

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 2025



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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

Sunday, August 17, 2025 • Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print**.

GATHERING

INVOCATION

En el nombre de Dios, Creador, Redentor y Sabiduría Santa. Amén.

In the name of God, Creator, \oplus Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is

marked at baptism, as the

presiding minister begins.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

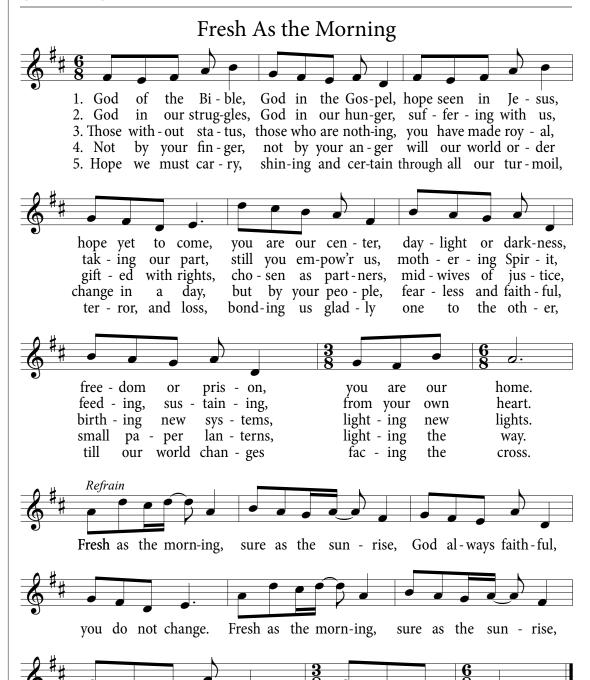
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of \pm Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

The main impetus that transformed Shirley Erena Murray over the years from an occasional writer of hymns into a prolific author with a distinctive voice was her desire to express Christian faith in a contemporary way from out of her distinctively New Zealand experience. In her words, "The reason why I began to write hymns is ... connected to the ethos of being a New Zealander. We have an attitude of 'do it yourself'—a kind of pioneer spirit which is not intimated by too much tradition and actually welcomes inventiveness ... Almost everything I have written revolves, ultimately, round the concept of 'peace' in all its manifestations." In the end, Shirley's task, as she saw it, was to write hymns that reflected everyday experience, locally, nationally, and globally. "I appreciate and relate to precise and clean language," she wrote, "as opposed to flowery and fudgy. I am, in knitting parlance, a plain rather than purl sort of writer. I like language that gives a jolt of reality." The tune was written by Tony Alonso, a Cuban-American Roman Catholic composer and scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. In 2020, he was nominated for a Latin Grammy for his groundbreaking album "Caminemos con Jesús."

GATHERING HYMN



APOSTOLIC GREETING

God

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

do

not

you

And also with you.

change.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

CANTOR: Gloria, gloria, glory in the highest. (Refrain 1)

REFRAIN 1



CANTOR: Glory to God in the highest, peace to God's people on earth. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain 1)

CANTOR: Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord, have mercy. (Refrain 2)

REFRAIN 2



CANTOR: Lord God, Lamb of God. (Refrain 2)

CANTOR: You take away the sin of the world. (Refrain 2)

CANTOR: You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Gloria, gloria, glory in the highest. (**Refrain 3**)

REFRAIN 3



CANTOR: For you alone are the Holy One. (Refrain 3)

CANTOR: You alone are the Lord. (Refrain 4)

REFRAIN 4



CANTOR: You alone are the Most High. (Refrain 5)

REFRAIN 5



CANTOR: Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (**Refrain 5**)

CANTOR: Gloria, gloria. Amen, amen. (Refrain 6)

REFRAIN 6



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

READING JEREMIAH 23:23-29

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the twenty-third chapter.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 82

A reading of Psalm 82.

God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw. **READING** HEBREWS 11:29–12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God. Word of life.

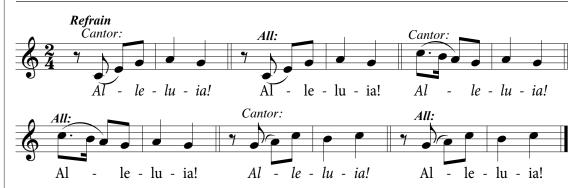
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTOR DOROTHY

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.



CANTOR My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

ALL **Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 12:49-56

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

El Santo Evangelio según Lucas, capítulo doce.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)

[Jesus said:] "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

The assembly is seated.

THE HOMILY PASTOR DOROTHY

The assembly stands.

The writer of this hymn, David Elton Trueblood, a Quaker, titled this hymn "Baptism by Fire" and included it in his book The Incendiary Fellowship (1966), stating that it provided a summary of the entire book. During most of his career, Trueblood worked as a professor of philosophy and wrote more than 30 books. This hymn is based in part on Luke 12:49, the very first verse in today's Gospel reading. Thomas John Williams included this melody as part of an anthem he composed around 1890, "Golen yn y glyn" ("Light in the Valley"). The tune is known as TON-Y-BOTEL (Welsh for "tone in a bottle"), after a fanciful but untrue story that it washed ashore in a bottle. Williams was born in the Swansea Valley, Glamorganshire, Wales, in 1869. He served as organist at two churches in Llanelly, Wales, and composed a number of anthems for church choirs.



CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

ALL



CANTOR We believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR We believe in Jesus, his Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR Who was crucified on a cross, and for us he suffered death.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR We believe he rose from the dead, and is seated at the Father's right hand.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR And in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints.

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR And the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection, and life forevermore!

ALL **Refrain**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The lay assistant offers the prayers.

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy-makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh-water sources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound, especially Gaynelle, Kole, Del, Jean, Sandy, Don, Betty, Nick, Myrna, Marteena, and Travis. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (Y también contigo.)

The assembly is seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERTORY HYMN

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

The assembly stands.

Musical missionary Karen Lafferty was a nightclub singer in 1970 when she experienced a religious awakening, felt a call to ministry, and became more deeply involved in the life of Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California. The next year she was inspired during a Bible study to create the tune and first stanza for this hymn, followed later by additional stanzas. This song has enjoyed wide popularity. It has been included in hymnals throughout the English-speaking world and has been translated as well into other languages.

Seek Ye First



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

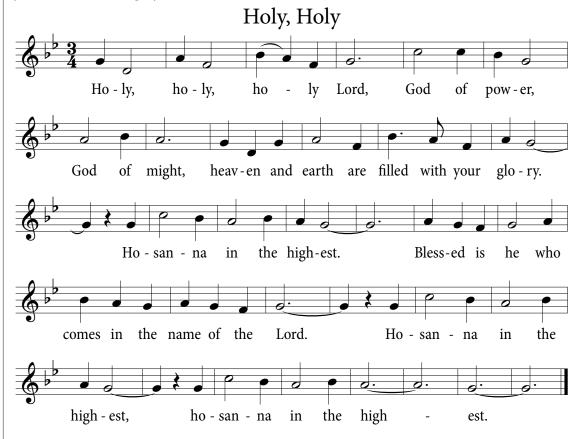
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

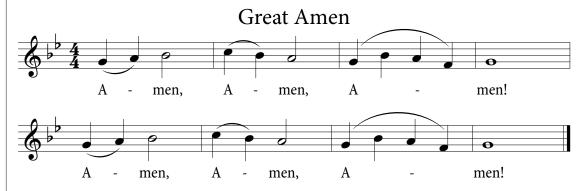
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.







Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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 HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at this meal.

The table of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting.

Amen.

This beautiful Pentecost hymn celebrates God's gift of the Holy Spirit. Written by Bryan Jeffery Leech in 1976, the uplifting melody carries the poetry of a true wordsmith. Leech was born in Middlesex, England in 1931. He came to the United States in 1955 and studied at Barrington College and North Park Seminary. He was ordained in 1961 and served in the Covenant Church. He composed more than 500 songs. His tune, LOIS, is named in honor of Lois Bock, wife of Leech's collaborator, publisher, and friend, Fred Bock.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

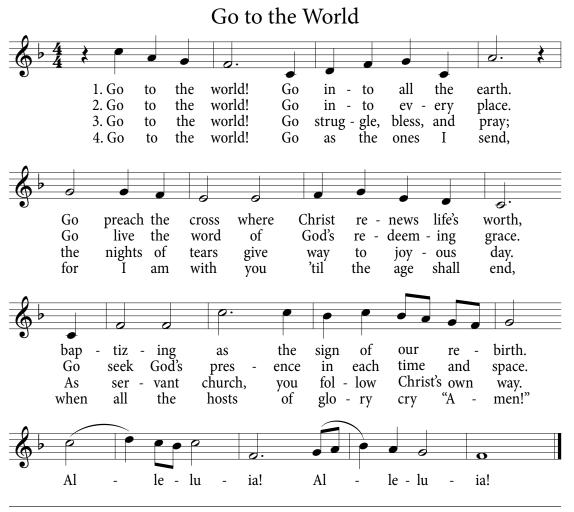
Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

Dios todopoderoso, Creador, + Redentor, y Sabadurío Santo, los bendiga ahora y siempre. Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sylvia Dunstan wrote this text in 1985—based on Christ's great commission—for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians. The tune was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams for The English Hymnal (1906). The title, SINE NOMINE, (or "without a name"), may refer to the saints whose names are known only to God.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME



IN THIS PLACE

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH





ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WEEKLY eNEWS

This is an abbreviated list of announcements. Be sure to read the weekly eNews for complete coverage of this week's news. Follow the link or QR code in the box above to subscribe.

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THIS WEEK

Prayers continue for those who are affected by the unrest in the Middle East and Ukraine. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us hope, send us peace.

We continue to collect change and loose bills for the laundry ministry of Just Compassion. Just drop a couple dollars in the plastic "washing machine" on the table in the entry. Or send along an extra amount with your regular gift and mark it clearly for "laundry."

Pick up another blue BottleDrop bag for your personal use and benefit Christ the King/Cristo Rey. To date you have deposited more the \$500 worth of cans and bottles. Keep up the good work for the environment and for our ministries here. Simply return the filled bag to any BottleDrop location and scan the barcode.

GIVING

It's vacation time! Take a moment to be certain your tithes and offerings will be made to Christ the King while you are away. There are many different ways to make that happen.

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through Vanco by visiting our website tigardlutherans.com and clicking on the Donate tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.

Where is Flat Jesus?

Each week he is hidden somewhere in this worshi folder. Can you find him?



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Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

Por lo tanto, recibios los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creyendo que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.



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