

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 2025



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Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, Silence is kept for reflection.

> 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.

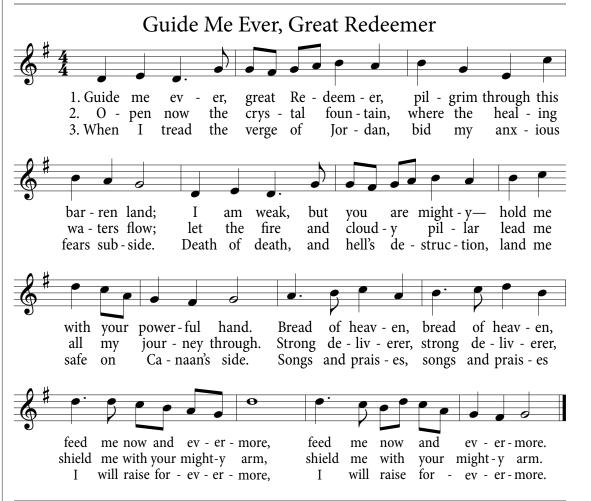
> You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ± Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 618

William Williams wrote this hymn in Welsh in 1744. The hymn became popular in the United States before it was widely accepted in England. This is the only Welsh hymn to gain international favor, and it has been translated into more than 75 languages. John Hughes composed this tune, CWM RHONDDA, pronounced "koom rrhawn-tha." Cwm means "valley" in Welsh, and Rhondda is the name of a river that runs through the heart of the coal-mining industry in Wales. Hughes was one of Wales' most prolific hymnwriters. He was inspired to compose this tune during worship one Sunday morning. CWM RHONDDA is by far his most famous tune, and it is even sung at football (soccer) matches in Wales.



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

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. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

God promises childless and

aging Abram that a child of

his own will be his heir and that his descendants will

number as many as the stars.

Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is

considered righteous.

WORD

READING GENESIS 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis, the fifteenth chapter.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33:12-22

A reading from Psalm 33.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love, to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

READING

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the eleventh chapter.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

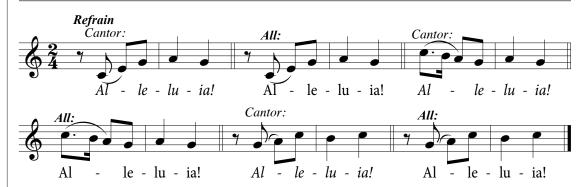
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to greet the Holy Gospel.



CANTOR Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

ALL **Refrain**

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reian. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's aenerosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others. **HOLY GOSPEL** LUKE 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

THE HOMILY

PASTOR DIANA

HYMN OF THE DAY



CANTOR What do you gain from all your worry, what you should eat or what to wear? There is no peace in stress or hurry. Do you not know that you are held within God's care?

Refrain ALL continued next page

The assembly stands.

This song, based on today's Gospel text and on verses that immediately precede it, was written in 2000 by Marty Haugen, one of the most prolific writers of congregational song in North America today. His work is deeply ecumenical, liturgical, and biblical, and is strongly connected to social implications of the Gospel. His writing reflects his background in the American Lutheran Church, his ministry in Roman Catholic and Lutheran congregations, and his current membership in the United Church of Christ. Haugen's tender musical setting conveys a sense of encouragement and reassurance. CANTOR Look at the ravens high above you. They do not work their whole life through, and yet God feeds them and protects them. So how much more will God protect and care for you?

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR Behold the lilies in their splendor. In grace and beauty are they dressed, and yet so soon their bloom is faded. So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

ALL **Refrain**

CANTOR Do not fear, little flock, for God delights to give you the blessed reign of God. Give your possessions to the needy; gain a treasure that will not fade.

ALL **Refrain**

CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.



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.

A brief silence.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need, especially Travis, Gaynelle, Kole, Del, Jean, Sandy, Don, Betty, Nick, Myrna, Marteena, and Jonathan. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For what else do the people of God pray?

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

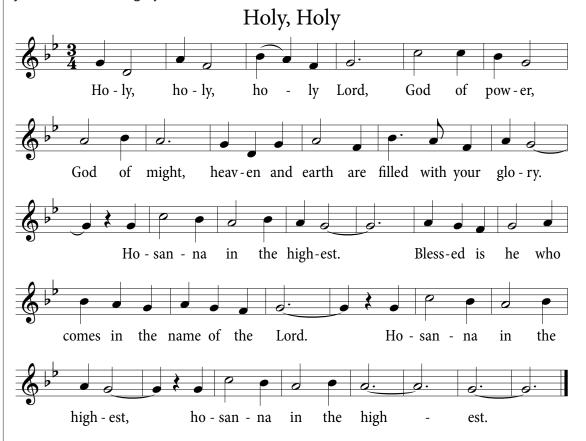
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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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.

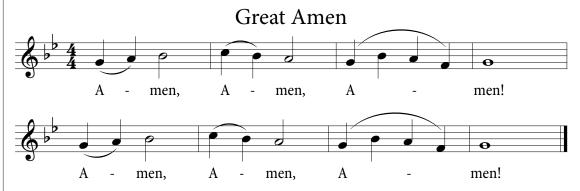
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

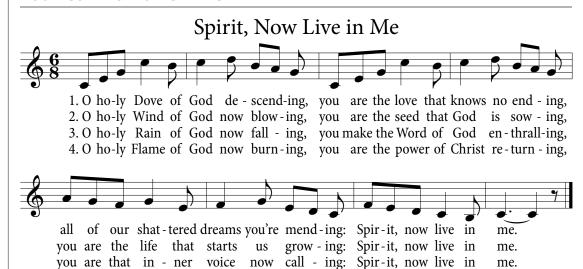
The assembly stands.

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



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.

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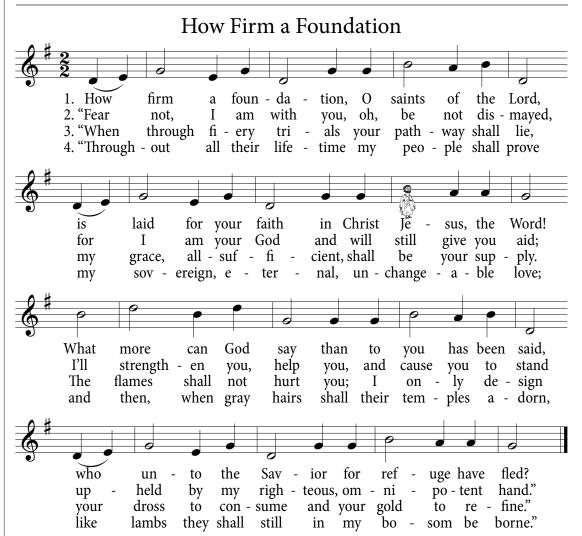
SENDING BLESSING

Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Holy Wisdom, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

John Rippon published A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors (1787), a hymnbook of collected works by Watts and others. The hymnal became a standard for **English Baptist churches** and was very successful in the United States as well. The unknown author of this hymn is identified only by the initial "K," although later editions of Rippon's Selections credit "Kn" and "Keen." This has led many to speculate that it may have been written by R. Keene, the precentor in Rippon's church who wrote the tune with which the hymn first appeared. FOUNDATION is an anonymous early American melody that appeared with this text in several tune collections from the

southern United States.

SENDING HYMN ELW 796



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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.

WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m.

Phone-in # 1-253-215-8782

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THIS WEEK

This morning we welcome Pastor Diana Scholl to the pulpit. Pastor Diana moved to Portland from Middlebury, Vermont, in 2013 to join her daughter and granddaughter who was starting first grade. What an adventure! She served as a hospital chaplain for 15 years in Middlebury and here as a hospice chaplain for 10 years. She is ordained in the United Church of Christ and loves serving in local churches leading worship. She has lots of fruit trees at her home in SE Portland—a totally new project. A large yard with gardens fills her time as well as reading, writing memoir, and cheering on the Portland Thorns.

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 worship 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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