

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 26, 2018 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Celebrating our 138th Anniversary

Holy Communion -8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

We invite our guests as well as members to fill out the blue sheet, found inside your bulletin, and place in the offering plate.

Using a smartphone? While we ask you to please silence your ringer, feel free to check-in, post, tweet or instagram your experience today using the hashtag #PowerofTrinity.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

VOLUNTARY

Rigadoun

André Campra (1660 – 1744)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth "Dix"

ELW 879

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

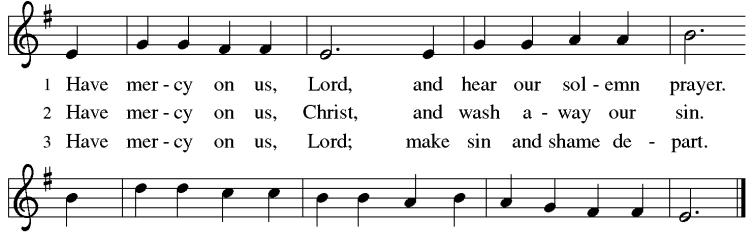
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

GREETING

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.

KYRIE



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Please be seated.

(10:30)
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION "Building Up"

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

The first reading for the Fourteen Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Joshua, the 24th Chapter.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²aAnd Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴٬٬Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 6th Chapter. ¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

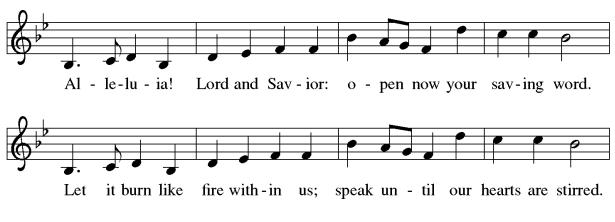
¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

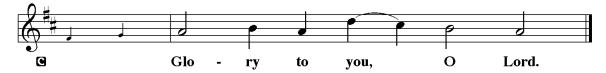




the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to Saint John



Jesus said, ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised "Munich"

ELW 810

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

That God bless the church universal in every place, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God the creator bless wild animals and family pets, prairies and kitchen gardens, beaches and sandboxes, mountains and hearths, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God spread the gospel throughout the nations of the world, announcing the words of eternal life to peoples in every land and country. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God remember the poor and the brokenhearted and rescue all those in trouble, all who are sick, and today especially for Theresa Pomietlarz and all others we name out loud, or those we remember in our hearts.... let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God protect members of this congregation along all our ways and empower us to serve Christ in sincerity and faithfulness. Bless all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God watch over all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Simon and Stuart, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God redeem the lives of those who have served in the faith and raise them up, according to the promises of Jesus Christ, the bread that nourishes eternal life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

Thane Schulz, tenor

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield, and in Thy word put I my trust.

Out of my sight, ye that do evil, for my heart is fixed, I will hold to God's commandments.

Strengthen me, that I may keep Thy law, and that Thy statutes may be my delight. I am afraid of Thee and of Thy greatness, trembling do I come before Thy judgement seat.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

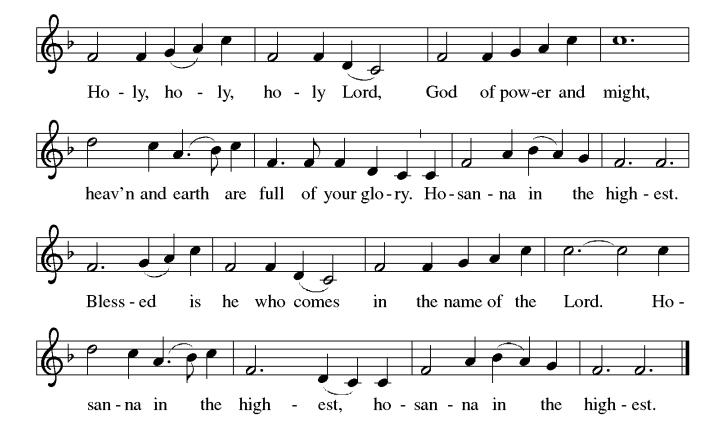
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

AGNUS DEI



Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion – Summer

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated to the right of the chancel, and following the lead of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. Receiving the bread wafer (host) in your hand, we invite you to dip or "intinct" the wafer into the chalice of your choice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available simply by asking the pastor as you are served. Those choosing not to receive communion may still come forward for a blessing. Please notify an usher if you are physically unable to come to the altar to receive communion, and the pastor will come to you. All are always welcome at The Lord's Table.

SOLO AT COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

Mary Pickens Opie (1887-1946)

Thane Schulz, tenor

Hungry and thirsty, Lord, I come to Thee, Here lowly kneeling, Thy sacred feast before.

Strengthen my spirit with Thy food divine, as now Thou feeds't me with the bread and wine.

Come to me, Savior, in this holy hour, shed Thou upon me all Thy wondrous love, That I may ever dwell within Thy light, and come before Thee stainless, pure, and white.

Jesus, my Savior, look with loving eye as from my heart I make this humble cry. Give of Thyself, dear Lord, that I may be filled with Thy grace, throughout eternity. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing "Hermas"

ELW 537

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata No. 79

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750) Arr. Virgil Fox (1912 – 1980)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, August 26, 2018 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (FR)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

11:30 a.m. Church Picnic/Rally Day

MONDAY, August 27, 2018

12:00 p.m. Racial Justice Summer Book Club (FI)

7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting at Dr. Miller's

TUESDAY, August 28, 2018

6:00 p.m. Worship Meeting at Pr. Miller's

WEDNESDAY, August 29, 2018

5:30 p.m. Community Dinner/Sue's Supper (RH)

THURSDAY, August 30, 2018

7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, September 2, 2018 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Sundae Bar (FR)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/baptism (CH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TODAY for the Annual Congregational Picnic with Rally Day after the 10:30 service. We will serve hot dogs and beverages. There will be a bounce house for the kids, games and basket raffle.

BACKPACK BLESSING: Our annual backpack blessing will be held next Sunday at the 10:30 service.

SUNDAE SUNDAY! Join us in the Fellowship Room next Sunday from 9:30-10:15am for a make your own sundae.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being collected for P.S. 17 Early Childhood Center (pre-K to 4th grade) again this year. No specific items were requested by the school. They are grateful for all the donations we provide for the children. A box for the donations is in the entrance way of the chapel area.

FINAL SUMMER BOOK CLUB will be held tomorrow from 12:00-1:00pm in the Church library. Bring a bag lunch and discuss the book *America's Original Sin* by Jim Wallis (available at the library or can be found used on Amazon for under \$10 plus shipping). Sponsored by the Racial Justice Taskforce. Please see Pastor Miller for details.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Our community meal ministry, renamed "Sue's Supper," will be serving a community dinner on Wednesday, August 29 at 5:30pm. We will hold a brief evening devotion following dinner. We need volunteers to help prep and serve these meals. Prep work will take place on August 29 at 3pm. Please contact Rebecca Torres with questions or to sign-up, her email is violgal@gmail.com and her phone number is 873-4194.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It's that time of year to begin to think about our students going off to college. Holy Trinity sends an annual care package to our college students typically in late September. If you have a student going off to college for the first time or a student returning to college and would like them to receive a Holy Trinity care package, please notify the church office with the name and address of your student. Care packages will be assembled during the 9/16 "God's Work, Our Hands" event at church. If you have any questions or would like to donate snacks toward the care packages, please feel free to reach out to Beth Pellnat, Martha Kryszczuk or Kathy Crissey.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to dedicate a vase during September through December of 2018, please contact Linda Schmidt with your request. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE is sponsoring "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on September 16. As part of the "Blessing Bags" we would like to include \$5 gift cards to local "fast food" restaurants. If you are able to make this donation, please include with your offering when it is collected during the service.

PARKING SPOTS: You may have noticed the signs indicating parking for the Pediatric Dentist office in our side lot. These signs are for paid parking Monday through Friday for employees of the dental office. As always, parking is open to our members and guests in any of our lots on Sunday. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Miller or Pastor Maynor.

KEVIN GUEST HOUSE 5K AND FUN RUN - Walkers and Runners! Join us on Saturday, September 15 as we celebrate "God's Work, Our Hands" weekend by participating with our friends at Kevin Guest House on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and raising support for the good work they do. This is a child-friendly event and walk run! you may To register or www.kevinguesthouse.com/events/fallfest and click "register to run." On the Basic Info. Page select "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" from the list of teams and follow the rest of the prompts. More race day information will be sent to those who register. You can SUPPORT KEVIN GUEST HOUSE without walking or running by sharing a gift made out to Holy Trinity with "Kevin Guest House" marked in the memo line. Register today!!

SOCIAL STATEMENT ON WOMEN AND JUSTICE: The Upstate New York Synod will host a hearing on the draft of the Women and Justice Social Statement on September 8, 2017 from 10:00 am to noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 210 Hazel St. Liverpool, NY 13088. For more information and to read the draft, go to ELCA.org/womenandjustice. Please see Pastor Lee or Pastor Brenda with any questions.

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Day "Buy" Day Thanksgivings August 2018

- August 6 In Honor of our 30th Wedding Anniversary by Daniel and Doreen Griebel, and In Loving Memory of our Parents
- August 9 In Loving Memory of my best friend Roy Kuck, married on August 9, 1958, sadly missed by wife Jeanette on what would have been 60 years

Now you can honor special events and special people in your life!

Send us a Day Buy Day Form with a check made payable to

Holy Trinity for \$25 for each event you wish to honor.

Proceeds will go toward the Education Committee and help sponsor the

Confirmation Camp for youth here at Holy Trinity.



At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Sean Mann. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Paul Kroll. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. announcer is Angela Keppel. Lay reader is Daniel Culross. Altar guild is Uli MacDonald. Ushers are Marty Bauer (captain), Mary Sue Bauer, Carole Casterline, Michael Hanley, Gary Herrnreiter, Paul Hoebel, Fred Howard, Craig Johnson and John Knipler. Communion Assistant is John Knipler. Worship Assistant is Adam Hakansson. Collection Counters are Noreen Casson and Thomas Johnson.

The flowers on the altar are given In Celebration of the birthdays this week of Sheila's sisters, Stephanie and Natalie Richards, by Juan and Sheila Perez.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Simon and Stuart Ames.

Council Member Guy Huber will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The gospel reading for Sunday, September 2 is Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Stewardship Thought of the Day

If every man took only what was sufficient for his needs, leaving the rest to those in want, there would be no rich and no poor.

St. Basil

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