

Welcome to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church February 2, 2025 – Scout Sunday



Today is Scout Sunday.
We Welcome Cub Pack 170
Assisting with Worship.
Jason Lauanders &
Pastor Kevin Compton
Lead Worship

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! We are so glad you are here. In the pew in front of your seat is a white card you can fill out to receive information, make a prayer request, or reach out to us. If you prefer, there is a QR code in the back of this bulletin you may use instead. Thanks for visiting, we hope to see you soon!

The Altar Flowers today are Given to the glory of God in honor of our mother, Fern Roth, on her 98th birthday, presented by her children Steve, Linda and Tom.

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Katherine Pistagnesi presented by husband Vincent and daughters.

PRELUDE Abide With Me - Lewis (Margie Rodenberger)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator,
our protector, our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Merciful God,

All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment,
cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

All: Amen.

HYMN Green Book #551 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

THE GREETING (*Pastor*)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Pastor*)

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love;
and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen. (*Please be seated*)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (*Assistant*)

Assistant: *The First Reading is from Jeremiah, the first chapter*

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
⁷But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord."

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71 (*Assistant*)

Assistant: Please read Psalm 71 with me responsively.

Assistant: ¹In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

ALL: 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Assistant: ³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

ALL: 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Assistant: ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

ALL: 6 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Assistant: ⁷ I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

ALL: 8 My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.

Assistant: ⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

ALL: 10 For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together.

Assistant: ¹¹ They say, 'Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver.'

ALL: 12 O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

Assistant: ¹³ Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

ALL: 14 But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

Assistant: ¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.

ALL: ¹⁶ **I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.**

Assistant: ¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

ALL: ¹⁸ **So even to old age and grey hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

Assistant: Your power ¹⁹ and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

ALL: ²⁰ **You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.**

Assistant: ²¹ You will increase my honour, and comfort me once again.

ALL: ²² **I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;**

Assistant: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

ALL: ²³ **My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.**

Assistant: ²⁴ All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help, for those who tried to do me harm have been put to shame, and disgraced.

(Please rise in body or in spirit)

GOSPEL: John 10:1-13

Gospel is from St. John, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² 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. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**
(*Please be seated*)

HYMN OF THE DAY Green Book #557 - Let All Things Now Living

THE MESSAGE Jason Lauanders

SONG OF THE DAY Love the Lord Lincoln Brewster 2005 Integrity's Praise! Music
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Love the lord your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Love the lord your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, with all your strength;
Love the lord your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

***Musical Interlude*

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength;
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength.

CREED (*Please rise in body or in spirit*)

(Assistant): Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith,
sharing together the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Assistant)*

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you gave our ancestors faith. You inspired them with dreams and taught them to show your love in welcoming others. Bless elders who embody faith and hope. Bless the newly baptized. Strengthen us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, in your world we find lush valleys and life. In your son we learn of living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among all people. Teach our nation to root out racism and cruelty, and guide us in telling your truth and teaching unity. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, many live with fears and struggles. They long to see your presence revealed. We pray for all longing for housing, employment, health care, and even safety. We pray for anyone in need of your healing mercy, especially those on our prayer list and those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (allow a brief silence for the congregation...).

Uphold each person as your beloved and let your mercy be felt in their hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the people, your love is revealed in your ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and prayer support. Help us to show you to others in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, we thank you for Jesus, for his life with us, for his love for us on the cross, and for the glory of his resurrection. We remember the saints that have gone before us, as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Pastor)*

The Peace of the Lord be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace
(Please be seated)

MISSION MOMENT Marianne Uber



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

SONG Sanctuary (4x) 3rd verse acapella CCLI License No. 108389

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true:
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.



SONG Just as Jesus told Us Dancing at the Harvest #29 Printed by
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Just as Jesus told us, we will break this bread.
Just as Jesus told us, we shall all be fed; and we will remember
what he did and said, and how he goes on living in the bread.

Just as Jesus told us, we will pour this wine.
Just as Jesus told us, we will come and dine; and we will remember
How he lived in time, and how he goes on living in the wine.

Just as Jesus told us, pass the bread around.
Just as Jesus told us, more wine can be found; and we will remember
Bread and wine abound. So break the loaf and pass the cup around

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

ALL: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Pastor)*

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.



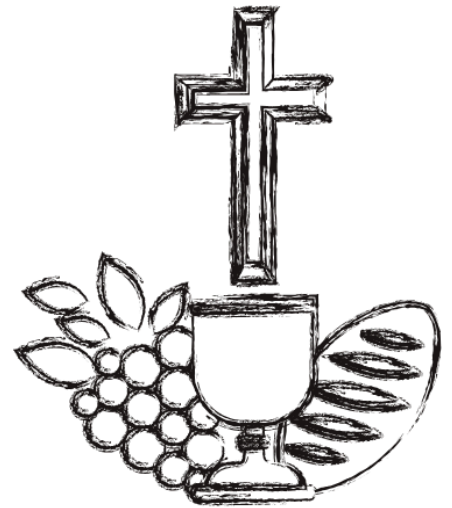
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**



With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.



All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Pastor)*

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

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION *(Pastor)*

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

ALL: Amen.

(Please be seated)

All are invited. When the usher directs you forward, you will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine from the communion servant. There are gluten-free wafers available upon request, and grape juice is available as a substitute for wine.

The servant distributing will say:

"The body of Christ, given for you." or "The blood of Christ, shed for you." You may respond with "Amen," or "Thanks be to God," or simply remain silent. Please consume the element when you receive it and return to your seat for silent contemplation and prayer or song.

Blessings are available in lieu of communion, if you prefer. Blessings are also available for any young person who has not yet received communion instruction.

SONG Green Book #214 - Come, Let Us Eat

SONG I Offer My Life *Claire Cloninger, Don Moen 1994 Juniper Landing Music Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

All that I am - all that I have
I lay them down before You O Lord
All my regrets - all my acclaim
The joy and the pain
I'm making them Yours

Chorus Lord I offer my life to You
Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory
Lord I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer You my life

Things in the past - things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams
That are yet to come true
All of my hopes - all of my plans
my heart and my hands
Are lifted to You **Chorus**



SONG How Excellent Your Name CCLI#1083898

O Lord, our Lord, How ex-cel-lent Your name is,
How ex-cel-lent Your name in all the earth.
Your glory fills the heavens - Beyond the farthest star
How ex-cel-lent Your name in all the earth

When I think about the heavens - the moon and all the stars,
I wonder what You ever saw in me;
But You took me and You loved me - And You've given me a crown,
And now I'll praise Your name eternally (Repeat All 1 time)

O Lord, our Lord, How ex-cel-lent Your name is,
How ex-cel-lent Your name in all the earth.
Your glory fills the heavens - Beyond the farthest star
How ex-cel-lent Your name in all the earth

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Pastor)*

Pastor: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good
news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

ALL: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THE BLESSING *(Pastor)*

Pastor: The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

All: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CONGREGATION

SONG Blue Book#779 - On Eagle's Wings
(You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord)

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in hope.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE Blue Book#779 - On Eagle's Wings

We Remember in Our Prayers

George Bonekemper; Larry Cassel; Beverly Compton; Sandy Dillaway; Stephen England; Laura Foreman; Lorraine Fox; Mary Lynn Gluck; Barbara Green; Glen and Rose Greenawald; Allison Cairns Heist; Isabelle; Laverne Keyser; Joann Kolonia; Arlene Koons; Diane Landis; Frances Lechner; Alma Leister; Becky McIntosh; Ryan, Carolyn & Baby Mary Parker; Donna Rodenberger; Barbara Roeder; B. Fern Roth; Gladys Sands; Linda Shagg; Donna Stever; Ryan Weaver; Larry Weiss; Linda Wessner; Linda Wood

We remember the family of Virginia Zimmerman in our prayers, and pray for Virginia who went to her eternal rest on January 23, 2025. The service will not be held locally. Your prayers are appreciated.

Thank You to our Cub Scouts for helping lead worship today, to Jason Lauanders for preaching today and to our ushers, Jon Walter and Gary Hager. We are also thankful to all who help with worship and communion, and to our flower sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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Save the Date! Pastor Kevin Compton will be installed as our Pastor on March 23, 2025 at 3:30pm. Bishop Brian Penman will be installing Pastor Kevin. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. Join us in welcoming Pastor Kevin as the new Pastor of St. Paul's! If you have any questions, feel free to talk with Alice Hager.

Free Tables Available! We have received a donation of new tables and are offering several old fellowship tables for free to anyone who can use them. It's first come, first served, so if you're interested, please contact Jon Walter. jon.walter@stpaulredhill.org

Consider Signing up for the Box City Youth Event in the graphic below. Please see Pastor Kevin for more information on how to get involved!

Event Registration Opens January 2, 2025

ACTIVITIES • BUILD COMPASSION • UNDERSTAND BETTER • SEE DIFFERENTLY

RAISE AWARENESS • CHANGE PERSPECTIVES

BOX CITY
Youth Event

March 22 - 23, 2025

A SEPA multi-congregation Event Hosted at
New Hanover Lutheran Church • Gilbertsville, PA
For Youth Grades 6-12 • Friends Welcome!
Starts Saturday 4PM • \$30 per attendee
Camp • Learn • Raise \$ • Play Games • Worship

 Details on Website bit.ly/boxcity25
Deadline to register: March 1

CPR/First Aid/AED training is being planned for June, date to be determined. If you are interested in participating, please see a council member. All are welcome, but must pre-register with us. Thank you.

Gift Development Ministry Team: January is National Blood Donor Month. Give the gift of blood to help save lives. Schedule a donation with an upcoming drive with the American Red Cross or Miller-Keystone.

Join the Tech Ad Hoc Committee! The Resource Ministry Team is forming a Tech Ad Hoc Committee to help update and implement microphones, televisions, and live streaming equipment in the sanctuary. Whether you're a tech expert or just have a passion for helping improve our worship experience, we want you to be part of this exciting project! All skill levels are welcome—we are looking for individuals who can contribute their ideas, talents, and curiosity to enhance our church's technology.

First Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd - 30-minute meeting after church in the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Jon Walter. Let's work together to bring our sanctuary into the future! We hope to see you there!

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers?

There are openings on March 2nd & March 30th. If you would like to dedicate or sponsor either of those Sunday's please contact the church office at 215-679-5553 ext. 110. Thank you.



If you have need of a FREE gently used Hospital Bed please let the church office know and we will put you in contact with the person who has the bed.

Lent and Easter Schedule 2025

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Ash Wednesday ~ March 5th Worship and Imposition of Ashes services at 12:00 PM at New Goshenhoppen & 7:00 PM at St. John's Sumneytown. **Drive-through Ashes** will be available also at St. Paul's Red Hill at **6:00AM to 9:00AM & 3:00PM to 5:30PM** at St. Paul's Church & Frye Rd.

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Join us each Wednesday evening for the community midweek Lenten services. All services are at **7:00PM** and have refreshments following worship. The Schedule is:

March 12th ~ at New Goshenhoppen UCC ~ Pastor Steve Myren preaching
March 19th ~ at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Red Hill ~ Pastor Becky Schanely preaching

March 26th ~ at Pennsburg UCC ~ Pastor Kevin Compton preaching

April 2nd ~ at Friedens UCC ~ Pastor Nick Pence

April 9th ~ at Palm Schwenkfelder in Palm ~ Pastor Serena Sellers preaching

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New! Each Wednesday from **March 12th - April 9th at 11AM** there will be a Lenten Service at St. Paul's Red Hill in the multi-purpose room.

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Save the date! Pastor Kevin Compton's Installation Service will take place on March 23, 2025 at 3:30PM. All are welcome.

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Palm Sunday ~ April 13th ~ 9AM Worship Service here at St. Paul's

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Maundy Thursday ~ April 17th ~ join us at 7PM here at St. Paul's

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Good Friday ~ April 18th ~ 12PM and 7PM Worship Services at St. Marks, Pennsburg. The 7PM service is a Tenebrae service.

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Easter Vigil ~ April 19th ~ 8PM at New Goshenhoppen Pastor Kevin Compton will be participating at this service. Join us there.

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Easter Sunday ~ April 20th

6:30AM Sunrise Service in the cemetery. Meditation begins at 6AM
9AM Easter Morning Worship Service in the Sanctuary at **St Paul's**

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