.*

## Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—*

*for the church universal, its unity, and the mission of the gospel;  
for the newly installed bishop, all ministries in the church, and all Christians in their vocations;  
for the synod/church body and the communities it serves;  
for the well-being of creation;  
for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;  
for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;  
for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;  
for the assembly, and for special concerns.*

*Prayers of thanksgiving for the faithful departed may include those who recently have died and those commemorated on the church's calendar.*

*Each petition ends with...*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

*The newly installed bishop may kneel as the presiding minister continues:*

Remember to rekindle the gift of God that is within you. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

**Amen.**

## Giving of a Cross

*Bishop Emeritus Humphrey places a pectoral cross around the newly installed bishop's neck and says:*

Receive this cross and wear it as a sign of your calling to serve Christ and his people, and as an emblem of the office to which you have been elected.

*The newly installed bishop stands and the presiding minister presents her to the people. The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## Peace

*Bishop Milton and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words. The assembly is seated and the service continues with the offering.*

## MEAL



### Offering

*The offering from this installation service is designated for the Virginia Synod Fund for Leaders, which provides scholarships for candidates for rostered ministry from the Virginia Synod who are attending seminary. Thank you for supporting the next generation of pastors and deacons called to serve God in the church. Please see page 28 for the QR code to donate electronically.*

*As the ushers gather the collection, the table is set.*

### Offering Anthem

from *St. Paul* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!  
To all the nations has gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings. Romans 10:15, 18

*As the gifts are brought forward, the assembly stands as able.*

### Offering Canticle

*As The Grains* by Marty Haugen (b.1950)

*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.

*Men* 1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
*Women* 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



## Offering Prayer

*The assisting minister leads the offering prayer after the table is set.*

Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

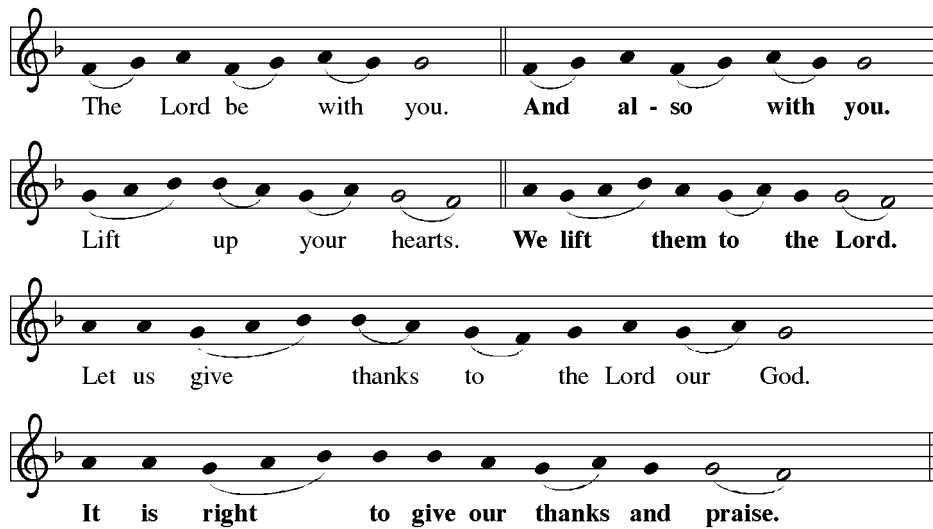
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*The newly installed bishop presides over Holy Communion and begins with leading the assembly in giving thanks.*



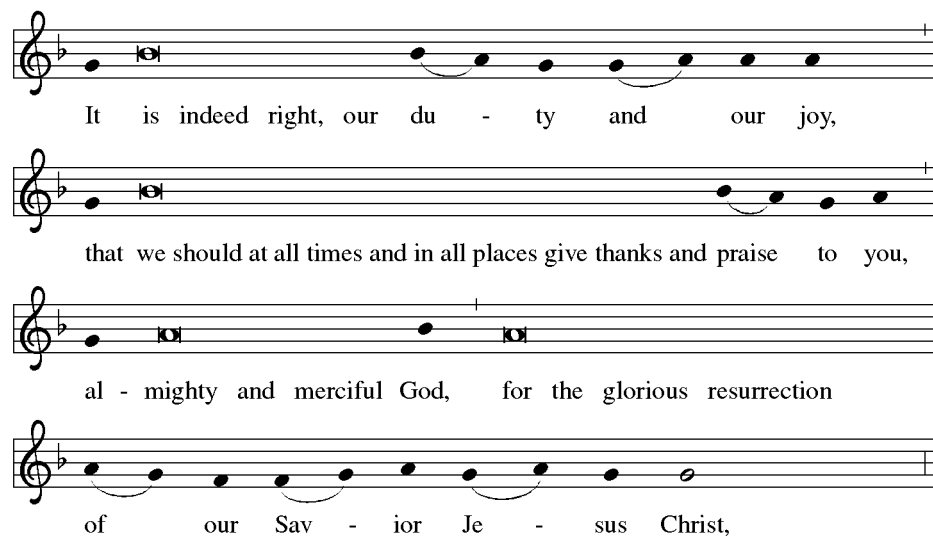
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

*The presiding minister continues with the preface.*



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ,

who after his resurrection sent forth the a - pos - tles  
to preach the gospel and teach all na - tions,  
and promised to be with them, e - ven to the end of the age.  
And so, with ( \_\_\_\_ and) the glorious company of the a - pos - tles,  
with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*The assembly responds by singing:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

*The presiding minister continues:*

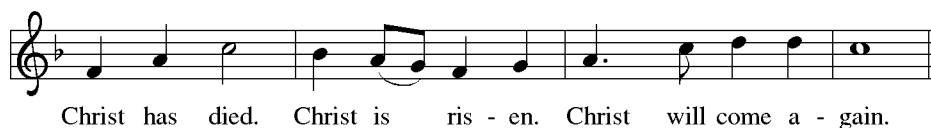
Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.



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



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Invitation to Communion

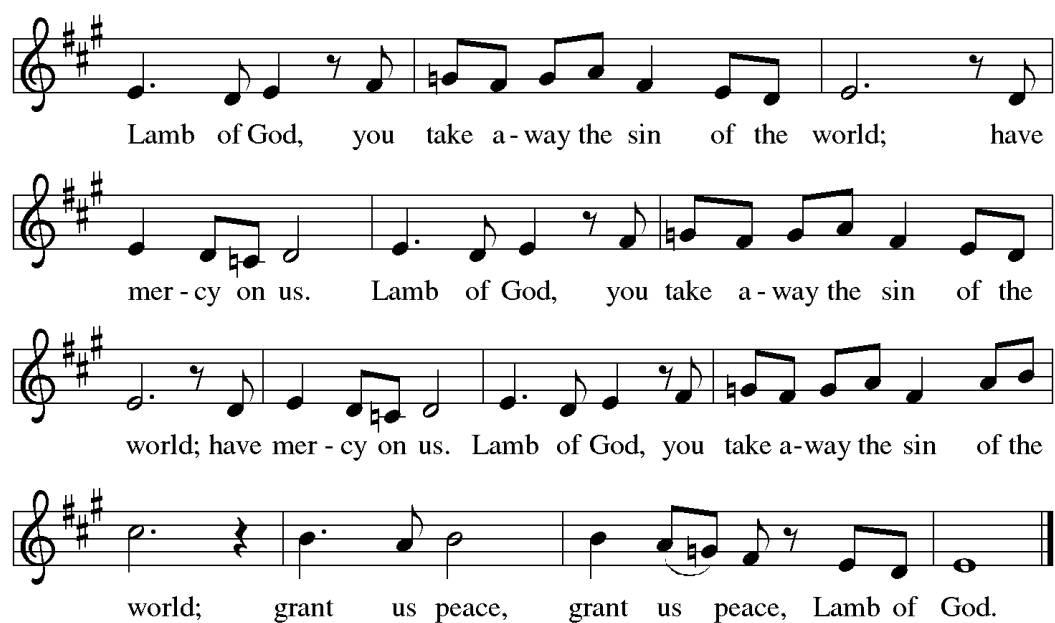
Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Communion Distribution

*There are six communion stations, four in the main sanctuary, one in the narthex, and one in the balcony. Please follow the directions of the ushers. At each station, receive the bread from the first server (individually wrapped gluten-free bread is available at each station upon request) and then drink red wine from the common cup at the next server or take an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice from the third server. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. (Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to your seat.) When you are finished, please return to your seat.*

*The assembly sings Lamb of God.*



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, Lamb of God.

**Communion Song**

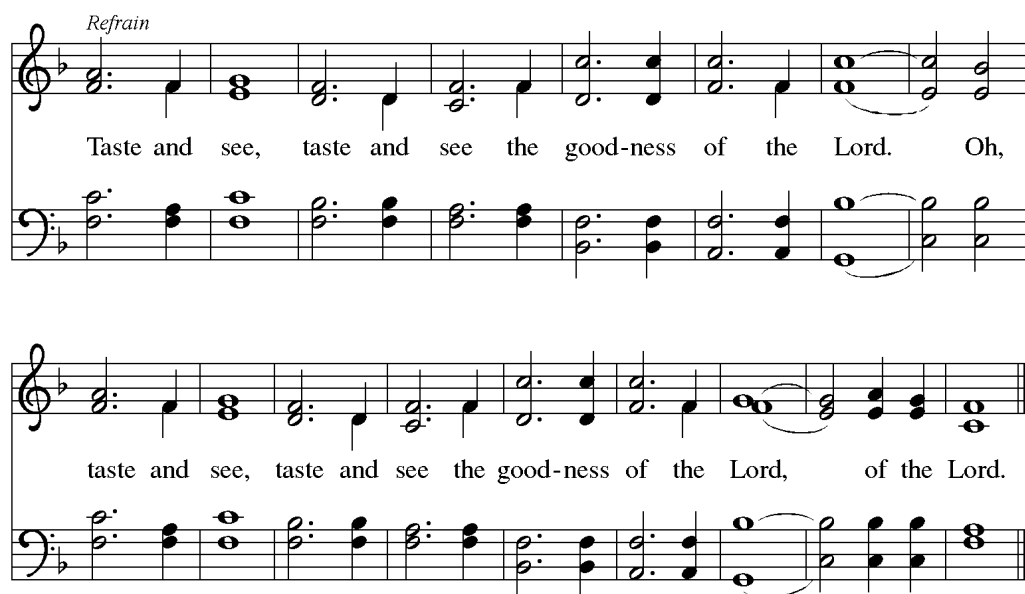
*Here is bread* by Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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**Communion Song**

*Taste and See* by James E. Moore, Jr. (1951-2022)

*The refrain is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by the assembly.*



*Refrain*  
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.

*The cantor sings the verses; the assembly sings the refrain as indicated.*

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me. **Refrain**

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called on the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. **Refrain**

Worship the Lord, all you people.

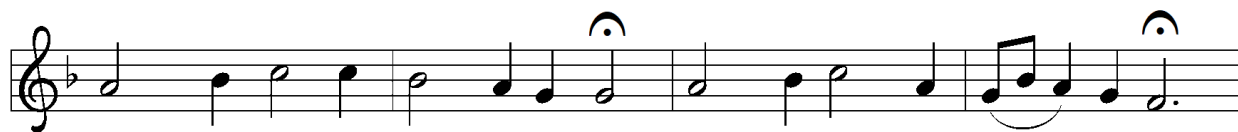
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. **Refrain**

James E. Moore, Jr. based on Psalm 34

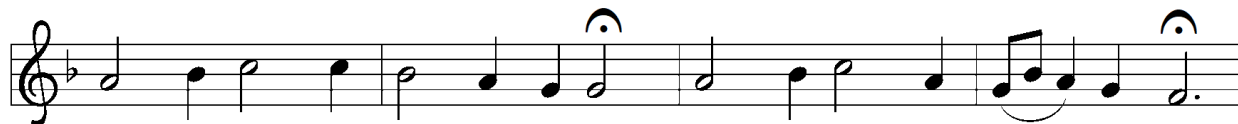
### Communion Song

*Werde munter* by Johann Schop (1600-1665)  
in an arrangement by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

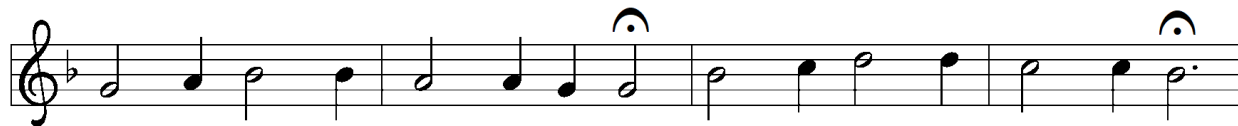
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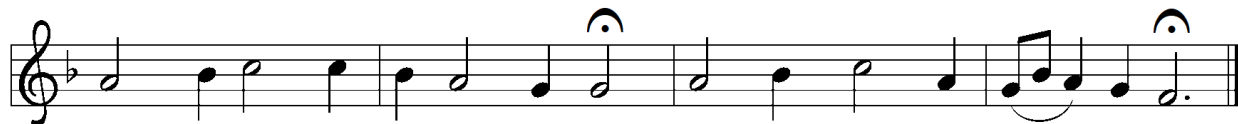
Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

John Henry Hopkins, Jr (1820-1891)

## Communion Song

Berthier by Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

*Refrain*

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

Taizé Community

## Table Blessing

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly rises as able and the presiding minister says the table blessing.*

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

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*The assisting minister lead the prayer.*

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

**SENDING**



## Blessing

*The Presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

## Sending Hymn

*Abbot's Leigh* by Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



All 1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
S/A 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
All 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
T/B 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
All 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



All With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934)



## Dismissal

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thank be to God.**

## Sending Music



All are invited to the reception in honor of Bishop Milton at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 S. Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro  
immediately following the service under the large tent facing Wayne Avenue until 5:00 p.m.  
Shuttle Service will operate between 2:45 PM until 5:20 PM.



## Participants in Today's Worship

*Presiding Minister and Preacher:* The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Bishop-Elect of the Virginia Synod, ELCA:* The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton

*Assisting Minister (Confession):* The Rev. Robert F. Humphrey, Bishop Emeritus, Virginia Synod, ELCA

*Assisting Minister:* Liz Leonard, Synod Council, Virginia Synod, ELCA; St. Philip, Roanoke

*Lectors:* First Reading: Deacon Lisa Geiger, Candidacy Process Administrator, Virginia Synod; St. Michael, Virginia Beach  
Second Reading: Deacon Emily Edmonds, Chaplain, Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg

*Presenter (Installation):* Judy Castele, Secretary, Virginia Synod, ELCA; Good Shepherd, Lexington

*Readers (Installation):* Blythe Scott, Vice President, Virginia Synod, ELCA; First, Norfolk  
Oris Griffin, Candidacy Committee, Virginia Synod, ELCA; Muhlenberg, Harrisonburg

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The Rt. Rev. Susan Bunton Haynes, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia  
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette, Bishop of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province  
The Rev. Mary Anne Glover, General Minister, Virginia Council of Churches  
The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia  
The Rev. Thomas E. Haynes, Diocese of Southern Virginia  
The Rev. Warren J. Lesane, Jr., Executive and Stated Clerk Synod of the Mid Atlantic  
The Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice, Associate Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ  
The Rev. Dr. Carl Utley, General Presbyter, Presbytery of the Peaks

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Kat Kolodinsky, LYO 10th grade representative; Muhlenberg, Harrisonburg

*Banner Bearer:* Susanna Carr, LYO 11th grade representative; First English, Richmond

*Music Director:* \*Ryan-Michael Blake, First, Norfolk  
assisted by \*Greta Melson, St. Mark, Yorktown

*Instrumentalists:* Pamela Allen Morris, First, Norfolk, flute (with Patricia Fielding and Rev. Heidi Moore on select pieces); Todd Worsham, (First, Norfolk), oboe and english horn; Shelby Worst, (St. Michael, Virginia Beach), clarinet; \*Morgan Hatfield, (Grace, Chesapeake), horn; Yolanda Shea, (First, Norfolk), violin; Robin Bernath, (First, Norfolk), cello; and members of the choir on hand-bells and global percussion.

*Cantors:* Ajeé Church, Nicole Houston, and Nerissa Thompson, First, Norfolk

*Choir:* Mary-William Baines (Trinity Episcopal, Portsmouth); \*Kevin Barger (Epiphany, Richmond); \*Janice Bunting (Reformation, Newport News); Ross Creecy (Portsmouth UCC); \*Nancy R. Delaney (Christ, Roanoke); \*George Donovan (Bethel, Winchester); Patricia Fielding (Trinity, Newport News), Leanna Nelson Fried (Emmanuel, Virginia Beach); \*Jacob Gordon (St. Mark, Roanoke); \*Morgan Hatfield (Grace, Chesapeake); \*Karen Areheart Ives (St. Stephen, Williamsburg); Linda Madler (Trinity, Newport News); Duane Melson (St. Mark, Yorktown); \*Greta Melson (St. Mark, Yorktown); \*Rev. Cathy Mims (First, Norfolk); \*Rev. Heidi Moore (Resurrection, Fredericksburg); Rev. Phillip A. Bouknight (Trinity, Moneta); Brandon Spence (Gloria Dei, Hampton); Deacon Lavelva Stevens (Holy Trinity, Wytheville); Lydia Toliver (First Baptist-Bute Street, Norfolk); Shelby Worst, (St. Michael, Virginia Beach); \*Patrice Yearwood (St. Michael, Blacksburg)

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The Rev. Leslie Weber, Synod Council; Grace, Chesapeake

*Station 2 (Front Right)*

The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod, ELCA  
The Rev. Harry Griffith, Dean, Tidewater Conference  
The Rev. Dr. Jean Bozeman, Retired, Tidewater Conference  
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*Station 3 (Left Transept)*

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Christine Weller, Synod Council, At Large; Our Saviour, Williamsburg

*Station 6 (Balcony)*

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