## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 29, 2015

# The Second Sunday after Pentecost The Baptism of Susanna Marie Bruchon Cox



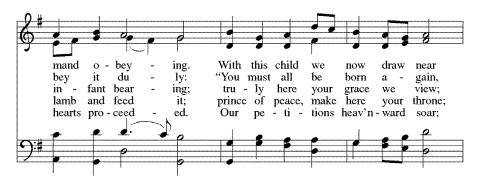
Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### **GATHERING/WELCOME**

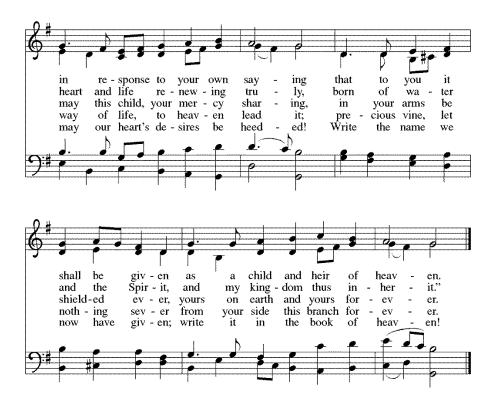
**PRELUDE:** Cradling Children in His Arm . . . . . . Leavitt

GATHERING SONG: Dearest Jesus . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing





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Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

#### PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

## Sponsors:

I present Susanna Marie Bruchon Cox for baptism.

## The presiding minister addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Susanna Marie Bruchon Cox baptized into Christ?

## Response:

I do.

As you bring Susanna to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Susanna may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Susanna grow in the Christian faith and life?

#### Response:

I do.

## The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Susanna by praying for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

The assembly stands

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

#### **BAPTISM**

- P Susanna Marie Bruchon Cox, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.
- P Sustain Susanna with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Susanna Marie Bruchon Cox, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

#### WELCOME

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

#### GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Congregation is Seated and are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together immediately after the Children's sermon.

Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. Children birth through 3 years-old are invited to join others their age in the nurseries.

## FIRST READING 1 Kings 8:22–23, 41-43

A reading from the eighth chapter of 1 Kings.

King Solomon prays at the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, built under his direction. Solomon prays that the temple will be a sign of God's presence and power, not only to the Israelites, but to all peoples.

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

<sup>41</sup>"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup>—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, <sup>43</sup>then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

#### A The word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.



#### **PSALM 96:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised, more to be feared | than all gods.

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols; but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence; power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the first chapter of 1 Galatians.

**Galatians 1:1–12** 

Paul, who started this church in Galatia, is angry and troubled that the congregation is confused by other teachers. As he begins this letter, Paul is direct with them about his desire for Christ's pure gospel to be the center of their lives.

<sup>1</sup>Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—<sup>2</sup> and all the members of God's family who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup>to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—<sup>7</sup>not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

<sup>10</sup>Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

<sup>11</sup>For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; <sup>12</sup>for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 7:1–10

- P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

A Roman centurion stands to lose a highly valued slave. Jewish leaders in Capernaum consider the centurion worthy, but the Gentile declares himself unworthy. In the midst of

this tangle of attitudes, the centurion shows his understanding of authority and his testimony that Jesus has it, even authority over illness and death.

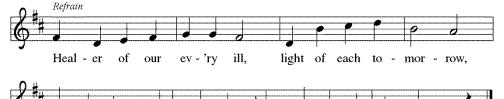
<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly,



saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, <sup>5</sup> for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." <sup>6</sup> And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup> therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." <sup>9</sup> When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup> When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Healer of Our Every Ill . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad ness, grace us with you 2 In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev sis - ter, 'ry You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



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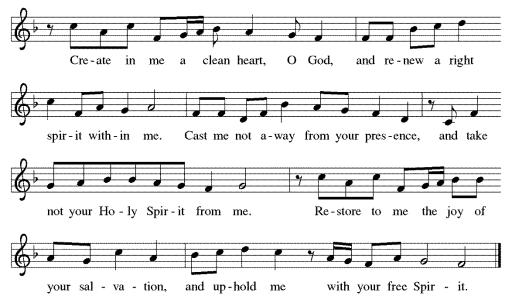
#### **PEACE**

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.



#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** Create In Me A Clean Heart . . . . . . . All Stand and Sing



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray,

C God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

## A brief silence.

God of Israel, there is no one like you in heaven above or on earth beneath. Keep covenant with your church, and build us up as your people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Creator God, we ascribe to you glory and strength. We praise you for the glory of your creation, and ask that you strengthen us to keep it and tend it as a gift and trust. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, you have brought together people from many lands. Give us grace to receive foreigners with hospitality, to be good guests in foreign lands, and to accompany one other in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Healing God, we pray for all those who need to be made whole. We pray especially for . . . . Give us faith to trust that you are the presence that gives life. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we remember today those who laid down their lives for others. Give us the strength to live together as a faith community in humility and gentleness of spirit, maintaining the bond of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### 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.

#### **BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\oplus$  give you peace.

C Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** *I Love to Tell the Story* . . . . . . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing



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Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

#### **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

## C Thanks be to God.

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We welcome to Holy Comforter
via Infant Baptism
Susanna Marie Bruchon Cox
Daughter of Emilie Bruchon & Marcus Cox

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this Second Sunday after Pentecost. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

<u>CHILDREN</u> are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS</u>: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in a form online at www.holyc.org.

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Danny, Rochelle & Carson Potter in honor of Perri's birthday; and by Jane & Jeff Howard in honor of Claire & Beau's anniversary.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

## Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, May 22, 2016:

Attendance: 85

Budget ReportMay 22, 2016Current Offering Received\$ 1,328.00Weekly Budget Expenses\$ 5,019.46Offering, Year-To-Date\$108,661.25Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD\$ 3,960.62Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD\$ 5,883.76

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

LECTOR: Donna Bean GREETER: Carmen Buell

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers TELLERS:

Amanda Kelly, Dawn Fleming ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev Mauney, Co-Captain Charles Mauney, Co-Captain

Carmen De Nicholas Deb Williams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

**USHERS**: Volunteers

Volunteer

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am) Infants: Staff; Toddlers: Volunteer

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: May 29-June 4** 

Today, May 29 Angie Morton May 30 Jonathan Baker

Happy Birthday

May 31 John Zander

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, May 29

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day

Remember all those who served...

Tuesday, May 31

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

Wednesday, June 1

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday, June 4

7:00 pm **Staying Connected** meets to assemble "welcome gifts" for our visitors

## The NC Synod of the ELCA meets June 2-4 in Charlotte.

Prayers for the assembly and for guidance as they discuss and vote during this meeting are needed.





## **Vacation Bible School 2016**

June 26-29th • 6:00-7:45 pm

This summer, Holy Comforter is providing kids an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. Our Vacation Bible School program will allow children to submerge themselves in God's Word. They will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and prepare to register your kids for diving below the surface to find the truth!



A quick meal will be provided, then the children rotate through activities of play, studying scripture, singing, and art. Parents are welcome to stay or take this time for themselves. **Registration forms are available** via email to <a href="https://holycomforter@gmail.com">holycomforter@gmail.com</a> or ask Melissa. If you are interested in helping with the program, you would be welcomed, whether it's providing a meal or assisting with one of the activity stations. **More formal guidance and materials will be provided for all volunteers.** Contact Melissa Bocchino at Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com.



Holy Comforter is hosting *Camp Agape* the week of July 18-22. Agape is a day camp for rising 1<sup>st</sup> to rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders and is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we will again include 6<sup>th</sup>-rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off-site. **We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.** 

Registration forms are available in the narthex or from Misty Koehler. The cost is \$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration. There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. The spaces will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

Misty Koehler, Camp Coordinator



## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise AustinZack HullanderMarguerite ShiveBrenda DabrowskiTom IrwinMark ReeseShawn De NicholasChase LinebergerBeverley ReynoldsArdean EwingHolly PecheJack Tench & FamilyDot HollandSherry PerryKevin Washle

#### **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Julio Quiros Richard Abernethy Tammy Gordon Brian Hedrick Dan Robinson and Harriett Ange Daughters Breanna & Mikayla Paige Beaver Sam Holloway Anna Rudder Jenny Beer Stacy Hunsucker Tangie Shingler Barbara Bingham Dennis Jordan Megan Sigler Emma Davis Bremer Steven Keating E. Taylor & Family Graham Brezler Marshall Kinley Carson Thomas Libby Byrum Laura Lanuto Sally Vanhoy Father Frank Cancro Jennifer Lineberger Pat Via Tina Capwell **Terry Mahaffey** Gloria Ward Clell Davis Gene McRorie Pastor Gary Weant J. Don Devine Don Moore Olivia Wilcox Jean Peters **Zachary Evans** Jeff Wiles Jamev Gardner Jim Poag Bruce Zander **Taylor Propst & Family** Poss Garrett

#### **OUR SERVICEMEN**

**David Prouty** 

Beau Carroll Dillon Kasmer
Matt Cisek Leo Kasmer
Jason Gardner Tom Kasmer

Ronnie Garrison

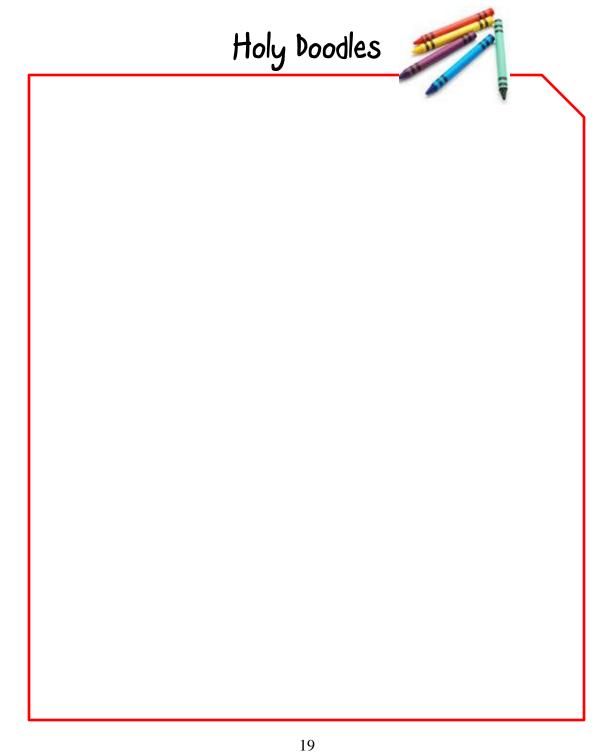
Mike Kelso Jeremy Shaver



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at <a href="https://www.holyc.org">www.holyc.org</a>.





## TAKE ME OUT to the BALL GAME

**Saturday, June 18** at the Grizzlies Stadium *Grizzlies vs. Savannah* 

Advance tickets: \$6.00

Food voucher: \$4.00 = hotdog, chips & drink

Contact Misty Koehler at <a href="mistykoehler@gmail.com">mistykoehler@gmail.com</a> to reserve your tickets.

## **Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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