WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY,	11/30	8:15am Worship 9:30am NO Sunday School today 10:45am Worship with ASL Interpreter
MONDAY,	12/1	6:00PM PRAYER GROUP 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY,	12/2	7:00PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDA	y, 12/3	7:00pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
THURSDAY	, 12/4	Noon Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY,	12/5	IRWIN COOKIE TOUR 5—8 PM
SATURDAY	, 12/6	
SUNDAY,	12/7	8:15AM WORSHIP 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL— MAKING CHRISMONS— ALL ARE WELCOME! 10:45AM WORSHIP WITH ASL INTERPRETER 5:30 DINNER CHURCH WORSHIP, 6:00 DINNER

Men's Group Breakfast will meet

Saturday, Dec. 13th at 8:00AM at Paintertown Lutheran.

Dedication of the new organ Will take place in the new year, date to be determined.

Angel Tree Tags Please return the gifts by Dec. 5

2026 Church Directory Any updates to addresses or phone numbers can be emailed to office@htlc.church for the new Directory that will be available early 2026.

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Bible Studies.....

Christmas Carols are a central part of the season. This Advent, we will have multiple different opportunities to learn more about carols and deepen their meaning for us.

Monday Bible Study at 7 pm will look at the history of Christmas carols and how they have developed over time.

Wednesdays at 6 pm there will be an online study of four different carols that will be part of our Christmas Eve services with their history, Biblical references and meaning.

Thursdays at noon will look at Christ in carols. What do we learn about Jesus from our songs?

Sunday, December 28 there will be one service at 10am which will be lessons and carols with communion.

Please join us as we grow in our faith through Christmas carols.

Donate Today—Seton Hill Christmas Gifts!

As part of our social outreach for Christmas, Holy Trinity is sponsoring 5 children and their siblings from the Seton Hill Daycare (this is the daycare located in our building). The Seton Hill Daycare is a Head Start Program which offers childcare services from ages birth to 5 years old for low-income families.

We will be collecting donations through TODAY. We will accept cash or checks (payable to Holy Trinity with "Seton Hill Christmas gifts" written in the memo). The collection box is in the narthex.

The ladies from our Women's Faith & Friendship group will total the money gathered, divide it between the 5 families, and shop for their gifts.

Youth grades 7-12....

12/5- 4:30-8- helping with the Cookie Tour at the church

12/7- noon- meeting at Panera for lunch and shopping for Seton Hill children's Christmas gifts.

12/21- 9:30 am- Youth Christmas Party during Sunday school

Children up through 6th grade will be singing on December 21st at both services. If you worship at 10:45am, please have your child at the church in the Miller Parlor at 9 am to sing at the end of first service. For those who worship at first service, children will be singing at the beginning of second service. Thank you to all who are working with the children to lift their voices in praise of Jesus!

Women's Faith and Fellowship

December 17 will be our Christmas Party! We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:00pm. If you can, bring a traditional, ethnic, holiday dish from your family to share. Talk to Pastor Sarah or Danielle about the gift exchange. All women are welcome!

Operation Christmas Child Thank you!!
We sent 44 boxes this year!!

Theology on Tap will meet Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00PM at the Manor Grille.

Dinner Church...Join us next Sunday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 for Worship; dinner is at 6:00PM

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP							
	8:15	10:45					
Assisting Minister	Chris Karpinsky	Joe Thomas					
Communion Assistants	Rochelle Belak	Susan Siems Diane Kowalski					
Lector	Rick Bavolek	Jennifer Fitzgerald					
Acolyte	Garrett Fennell	Grant Darby					
Greeters		Kira Zyvith Cameron Connelly					

Altar Guild

Set-up Saturday, No	v. 29	Doug and Nancy Woodring	
Sunday, Nov. 30	8:15	Rochelle Belak	
	10:45	Andrea and Brian Smith	
Set-up Saturday, De	c. 6	Tom and LouAnne Dawson	
Sunday, Dec. 7	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed	
Januay, Bee. 7	10:45	Zack and Samantha Tinsley	

Food Pantry

2025 Distribution Dates: Dec. 13

Items needed currently, special requests:

Pancake mix Maple Syrup Sugar cookie mix Liquid soap

Canned frosting Candy Laundry detergent

Items always requested:

Oatmeal Paper Towels Peanut butter & Jelly

Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups Toilet Paper
Cheese Crackers Cake/muffin/brownie mix

Chef Boyardee Canned Vegetables

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, November 30, 2025

1 Advent First Sunday of Advent ELW Holy Communion Setting Two Sunday, November 30, 2025

Introduction to the day

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us. **We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.**

Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2025

*GATHERING SONG Warm the Time of Winter

WARM THE TIME OF WINTER



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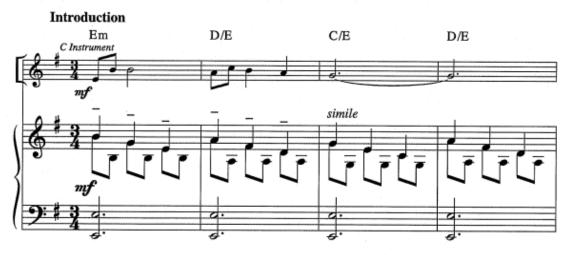
Pastor (sing):

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength. You came as a child of Bethlehem to gather us into the peace of your Kingdom.

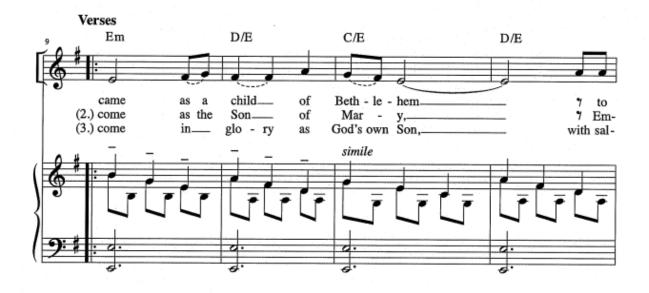
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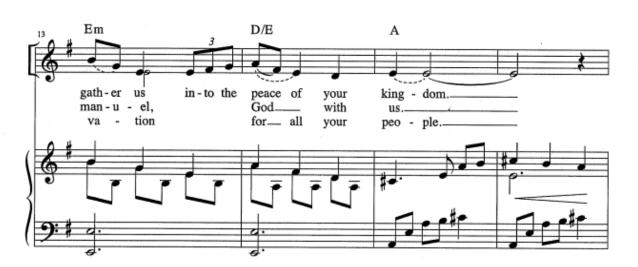
Text of verses for Penitential Rite and Music: Lori True

Priest: (spoken over introduction) As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.













Pastor (sing:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.



*ALL: Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk

in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING (lector)

The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

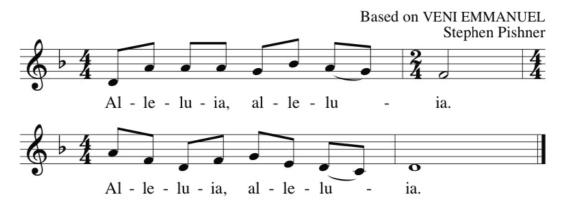
*SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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*GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.



Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDRENS' SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying #436

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai

*Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 ASST MIN.

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming and eager to pray.

O God, in days to come, the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come, Lord Jesus, **receive our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would come to every corner of the earth. Come, Lord Jesus, **receive our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind (especially...); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come, Lord Jesus, **receive our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthday and anniversaries; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. Come, Lord Jesus, **receive our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God with Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come, Lord Jesus, **receive our prayer.**

Pastor

Come among us, O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. **Amen.**

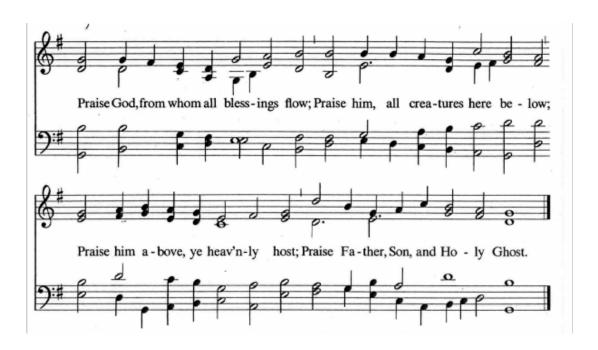
*PEACE

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

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: Keep Your Lamps

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

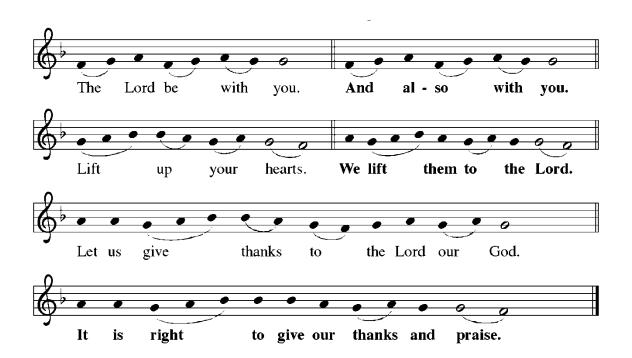


*OFFERING PRAYER

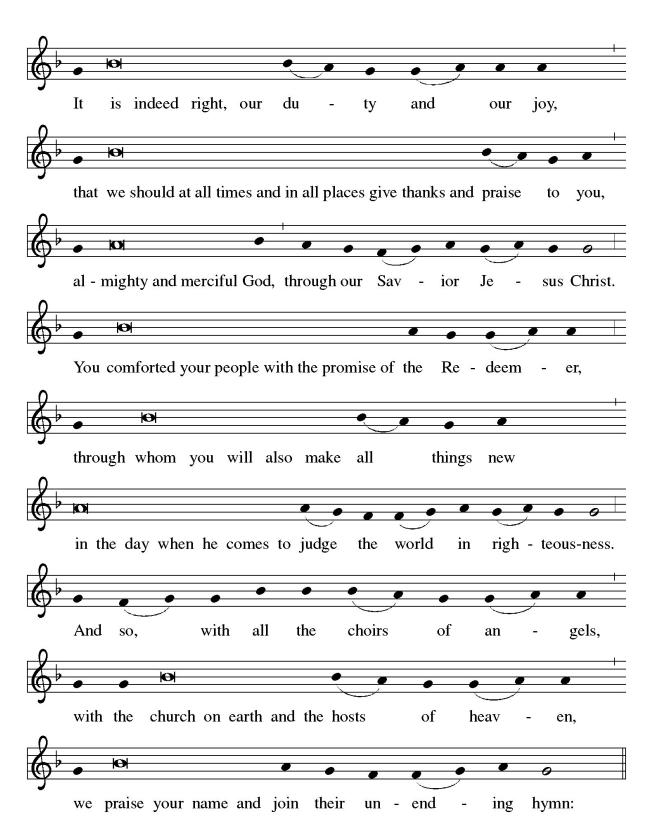
Let us pray.

Ever-Watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*DIALOGUE Pastor



*PREFACE



*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*



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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER Pastor

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

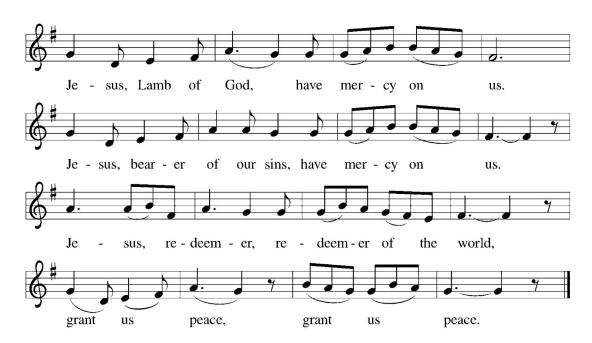
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Lamb of God



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COMMUNION

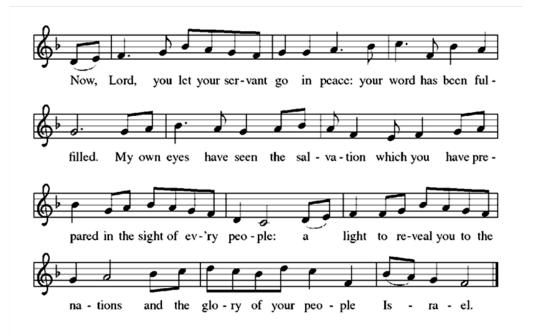
Hymn During Communion:

Each Winter as the Year Grows Older #252

*COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor

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

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION assisting minister

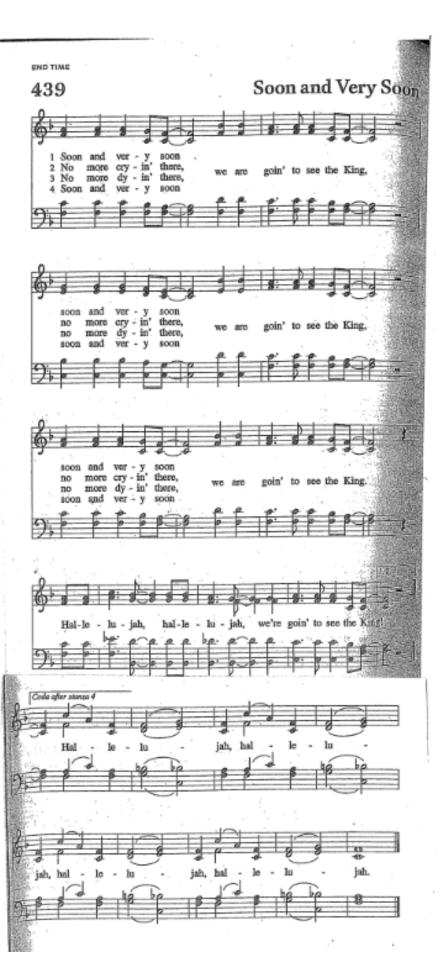
Let us pray.

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION Pastor

Advent people, go from this place in the blessing of God who journeys with us, guiding our path as we wait, watch, and work for the day when we beat swords into plowshares and follow the path of peace until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG Soon and Very Soon #439



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

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