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**May 19, 2024 – Day of Pentecost
Sunday Worship at 10:45 am**



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Counter	Dan Mowrey

Welcome to First Trinity!

We welcome you! We are glad you are here, and we want you to sense much more than our welcome, for the Lord himself bids you welcome. If you are a guest today from another Christian congregation, please take our greetings back with you. If you are without a church home and have been giving thought to establishing your spiritual roots, we want to assist you. We are here to serve God and God's people. There is room for you here. Please come again soon.

Mission Statement

We, the members of First Trinity Lutheran, are confessing and professing followers of Jesus Christ. We are dedicated by God to live out our faith through God's Word and Sacrament ministry.

Inspirational Thought for This Sunday

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lesson Themes for Today's Worship

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Romans 8:22-27

Praying with the Spirit

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

Legend:

P: Pastor	A: Assisting Minister
L: Lector	C: Congregation

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

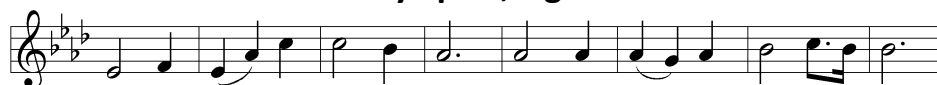
P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG – TFF -104 – Holy Spirit, Light Divine



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;



chase the shades of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.
 in your mer - cy pit - y me, from sin's bond - age set me free.
 yield a sac - red, set - tled peace, let it grow and still in - crease.
 cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862

Music: MERCY, Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1829–1869; arr. Edwin P. Parker, 1836–1925

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the

Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole

Lord, have mer - cy.

world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord. For this ho - ly

Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

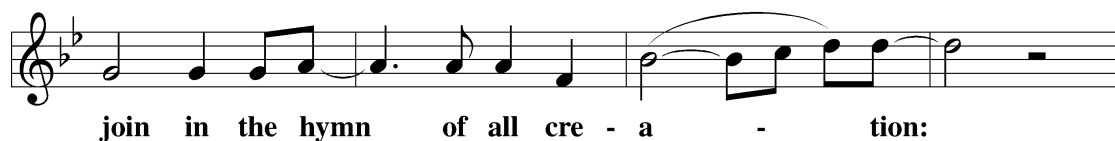
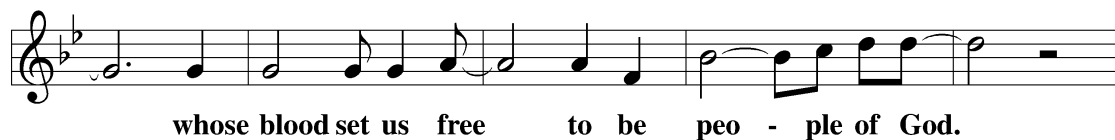
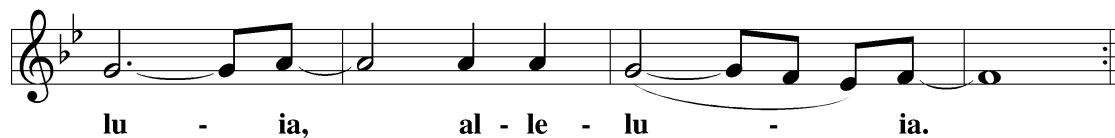
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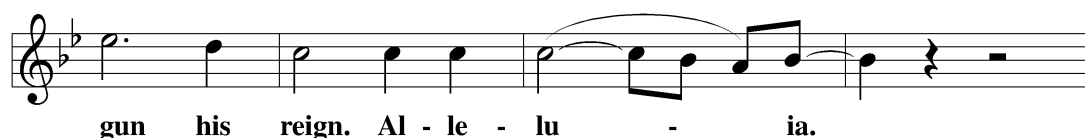
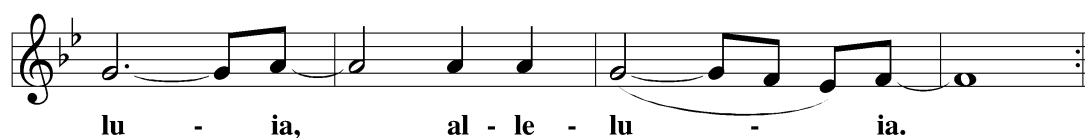
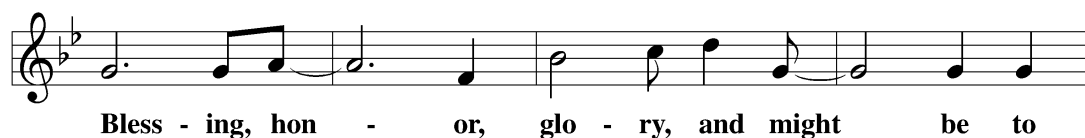
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HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

L: A reading from Acts, the 2nd chapter.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

- ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

A: A responsive reading from Psalm 104.

A: ²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C: ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

A: ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C: ²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

A: ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

C: ²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

A: ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

C: ³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

A: ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C: ³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

A: ³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

C: ^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

L: A reading from Romans, the 8th chapter.

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

L: ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON- Deacon Hope Moran

HYMN OF THE DAY – TFF 101 –SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God
 Fall fresh on me
 Spirit of the Living God
 Fall fresh on me
 Melt me mold me
 Fill me use me
 Spirit of the Living God
 Fall fresh on me

CREED

A: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: We begin our time of prayer with petitions lifted up by the congregation, offered silently or aloud. If your prayer is offered aloud conclude your prayer with the words **“God of grace”** to which we respond, **“hear our prayer”**. After the prayers have been lifted up from the congregation, we will continue with the Prayers of Intercession. For what shall we pray?

You are invited to speak a prayer aloud.

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized (*especially*).

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer

A: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made.

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer

A: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment.

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer

A: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. We especially pray for Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, Sandra Blackburn, Willa Jeffries, Keith Kriesel, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Joanne Grissom, Thomas Rezsonya, Carolyn Sue Woods, Pete and Bev Baldwin, Steve and Bev Gramstad, Davey Yonah-El, Michelle Miller, the Cochran family, David and Debbie Opel, Harry McFarland, and Cheryl Hall-Russell.

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer

A: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight.

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer

A: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light.

God of grace,
C: hear our prayer

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. And all of God's children say...

C: AMEN

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Please take a moment to share the peace with those around you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

MEAL

OFFERING HYMN



☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
 fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
 har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
 bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

AMEN

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. And we praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san-na. Ho-san - na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.
 Here is food! Here is drink!

These things are yours before they are ours.

Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:

God, we are thanking you.

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts of heaven,

O God, we thank you and rejoice.

This food—we shall eat it in your honor!

This drink—we shall drink it in your honor!

P: We thank you for giving us life.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for giving us freedom.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for bringing us peace.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

C: We thank you!

P: Father, send the Spirit of life,
 the Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your Word into these things.
 Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus, our brother,
 life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

On the night of his suffering,

he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

All of you, take this, eat this;

it is my body, handed over for you.

Do this and remember me.

C: The body of Christ! Amen

P: Then he shared drink with them, saying:

All of you, take this, drink this;

it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant
 that begins now and lasts forever.

This blood is poured out for you and for all people

so that sins may be taken away.

Do this and remember me.

C: The blood of Christ! Amen

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, are welcome at the communion table. There you receive Christ and the new life offered. Those who eat and drink at this table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all God had made. You may choose either wine in the outer rings or grape juice in the center of the tray given by the assisting minister. After all, have communed, please stand for the blessing of the meal.

You are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;
 tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
 joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
 ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN – TFF 108–COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

NEWS AND NOTES

Next Sunday's Servers:

Pastor	Pastor Jill Lowry
Assisting Minister	Terry Morton
Lector	Marvin Reynolds
Counter	Dan Mowrey

Prayer Requests for This Week:

Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, James Green Jr, Willa Jeffries, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Carolyn S. Woods, Sherman Jefferies, and Sandra Blackburn

Next Sunday – The Holy Trinity**Isaiah 6:1-8**

Isaiah's vision and call

Psalm 29

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

Romans 8:12-17

Living by the Spirit

John 3:1-17

Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit

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