

# **CANDLEMAS SUNDAY**

February 2, 2025
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Minneapolis

#### WELCOME TO ALL

We honor that we gather and worship on the **Dakota Homeland**.

The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a **special welcome** to all visitors! Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.

We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

Accessible and all-gender restrooms are located in the basement. Single-use, all-gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.

For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome**, **inclusion**, **and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.

Today's cover art is provided by Michael Sorum. Thank you, Michael!

# **GATHER**

# +invites the congregation to stand

Trio IV **PRELUDE** J. S. Bach

#### +GATHERING HYMN

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In His Temple Now Behold Him

*Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.* 



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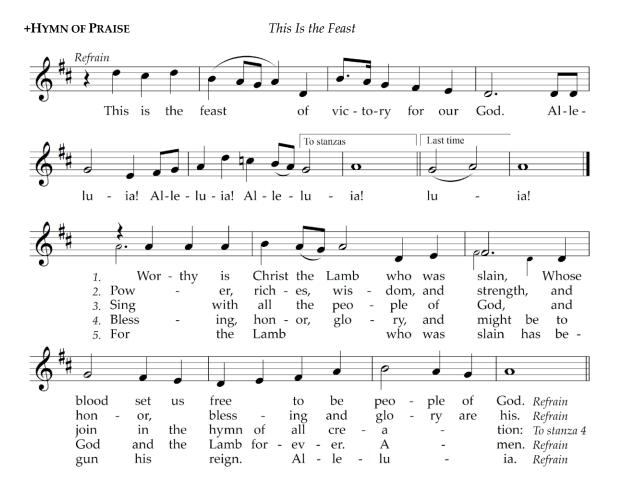
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#### +GREETING

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

### +KYRIE





#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

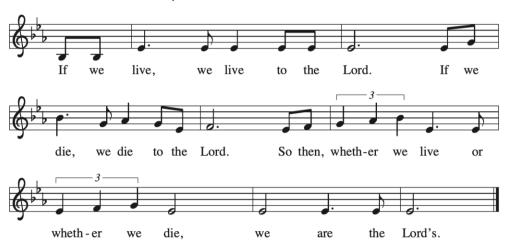
O God of all the prophets, you knew us and chose us before you formed us in the womb. Fill us with faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully, even as we are known by you. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

# WELCOME

# SONG OF REMEMBRANCE FOR JULIETTE WILLIAMSON

If We Live, We Live to the Lord



# Word

#### FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84 Thomas Pavlechko

**Refrain** (First time: cantor, then all)



<sup>1</sup>How dear to me | is your dwelling,

O | LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may <sup>1</sup> lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my ruler <sup>1</sup> and my God.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who dwell | in your house!

They will always be | praising you. Refrain

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength | is in you, whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup>Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a <sup>1</sup> place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with <sup>1</sup> pools of water.

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from <sup>1</sup> height to height, and the God of gods will be <sup>1</sup> seen in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer; give ear, O | God of Jacob. Refrain

<sup>9</sup>Behold our defend- <sup>1</sup> er, O God;

and look upon the face of | your anointed.

<sup>10</sup>For one day in your courts is better than a | thousand elsewhere.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents | of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is both sun and shield, and the LORD will give <sup>1</sup> grace and glory; no good thing will be withheld from those who walk <sup>1</sup> with integrity.

<sup>12</sup>O | LORD of hosts,

happy are they who put their | trust in you! Refrain

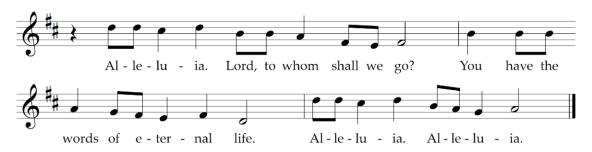
# SECOND READING

# Hebrews 2:14-18

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

# +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# Alleluia

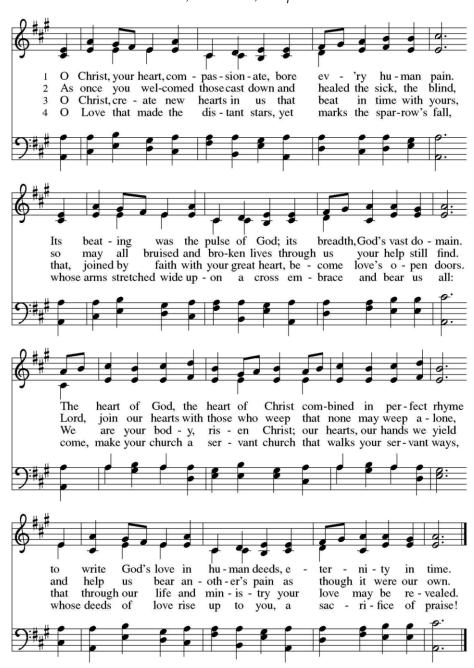


#### +GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

Word of God; word of life. Thanks be to God.

#### **SERMON**



# A New Creed, Church of Canada

### +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone; We live in God's world.

> We believe in God: who has created and is creating, Who has come in Jesus, The Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: To celebrate God's presence, To live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, Our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**+INTERCESSIONS** Sundays and Seasons

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

(silence)

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,

### Hear our prayer.

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and 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 nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,

### Hear our prayer.

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness especially Liz Blood, having knee surgery this week; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Gerry Berglin; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Pam Kildahl's sister, Wendy; Mark Horning, friend of Tony Wald; Merlin Wells; George Madich; Mike Kelly; Rev. Amy Schifrin; Michael Scanlan; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; the family of Sara Jensen, who's sister is nearing end of life; the family of Juliette Williamson, upon her death; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). God of grace,

# Hear our prayer.

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,

# Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.** 

# **MEAL**

#### +PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

You are invited to exchange words and signs of fellowship and love with those around you.

#### **OFFERING**

Baskets will be passed in the sanctuary. If you prefer to donate to the mission and ministry using Venmo or card, the QR codes can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

God So Loved the World
Adult Choir
Abs Trewin, guest conductor

Franz Joseph Haydn arr. Austin C. Lovelace

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
Whosoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.
God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world
but that the world through him, might be saved.

#### +OFFERTORY HYMN

# For Love and Mercy's Sake

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.







Love will not leave us com-fort - less for Love and mer-cy's sake



#### +OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

#### +GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

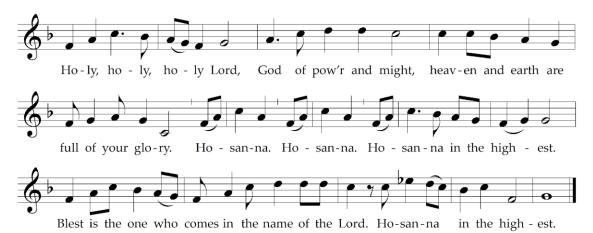
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

O eternal Wisdom, you laid the foundations of the earth, and breathed life into every creature, creating us in our variety to cherish your world and seek your face. We praise you and give you thanks for your abundant love toward this earth. You entered our struggle, that you might deliver all creation from its bondage to oppression and decay.

Therefore, with those whose voices are silenced, with those who call for freedom, with those whose harvest celebration sings through hardship and labor and love; we praise you, singing:

#### +SANCTUS



#### +WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### +LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together,

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

# +LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated.

#### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

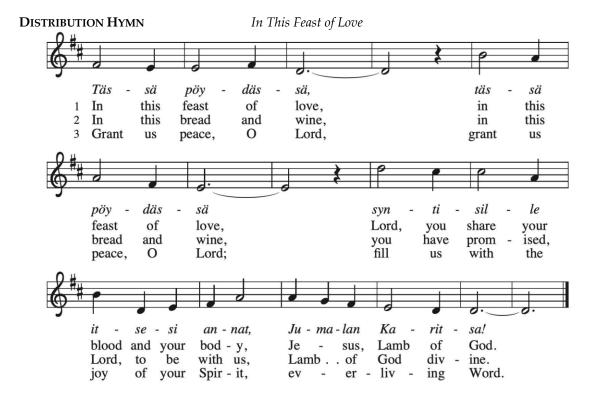
#### Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

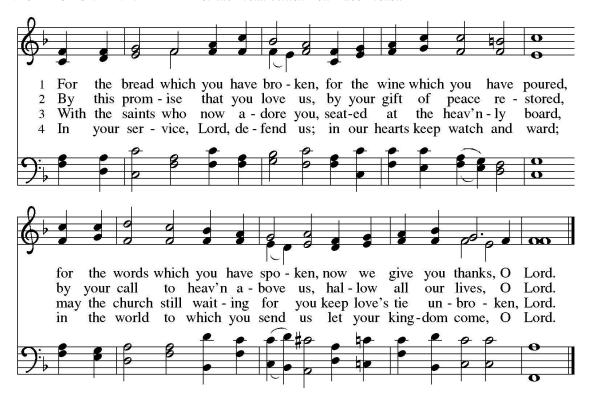
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.



#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



#### +BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.** 

#### +POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of Christ, our Savior and guide.

Amen.

# **2025 COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

It is with great joy that I invite the members of this year's Church Council to come forward. It is a privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in this particular ministry of this congregation. These persons have been elected by you to positions of leadership:

Anne Beschnett (president), Liz Conway, Matt Hendrickson, George Henry (treasurer), Sandra Hisakuni (vice-president), Kari Kleven, Margaret Kolden, Zoe Martinez, James Nysse (secretary), Dennis O'Brien, Kathy Skold, and Tre Tellor.

*St. Paul writes*: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

Council members, you have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this community of faith reflect the One in whose name we gather. You are to work together with other members to see that the work of Christ is done in this congregation, in this community, and in the whole world. You are to be examples of faith active in love and to help maintain the life of this congregation. Do not fear, you do not serve alone; everyone here serves with you.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the office to which you have been elected?

# Council Members: Yes, with the help of God.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

# Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

The council members receive a gift of candles lit from the Pascal candle.

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. God bless you with the Holy Spirit, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

The congregation is invited to celebrate these, our elected leaders, with applause!

Please rise for our closing hymn.

# **SENDING**

#### +SENDING HYMN

### Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.



#### +BENEDICTION

May the God of Love who shared her love strengthen us in our love for others.

May Jesus the Christ who shared his life grant us grace that we too might share our lives.

And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be faithful in our service.

Amen.

#### +DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors. **Thanks be to God.** 

POSTLUDE Toccata M. Lanquetuit

You are invited to the Community Room (located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

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Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

10:00 AM

Preacher Doug Mork

Presiding Minister Ingrid Rasmussen

Guest Organist Brad Althof

Crucifer

Cantor Drew Lindorfer

Assisting Minister Karen Batdorf

Communion Carol Masters, Lori Lathrop

Ushers Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson

Altar Guild Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala

**Counters** John Sulzbach

Closer Bob Hulteen

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#### STAFF

Ingrid Rasmussen, Lead Pastor
David Larson-Martínez, Associate Pastor
Doug Mork, Part-time Associate Pastor
Kathy Ekwall, Communications & Congregational
Coordinator
Nolan Gusdal, Building Maintenance
Phil Radtke, Cantor
Kaia Ellis, Financial Administrator

#### STAFF, CONTINUED

Sue Roberts, *Publications Coordinator* Dennis Nordholm, *Custodian* Dana Simms, *Custodian* Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director* 

#### LEADERSHIP

Anne Beschnett, Council President Sandra Hisakuni, Council Vice President James Nysse, Council Secretary George Henry, Council Treasurer

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

#### HOLY TRINITY MEMBER GEORGE MADICH TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

George Madich turns 100 years old on February 12, 2025. If you would like to send him a greeting, you can mail it to: George Madich, C/O Holy Trinity, 2730 E 31st St., Minneapolis, MN 55406.

#### FEBRUARY 2025: THE MODERN SAINTS BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

In *The Modern Saints*, Gracie Morbitzer depicts a wide variety of Christian saints in present-day context. In her contemporary iconographic paintings, their faces are lifelike, colorful, and expressive. Alongside the images are original reflections, compiled by Morbitzer and written by James Martin, Eve Tushnet, Tsh Oxenreider, Laura Kelly Fanucci, Christena Cleveland, and many others. Taken as a whole, this thick, beautiful book makes a powerful argument for the saints as edgy, relevant, and fully alive to God and the world. We'll gather one time for a discussion—date and time will be sent out to those who sign-up for the group! Sign up in the Community Room.

### **GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and desserts. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 2.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9-PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for the pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our 6-12th grade youth (confirmation and high school students) and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 which will be on sale today as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering! **BIG MEETING AFTER** 

# BIG MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 11:30 A.M.

While it has been wonderful to have the ability to meet online for committee work, some committees have expressed a desire to meet in person on occasion. With our new worship schedule, we now have an opportunity to experiment with new offerings, including quarterly in-person gatherings. Each quarter, we will hold a Big Meeting after worship, starting at 11:30, Feel free to grab a plate from the pancake breakfast in the basement and then join us. Committees can decide whether to opt in based on their own needs and preferences. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on Sundays, February 9, May 18, August 10, and November 9 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### BIG MEETING BREAK OUT DISCUSSION, FEBRUARY 9, 11:30 A.M.

You are warmly invited to a worship conversation on Sunday, February 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as we explore the theme **Our Deepest Belonging** for the season of Lent. This is a one-time opportunity to reflect together on how we might shape our worship through music, prayers, preaching, and visuals. Whether you have ideas to share or simply want to listen, your presence is welcome—no commitment to a committee required! Phil Radtke will moderate the discussion. Feel free to grab a plate from the pancake breakfast in the basement and then join us (location TBD). We hope you'll lend your voice as we seek to strengthen our shared worship life.

# Sunday, March 2—New Member Orientation

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Bartsch room. Breakfast will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor David or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15 – OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE

Join us from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for a morning with David Scherer and Joe Davis from the organization JustMove. *This workshop is designed for both those who identify as white AND those who identify as persons of color.* In the workshop we will:

- 1. Develop a deeper understanding of white body privilege and its effects on us.
- 2. Deepen our awareness of white supremacy cultural patterns and how to transform them into more liberating patterns.
- 3. Increase our awareness of our bodies and discover how to move from shared racialized trauma into healing and justice.
- Build trust in multi-racial conversation.

David and Joe combine theoretical frameworks and practical tools along with creative pedagogical tools such as music, poetry, storytelling, and conversation.

Sign-up sheet is in the Community Room or call the church office at 612-729-8358. Sponsored by Holy Trinity's Racial Justice Committee.

# CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, February 3	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 4	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, February 5	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Ringers
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Playtime in the Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, February 6	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Saturday, February 8	5:30-8:00 PM	Game Night
Sunday, February 9	8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Children and Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:30 AM	Big Meeting
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

# ADULT FORUM

9:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

# TODAY "Library Open House"

# Annie Hines, Caren Hiatt, and Roberta Shaw, Librarians

All are invited to an open house in the library. We will begin with a brief presentation at 9:00, then give you time to browse, ask questions, make suggestions, try for a door prize, and borrow a book or two. It's a good way to celebrate Groundhog Day and enjoy a groundhog cookie!

# February 9 NO ADULT FORUM

All are invited to the pancake breakfast in the gym this morning.

# DONATE

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