

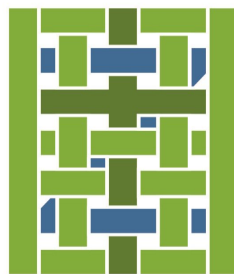


ADVENT

Prepare for Christ

Isaiah 7:14

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018



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IN CHRIST'S NAME, WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race. We are a Reconciling in Christ community. All are welcome!



WORSHIP RESOURCES

Online Bulletin You can download today's and previous bulletins to your PDA to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to www.zelc.org

Child Care We do not have a nursery attendant at this time. The nursery is available for parents who want to stay with their child during worship. Please put all toys away in the nursery when you leave.

Quiet Activity Bags Cloth bags with quiet activities are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.

Hearing Devices Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.

For more information on these and other events go to www.zelc.org

Worship Today

- 8:15 am Awakening Worship
- 9:15 am Education Hour
- 10:30 am Worship, Joyful NOIZ
- 11:45 am Gingerbread House Event w/lunch
- 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends Candlelight Remembrance + Pot-luck

Church Events

- **Monday, December 10th**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Tuesday, December 11th**
 - * 6:30-9 pm Ger/Am Chorus
- **Wednesday, December 12th**
 - * 7 am Men's Bible Study
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
 - * 9 am Staff Meeting
 - * 11:40 LMS Chapel
 - * 6:30 Meditation
- **Thursday, December 13th**
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
 - * 6:30 Church Council
- **Friday, December 14th**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
 - * 6-9 Building in use
- **Saturday, December 15th**
 - * 8-11 am Ger/Am choir rehearsal
 - * 3-9 Building in Use
- **Sunday, December 16th**
 - * 8:15 am Awakening Worship
 - * 9:15 am Education Hour
 - * 10:30 am Worship
 - * 7 pm Ger/Am Christmas Concert

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Joyful NOIZ

Advent Hymn

arr. Swidnicki

Entrance Hymn

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

Hymn No. 255

Greeting

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

And also with you.



Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, Lord God,
to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming give to all the people of the world
knowledge of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

*A poem of hope from the
school of the prophet
Jeremiah speaks of the
return of scattered Israel
from Babylon, but also
looks beyond that to the
end times when God's
kingdom will be
established.*

- ¹Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.
- ²Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
- ³for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.
- ⁴For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”
- ⁵Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
- ⁶For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
- ⁷For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made
low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
- ⁸The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
- ⁹For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





In the ten-der compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break up-on us.

Verses

*(spoken responsively
over vamp)*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,

**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

REFRAIN

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

By the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

REFRAIN

Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11
The apostle Paul was the pastor of many new churches. He writes in this letter about his joy to be in partnership with the Christians of Philippi. Listen to how tender-hearted Paul, sometimes a stern preacher, is with his friends as he encourages them to grow in love and knowledge.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

Gospel Acclamation

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a corresponding bass line. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the word 'ia'. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and lyrics.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of the saving Lord, whose way is prepared by “repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Lighting the Advent Candle

*“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Vs. 2
Chancel Choir*

Hymn No. 240

Sermon

Pastor Steve Klemz

“Changing Clothes in Public”

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Hymn No. 256



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.*

The Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Christ's healing for Bonnie Judge and Steve Roundy; strength of wholeness for Rhonda Joa, Michael Chard, Ron Finner, Dianne Krehbiel. Continued healing and peace for Susan Swidnicki, Marlyce Chytraus, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Terri Finner, Jennie Johnson, Leo Seegert, Berkley Foulks, Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost. Health and safekeeping for Janel Strohacker Gazunis, Christina Eddy, Josslynn Hanson and all mothers with child. For Christy Hillock & baby Emily Ann with hospitalization. Joy and happiness in the marriage of Tiffany Klemz and Dylan Woodall. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Matt Copenhaver & family, Mary Ann, Dorothy Weber, Cheryl, Nancy, Rowen, Laurie, Nancy Weber, David Pederson, Linda McGregor, Lindsay, Mary Pat, Sue, Deborah, Liza, Susan & Corina Matonis, Ken & Teresa Lyons, the Peterson Family, Wesley Hawman, Kay Brown, Kathy, Linda, Stan, Gary, Jamie, Carla, Warren, Becky, Kevin & Lori, Charlie & Anna Davidson, Jamie, Doris, Marsha McBride, Anna, Marilyn Wood, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Mary, Günter, Hanan, Jackie, Debra Sanderson; for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. For those devastated by California wildfires.

Each petition concludes, **"let us pray,"** and the people prayerfully respond, **"Come, Lord Jesus."**

Prayer requests can be submitted using the bulletin insert or anytime during the week via email to the church office (office@zelc.org) or Pastor Steve (pastor@zelc.org).



The Sharing of the Peace

John 20

More than a greeting, we participate in Christ's gift of community.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.

Gathering of the Gifts



MEAL

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate.

If you give online, feel free to pick up a 'giving bookmark' found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to give online, please go to <http://www.zelc.org/giving> or scan the code to the left.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

"Come, Lord Jesus"

Deborah Govenor

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.

Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Thanksgiving at the Table

*Before the Lord's
Supper is shared, the
presiding minister
leads us into
Thanksgiving. With the
whole creation, we
join the angels' song.*

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

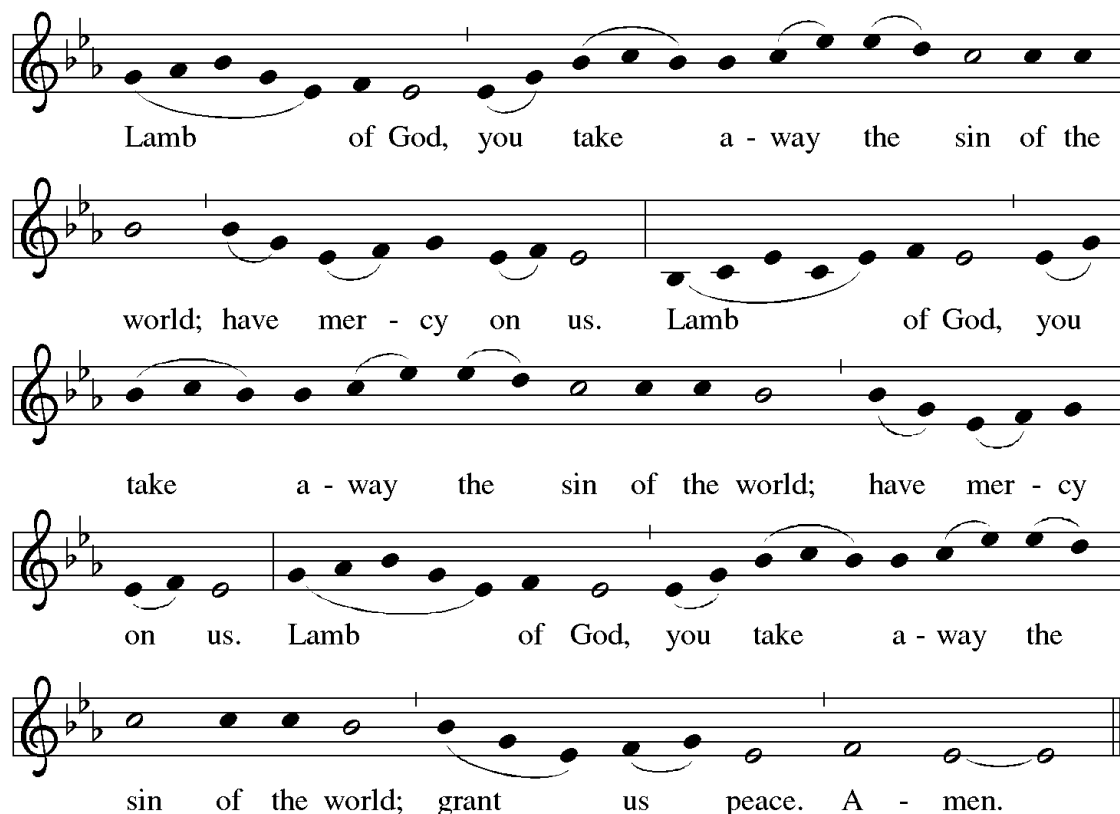
***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.***

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome. God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Thanks be to God.



Lamb of God



Holy Communion

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the communion rail.

***Newcomers & Visitors:* You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.**

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"
 "Prepare the Royal Highway"
 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hymn No. 249
 Hymn No. 264
 Hymn No. 263



After all have received, please remain seated until the Benediction.

Table Blessing	<p>The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace. <i>Amen.</i></p>	
Post Communion Prayer	<p>Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. <i>Amen.</i></p>	
Benediction	<p>May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. <i>Amen.</i></p>	
Sending Hymn	<i>"Hark, the Glad Sound!"</i>	<i>Hymn No. 239</i>
Dismissal	<p>Go in peace. Christ is with you. <i>Thanks be to God.</i></p>	
Postlude	<i>"Freu dich sehr"</i>	<i>Georg Boehm</i>



SERMON NOTES:

Christmas Eve Worship at 6:00

We have a few openings to help with our child-friendly worship on Christmas Eve. If any children or youth or young adults are willing and available to read a brief lesson, please contact Pastor Steve. Some adults are also needed to help “shepherd” children during the beginning of worship.

Haji Mawie, director of Bright Minds Daycare, spoke at our last Action Forum to thank Zion members who provided backpacks and school supplies to 40 children. In our discussion, we learned of other needs of refugee families they serve. Haji mentioned some of the children were showing up barefooted.

Between now and December 16th, the Action Forum committee will be collecting new socks and new shoes (or gently used) for children ages 6 months to 12 years. Donations can be brought to the church.

Thank you.

Lessons for next Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

- ♦ Zephaniah 3:14-20
- ♦ Philippians 4:4-7
- ♦ Luke 3:7-18

Small Groups & Bible Studies:

Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross, Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We are studying the Gospel of John. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Men's Bible Study—meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

Sunday Adult Bible Study—Adult Open Forum Bible Discussion, all are welcome to discuss the current Sunday's lessons, focusing on the Gospel. We will meet at 9:15-10:15 across from the sanctuary.

Pastor Steve's Adult Bible Study—@ 9:15 AM
December 9: "Come, Lord Jesus" --- "Hope for the Holidays*" --- with LIRS, making Christmas cards for children and families in detention.

"Hope for the Holidays" --- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service provides a toolkit for making and sending Christmas cards with notes of encouragement in both English and Spanish. See www.lirs.org/take-action/hope-for-the-holidays/

Men's Small Group, Peter Staks, Shepherd
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at various homes. peter@wardleycompanies.com. This group is studying Early Christian Family Tree.

Chancel Choir—Meets Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Singing in a choir has tremendous benefits for physical and mental well-being. Prepare music to support the day's lessons, learn more about church music traditions, reduce stress, and have fun. Singers of all abilities are welcome.

Sunday Parent Drop-In Group—After dropping your kids in their Sunday school classroom, you are welcome to join other parents in the church kitchen for some coffee and conversation.



Connecting This Week Recap

Six outside groups used our facility for meeting this week—still making connections in the community!

How You Can Connect This Week

Ushers Needed! This is a vital role in welcoming people to worship with us. Interested? Please contact the church office.

Greeters Wanted! Please use the sign-up sheet outside the church library to pick the Sundays that work with your schedule and be a greeter at Zion! It's a great way to meet congregational members you may not yet know.

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6:21

- **Yearly Operating Budget 2018: \$508,350.00** (this figure to be updated)
- **Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,776.00**
- **Last Week's Offerings: \$3,914.00 = 40% Weekly**
- **Total Received this year: \$338,245.00 = 72.1% Yearly Budget**
- **December 2, 2018: 8:15 AM = 30 10:30 AM = 87**
- **Sunday school: 92**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

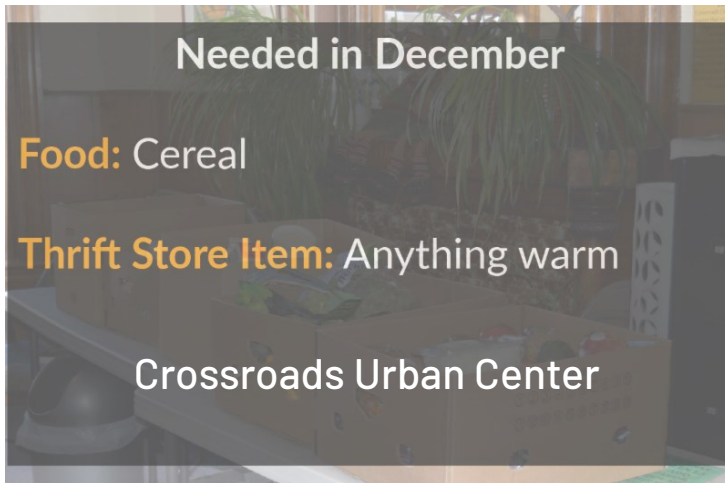
Gingerbread House Party—TODAY after late worship. Pizza will be served for lunch. This is a Thrivent Financial sponsored event with a free will offering to the Volunteers of America Youth Center. Please bring items to help **FILL THE PACK** with Zion Youth to support local homeless youth in need during the colder months. A list of suggested items is on the bulletin board just outside of the library. Cash donations also accepted and will be used to purchase items for the *Fill the Pack* offering.

Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec 23rd at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this beautiful telling of the Christmas story through word and song! Help is needed; please see the December newsletter for all the details.

Lutheran Disaster Response is helping with the wildfires raging across California. You are invited to help by donating to Lutheran Disaster Response, designating "U.S. wildfires". These funds will be used to help those affected by wildfires until the response is complete. Pick up a bulletin insert on the bulletin table in the Narthex for more information.

FILL THE PACK – VOA Youth Resource Center— Please consider helping fill the pack. The youth are working on filling 10 packs for the Youth Resource Center. Below is the list of items for the pack. Please drop the items off by the Director of Youth Ministry office **by TODAY December 9th**. Thanks again for your generous support during this time of Advent. Notebooks, Hand Warmers, Reusable Water Bottles, New Socks, Gloves, Earbuds, New Men & Women's Underwear, Food Gift Cards, Pens & Pencils.

UPCOMING EVENTS



*As a Community
of God
We Welcome All.*

*All this is from God who
reconciled us through Jesus
Christ and gave us the ministry
of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18.*



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Steve Klemz—Preaching & Presiding Minister
David Chamberlin—Organist | Diane Gardner— Music Director
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director
Carrie Hinderaker + Denny Gross - Altar Guild
Janice + Diane—Counters

8:15 AM Awakening Worship

Rachel Kibler, Cantor | Volunteers to usher

10:30 AM Worship

Denny Gross, Assisting Minister
Volunteers needed to usher

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