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**January 28, 2023** 

## **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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### Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

#### **Recorded Services:**

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the Synutube symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:

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Or on the church website – <a href="https://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org">www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</a>

You can donate through our PayPal account.

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

### Readings for January 28 2024:

**First Reading** Isaiah 40: 21-31 **Psalm** 147: 1-11, 20c

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

**Holy Gospel** Mark 1: 29-39

#### **God Heals Persons and Communities**

When Jesus heals us, we are empowered to serve others. While at first glance it might seem that Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law was self-serving, on further reflection we see the same result in nearly all of his signs and miracles. The object of Jesus' compassion now has new responsibilities. In the very next chapter a paralytic lowered through the ceiling is raised, only to become the center of a religious controversy (Mark 2:3-12), as was the man who lay by the pool of Beth-zatha for thirty-eight years (John 5:2-15). When Jesus calms the storm (Mark 4:35-41) the disciples have to row the rest of the way! Any meaningful encounter with Jesus will result in our being changed, which in turn alters the way we see our relationship to the needs of others and the world.

Hard economic times, natural disasters, and divisive, party strife can make us feel helpless and hopeless, as if we have been abandoned by God. Even the church—local congregations as well as denominations—may feel fear and panic in the face of declining numbers and revenues, loss of loyalty from members, indifference or hostility from the surrounding culture, and internal sniping among factions. The exiled people of Israel in Babylon experienced all of this and more, so our condition is neither unique nor beyond the reach of our God. Isaiah 40:21-31 in the NRSV begins "Have you not known? Have you not heard?" Eugene Peterson, in *The Message*, translates this idea as "Have you not been paying attention? Have you not been listening?" There is some irony indeed that God's church, entrusted with God's salvation history and the gospel, still panics, still doubts and worries, still feels like it is up to us to save the church. We indeed are "clay jars" (2 Cor. 4:7)—carrying the message but not understanding, preaching salvation but not believing that God cares or will act to save. We live Isaiah 40 every day.

#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

#### **CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church School every Wednesday begins at 3:45 pm for ages 4 – Grade 7 (unless Northland Pines School District is out). For more information, please call (715) 542-4049.

#### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be every other Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes. We will have two studies each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 3 pm, unless they occur during a holiday. We will again be continuing with the Ray Vanderlaan video series. Next scheduled studies are on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

#### **ROCK MINISTRIES**

From Jack Carlson:

As Treasurer of Northwoods Share in Eagle River, I work at community dinners at The Rock ministry in Eagle River every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at 4:30. SOTL members are welcome to volunteer and attend as we support this mission as part of our benevolence funding at SOTL.

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> after church. Before that meeting there will be a meeting to vote on issuing a regular letter of call to Bill Wendorf. All are encouraged to attend this meeting! The Annual Meeting will be followed by a very brief Council meeting.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Wednesday evening services will begin again starting with Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. (There will be no Soup Supper for Ash Wednesday.) All other Lenten services will be held after Soup Supper, at 6 pm. Please join us for the Soup Supper at 5:15 pm and then join us for the Lenten Service.

After Easter, Wednesday evening services will continue to be held at 6 pm until Thanksgiving Eve. Communion is offered at all Wednesday services. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Reminder: The defibrillator is located in the Coat Room Area for emergencies.

#### **CONTACT INFO FOR SECRETARY**

In case you want/need to contact the Church Secretary, you are welcome to email me at: <a href="mailto:secretary@shepherdofthelakeschurch.org">secretary@shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</a> or <a href="mailto:planeschurch.org">plclerk@gmail.com</a>.

You can also call me at (715) 892-7049.

#### CHILI LUNCH

Please help support the Vilas County Humane Society! Shepherd of the Lakes will be holding a Chili Lunch from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Chili and other soups will be available for a free-will donation to the Humane Society. Please contact Karen Carter if you have any questions (715) 542-4049.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please note: "Current Issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list)

#### Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Deb, Brian, Jeanne, Ray and Lynn.

### Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody, Bob B., Graham, Ericka, and Shelle.

### **Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Dylan.

### **Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:**

Elisabeth

### Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Betsy Tarkowski; Karen Nijzink, (sister of Charlie S.)

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email

Jean Maines at <a href="mailto:treasurer@SOTLsayner.com">treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</a> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.

Prayer requests are sent out via email.

# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

Sayner, Wisconsin

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany, January 28, 2024

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Invocation

(Please remain seated)

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

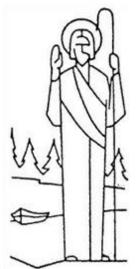
Most merciful God.

we confess that we are in bondage 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen



### Gathering Hymn "Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise" ELW 310

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

### **Opening Dialogue**

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

God calls us by name, we belong to God.

"When you pass through the waters..."

God will be with us.

"When you pass through the rivers..."

God will be with us.

"When you walk through the fire..."

God will be with us.

God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight.

Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

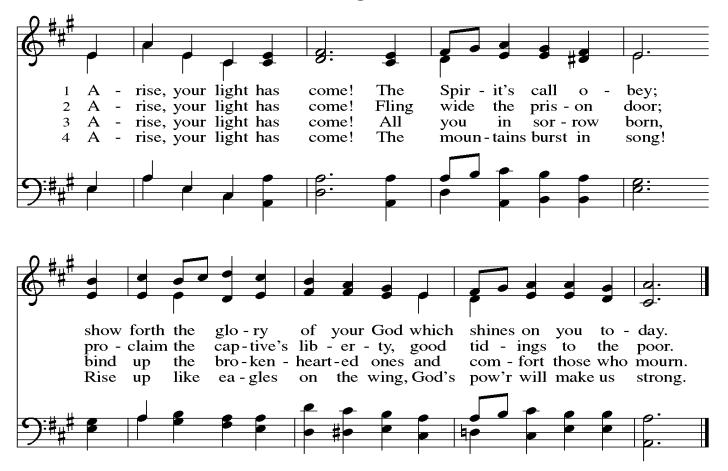
### Greeting

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

And also with you.

### **Hymn of Praise**

## Arise, Your Light Has Come!



## **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God.

you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

### First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

#### **Second Lesson** 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

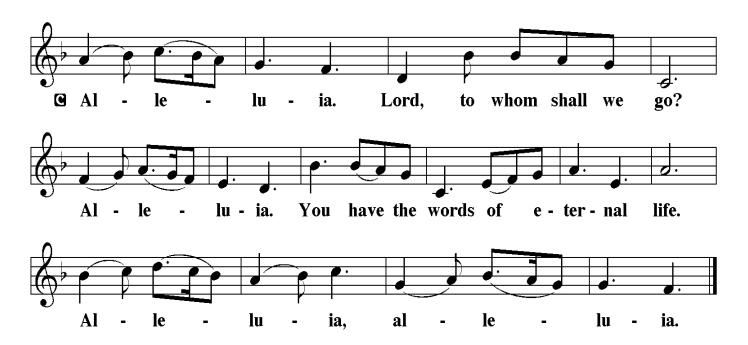
<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



### **Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel According to......

Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be Seated)

### Hymn of the Day

#### "There Is A Balm In Gilead" ELW 614

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

### There Is a Balm in Gilead



Text: African American spiritual Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

### **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbor as you and your neighbor are comfortable)

### **Great Thanksgiving**

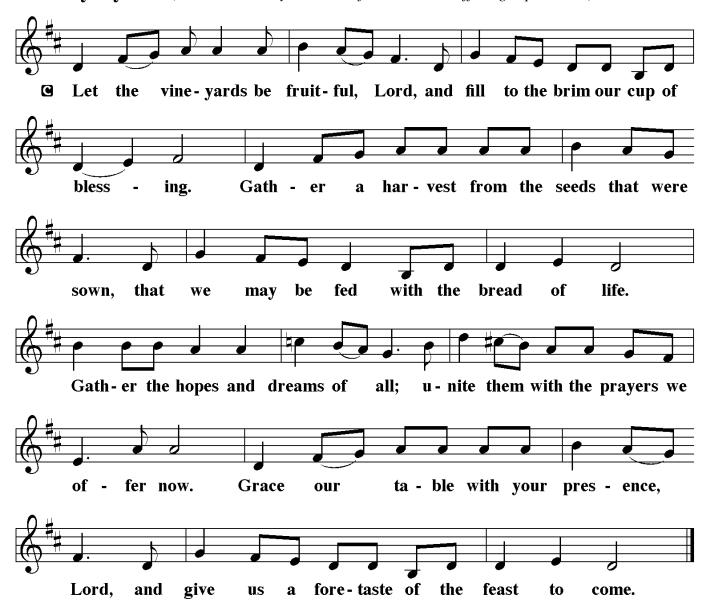
As the Lord's Table is prepared and our offering is received: Please join in singing "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW 618

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**Offertory Hymn** (Please stand as you are comfortable as the offering is presented)



## **Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

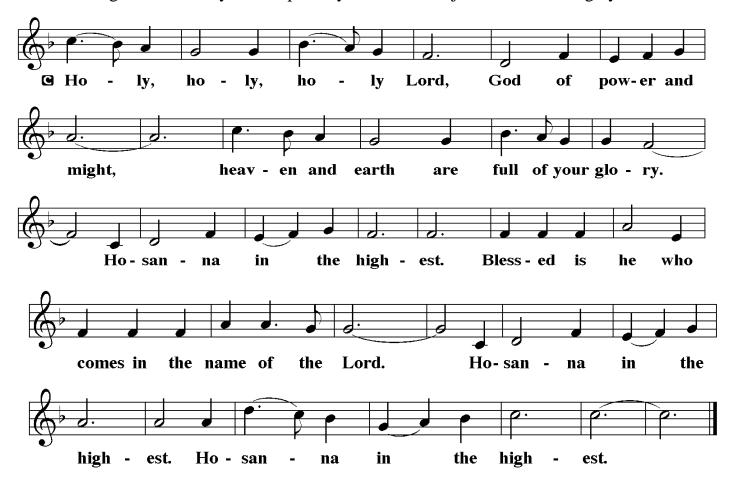
Lift up your Hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and Praise.

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



### **Words of Institution**

### The Lord's Prayer

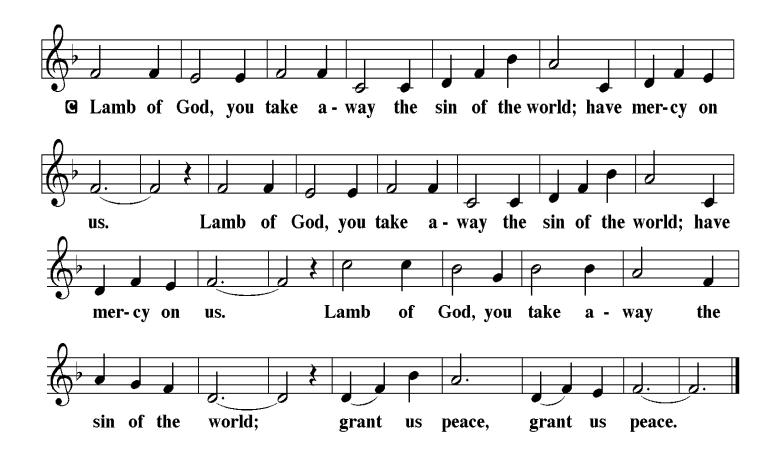
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Amen.

#### **Invitation**

#### **Communion Distribution**

Please be seated and come forward as the ushers direct. All those who wish to commune are welcomed to the Lord's table.



# Just As I Am, without One Plea



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

### "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" ELW 597

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461

### All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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### **Communion Blessing** (Please Stand as You are Comfortable)

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

Amen.

### **Communion Prayer**

Gracious God,

in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **Benediction**

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.

Amen

### **Closing Hymn**

### "Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434

## Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

### Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of January 29 to February 4, 2024

Tuesday	January 29, 2024	Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 30, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	January 31, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 4, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

#### **Next Council Meeting:**

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 10:30 am

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Chili Lunch on February 24th

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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