

St. Paul's Plymouth

February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Service of Word and Sacrament

Welcome!



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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal*, pages 10-11.

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Focus of Our Worship

Glancing over the readings, you might wonder, "Is this evangelism Sunday?" To which it might be answered, "Isn't every Sunday?" But, no, really, it's not technically "Evangelism Sunday"...it's the fifth Sunday after Epiphany. And Jesus is showing us that He is the Savior of all nations as He gives us the authority and the privilege to be fishers of men...sharing law and gospel...and bringing the good news to souls who need it.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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Please stand

- M** The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS and HOLY ABSOLUTION

- M** God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.
- All** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

- M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



- M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



- M** For the well-being of Your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:



C: A - men.

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.



You take a - way our sin; you com - fort our spir - it; you make us



pure and ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your



name in all the earth. O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word



of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo-ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, You sent Your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Send the Holy Spirit to convince us of the truth, to strengthen our faith and love, and to give us boldness to proclaim what we have been blessed to learn; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON — Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah calls himself “a man of unclean lips,” but it was this sinner who was called to carry the message of salvation for the Lord. Though sin had separated him from the Lord Almighty, look what the Lord of free and faithful grace does for Isaiah—He takes away his guilt and atones for his sin. Like Isaiah, with a pure and contrite hearts, we, too, boldly answer the Lord’s call.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

MEN’S CHOIR “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arranged by Lloyd Larson

SECOND LESSON — Romans 10:13-17

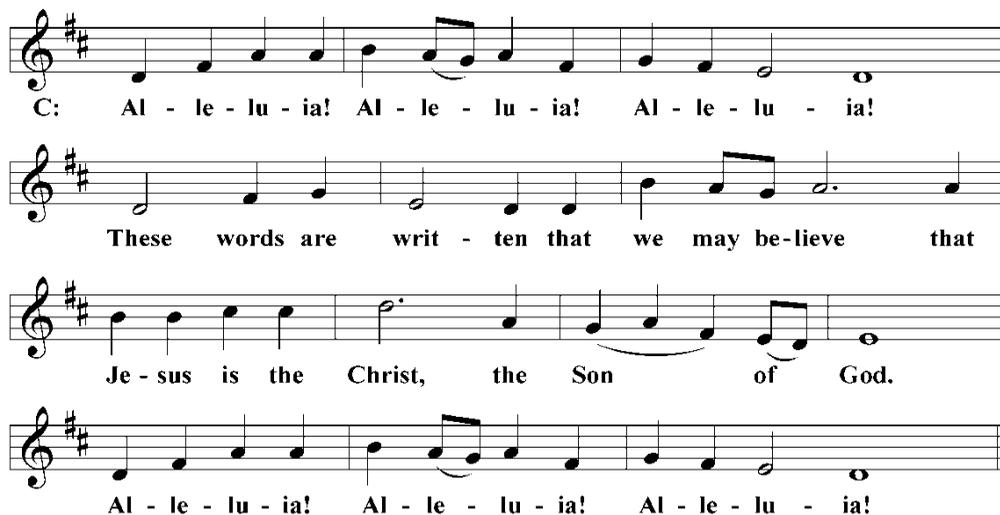
This is a “go to” passage that talks about the Holy Spirit working through the Word. But look at another focus here. It also highlights the privilege given to us sinful human beings to serve as God’s messengers, proclaiming the message which has the power to bring people to faith. How beautiful are your feet that bring good news!

¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

VERSE OF DAY — Alleluia! Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia! (John 8:12)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL — Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Text

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, ² he saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

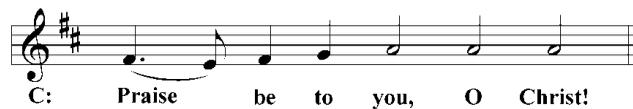
⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will catch men.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord!



HYMN OF THE DAY “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” (CWS 770, which can be found on page 15)

SERMON — Sinners call each other Saints because Jesus tells them to!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past He spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, who is the radiance of His glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

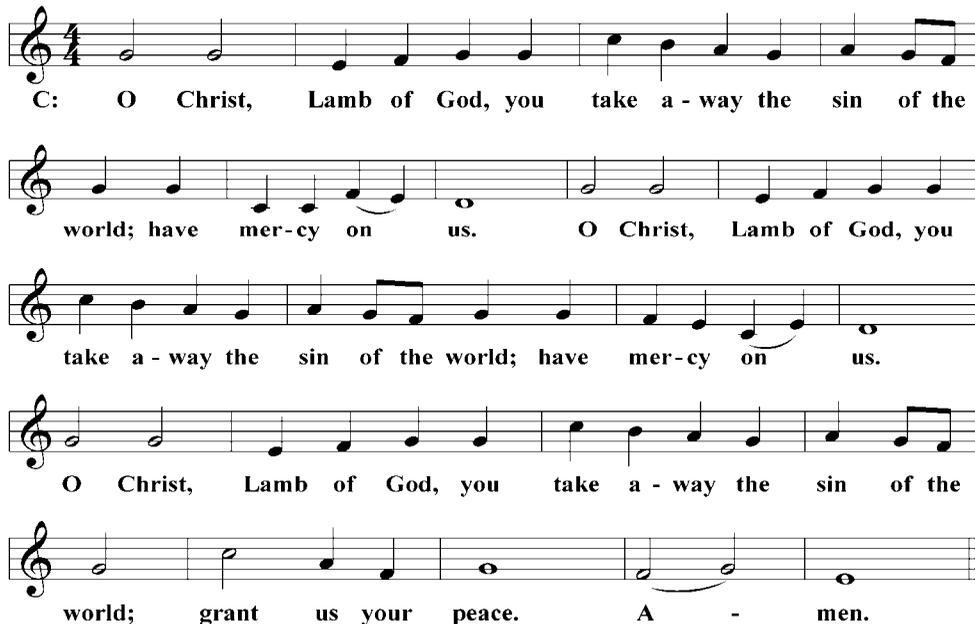
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.



LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

CLOSE COMMUNION We ask that only those who have previously spoken to our pastor or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (I Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper here at St. Paul's and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.

If you have any questions about this or would like to commune at St. Paul's in the future, please talk to the pastor after worship this morning. He would love to sit down with you on your timetable and at your convenience and talk about these important matters.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at Your holy table. But You are a friend of sinners, and You will not cast me out. This bread is Your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is Your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At Your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face” (CW 315)

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke” (CW 453)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with Your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in You as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- M** Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Speak, O Lord" (CWS 735, which can be found on page 16)



NOTES AND NEWS

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Our Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Matt Scheele **Monday** – M/M Glenn Bekemeyer
Tuesday – Stacey Freese **Wednesday** – Jessi Damrow
Thursday – Hannah Brown, Shawn Freese
Saturday – Stacey Birkett, Sandy Scheele, Gail Schroeder, Leah Weichel,
Ross Wollenburg, M/M Nathan Schwab
Sunday – Natalie Hueske

This Week, By God's Grace (February 10th – February 17th)

Today	Sunday School, Bible Class, BIC	9:00am
	Worship-Communion	10:00am
	Endowment Committee Meeting	11:15am
	Away Basketball Games in Omaha	2:00/3:00pm
Monday	Faculty Meeting	7:15am
	Circuit Committee Meeting in Seward	9:00am
	Basketball Practice	3:45-5:30pm
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	LES Catechism	8:30am
Wednesday	School Chapel	8:30am
	Away Basketball Games at NELHS vs. Trinity, Waco	4:15/5:15pm
	PSI Class	6:00-7:30pm
	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
Thursday	LES Catechism	8:30am
	DMB Call Meeting	12:00pm
	Beatrice Council Meeting	7:00pm
	Junior Choir	3:50-4:15pm
Saturday	LEGO League	
	(Grades 5-8)	9:00am-Noon
	(Grades 2-4)	10:00am-Noon
Sunday	School Auction/Dinner at Classics	6:00pm
	Sunday School, Bible Class, BIC	9:00am
	Worship (Sunday School Choir Sings)	10:00am
	Worship at Christ Lutheran, Beatrice	4:00pm
	(Childcare: Patti Schwab, Deb Weichel)	
	(Greeters: Wes & Cari Schroeder)	



Aluminum Can Drive—There will be an enclosed trailer on the north side of the church along the school basketball court for the PTO Aluminum Can Drive from February 9th-28th. Please put any aluminum you'd like to donate in that trailer. Thank you!

School Dinner and Auction—What's an outdoor classroom? How can this help our students at St. Paul's? Why is tuition assistance important? How many children utilize the bus from Beatrice? These and other questions will be answered at St. Paul's Dinner and Auction this Saturday night, February 16th at 6PM at Classics in Beatrice. Did you get your tickets yet? \$30.00 buys a lot of fun for the evening! (You can buy them online at www.stpaulsplymouth.org as well). Dinner, auctions items, wine pull, baked goods, and a roaring game of heads and tails – winner gets a new Nook Tablet 10.1 and charging dock (valued at \$ 175.00). Can't come? That's ok – just donate a baked item or two, or talk to one of our PTO officers (Jenni, Megan, Stacey, Angey) for some ideas for an item to donate. We are still looking for both silent and live auction items. We are celebrating the children's art, so you will get to see the talent of our students and their artistic natures! Come join us and help raise funds for our outdoor classroom, tuition assistance fund, and our new to us bus!!



NELHS Knight Out—The annual “NELHS Knight Out” is fast approaching! It will be held March 9 at the German American Society in Omaha. If you'd be willing to donate an item for the live auction, please note that trips, tickets and events really seem to sell well, along with large ticket items. Gift baskets are a hit too. Donations are needed ASAP. Please bring them to the school or contact tfickel@nelhs.org. Thank you for supporting your school!



Box Tops for Education—Please have all box tops to the school or church office by Wednesday, February 27th. They must be submitted to General Mills by February 28th.

Beatrice Vacancy—Pastor Berger will be serving as the vacancy pastor at Christ Lutheran in Beatrice. Details concerning the vacancy will be determined next Sunday, February 17th, following their 4pm worship service.

Lost and Found—Lost and Found items collected over the past year are displayed on a table in the front entrance. Please take time to look and see if any of them belong to you or your children. Thanks!

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O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -
 truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 roads they'd nev - er trod To
 mar - tyr's strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To



ven - tures of bold and new: Grant
 ways of God re - vealed: In -
 near - er reign of God: Send
 whom the saints be - long: Though



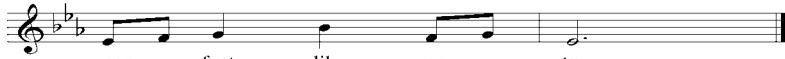
us to hear your call To
 struct us now, we pray, By
 us on ways where faith Tran -
 gen - er - a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,
 your em - pow'r - ing Word, True
 scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to you, Find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our



per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try,
 lives an of - fer - ing.

This hymn leads us to consider the cost of discipleship and to pray for Jesus' guidance and strength to fulfill his will.

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Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re-
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



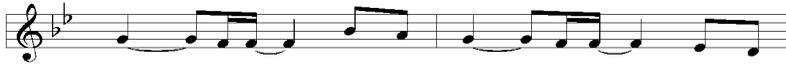
fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 10 8 10)

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