



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Patrick Preacher on his birthday by Jonathan and Grayson Preacher.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Melissa Kolb
Prayers	Jonathan Preacher
Communion Assistants	Kellie Fontecchio
Cantor	Shannon Whitworth
Acolytes	Ella Matson Harper Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Melissa Kolb Chris Wannemacher
Nursery	Karen Craig
Praying for Possibilities	Sally Boliek
Greeters	Mark Allen Lynn Andrews Dean Hybl Pattimarie Janssen Lisa Rehm
Ushers	Danny Fagala Calvin Harmon Jay Hilbourn David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Parish Life
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGIC PLANNING AT TRINITY

Rev. Mark Tidsworth

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

**Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to
see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a
weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

Refrain

***The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.***

**Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find
bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain***

**Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once
forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a
weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

GREETING

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

**You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

Sing two times

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of hope, you are no stranger to challenge, difficulty, brutality. The places of wilderness, the experience of being lost and afraid, is not foreign to you. As we make our way through the wilderness of this life, you are with us. You are holding our hands. You are guiding us, sustaining us, encouraging us, emboldening us. You are creating a future for us, a future where all people, no exceptions, are honored and affirmed, where all people have everything they need, not just to survive, but to thrive. Empower us as we make our way through the wilderness on our way to the promised land; in the name of Jesus, our savior, we pray.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

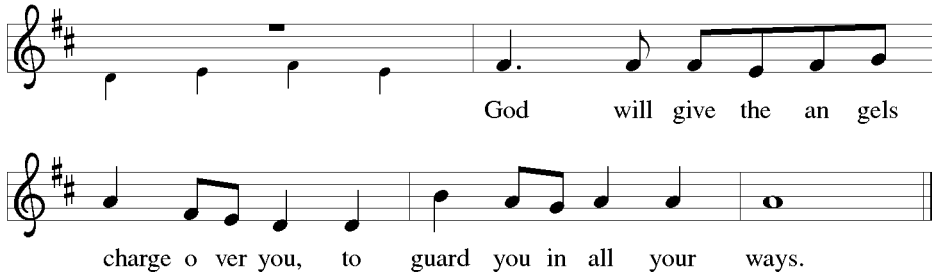
¹ When you have come into the land that GOD is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that GOD is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that GOD will choose as a dwelling for the divine name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to GOD that I have come into the land that GOD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of GOD, ⁵ you shall make this response before GOD: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor, who went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to our GOD, the God of our ancestors; GOD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ GOD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land over-flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O GOD, have given me." You shall set it down before GOD and bow down before your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that GOD has given to you and to your house.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*The refrain is introduced by the cantor
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

*Psalm
Refrain*



God will give the an gels
charge o ver you, to guard you in all your ways.

*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” R**
- ⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰ **no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. R**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” that is, the word of faith that we proclaim; ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in God will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Christ is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Lost

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Jesus ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written, 'Worship and serve God alone.'" ⁹ Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'God will command the angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered the devil, "It is said, 'Do not put God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

From Wilderness to the Promised Land

Please stand as able

Refrain

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness
calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:**

“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain*

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to remain silent in the face of injustice. End fear and complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Liberating God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and hear your call for equity and peace, resisting the temptations of the evil one. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. Embolden leaders in our country to stand alongside migrants and refugees during these times of persecution and deportation. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless those who attend to the overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all may find belonging in your love. We pray for all all your people, and especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Protecting God, protect us in these times of trouble. The tempter is at hand, seeking to harm the vulnerable ones society has left on the margins, in the wilderness. Grant us the faith of your son Jesus, that we will courageously shout “no!” to the tempter and his accomplices, even as they try to disguise evil as an effort to make this land great. Safeguard and nourish the transgender community with your love as they continue to be targeted. Make us instruments of your justice. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

Please be seated

A Blessing for Trinity's Strategic Planning Process and for the Coordination Team

We invite the members of Trinity's Strategic Planning Coordination Team to come and gather with us at the baptismal font.

Amanda Cook
Kellie Fontecchio
Angie Hager
Bri Kerbuski

Melissa Kolb
Richard Moose
Margaret Roth
Leah Somerville

McKinsey Threlkeld
Lara Wannemacher
Carl Witherspoon

Each of you is a leader, a servant, a faithful disciple of Christ. Whether you have been in this community for months, years, or decades you are using your gifts and graces to lift up and encourage our life together. You have been called to guide this community as we discern God's leading and the Spirit's prodding so that we might lean into the future to which God is calling us.

With a commitment to diversity, radical hospitality, equity, inclusion, welcome, and the value of every single human being we ask you...

Will you be mindful of the hopes and desires of this entire community?

Will you pray for God's wisdom and guidance throughout the process?

Will you be brave and bold when this process presses us to do hard things?

Throughout this time, will you strive to listen more than you speak?

Will you be authentic and vulnerable (to the extent that you are able) in our work together?

Will you help this community release our grip on old ways that no longer serve us?
Will you help us lean into the new and courageous things God is calling us to be and do so that God's kin-dom is strengthened and nurtured?

We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

Congregation stands as able

Will you, God's people at Trinity, support the work of this team? Will you ponder and pray and participate in this process? Will you open your hearts and minds?

We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. God of grace and love, the church is always moving, changing, and transforming. You call us to always look to the needs of the oppressed and marginalized, to act in ways, especially in this time, that lift up all of God's beloveds, to strengthen and support people of color, those living in poverty, the ones who identify as queer, trans, or non-binary, women, and refugees and immigrants longing for safety and asylum. Help us walk with Jesus. Help us love and bless the beloveds that you love and bless. Guide this work. Bless our journey. Keep us faithful to you and one another. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Amanda, Kellie, Angie, Bri, Melissa, Richard, Margaret, Leah, McKinsey, Lara, and Carl, May God in Christ bless your efforts on behalf of this community. May you feel the love and support that surrounds you. May you be strong, loving, and fearless.

Amen.

Service continues with the sharing of the peace.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Who Is the One We Love the Most
Music: Carl Schalk; Text: Jaroslav J.Vajda

Adult Choir

Who is the one we love the most, the one who has our total trust?
Something or someone is our God, whose will is willingly obeyed,
to whom we give the years we live: let that be you, our God, our Lord!

Count every heartbeat, every breath, trace every step from birth to death,
track every second to its source, each drop of blood, each blade of grass,
the rising sun, and every one: let that be you, our God, our Lord!

Preserve us from all other gods, all damned deceitful, loveless frauds;
compare them ruthlessly to you, the only One, eternal true Creator of all life and love:
You are that One, our God, our Lord!

A love no other god has shown, Your Son upon a cross makes known.
How shall we worship such a God with more than words and passing nod,
if not with whole heart, mind, and soul, like yours for us, our God, our Lord?!

Please stand as able

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is
ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

Refrain

***Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.***

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain***

**The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the
poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain***

Let us pray. Gracious Provider,
**you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues: "might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff continues: "Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth and final staff concludes with: "san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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 in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

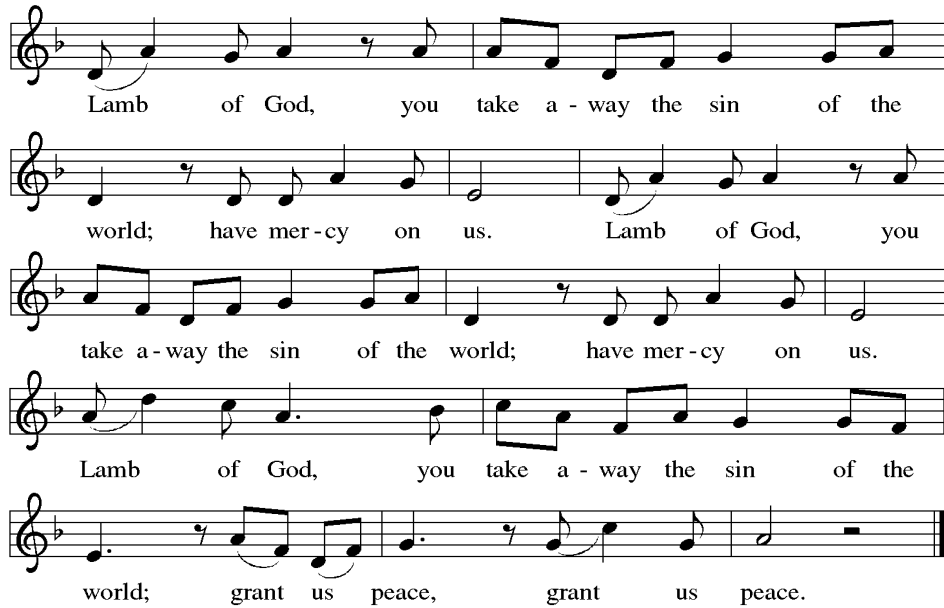
Please be seated

COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.
Gluten free wafers are available.*

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right
spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Percussive Praise
by Kevin McChesney

Handbell Choir

Refrain

**Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land,
a weary land; Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
a shelter in the time of storm.**

**No one can do like Jesus, not a
mumbling word he said; he went walking down to
Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.** *Refrain*

**When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was
very weak; he took a towel and girded
himself and he washed his disciple's' feet.** *Refrain*

**Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I
love so well; he has the palm of victory
and the keys of death and hell.** *Refrain*

Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
2 Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
3 Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.
4 I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.
I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race,
I'm your child, Lord, while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Please stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,

that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,

in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

Text: 320 Tune: 389

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
fast_ and_ prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed_ and has prayed.
with_ your grace, and give us joy to_ see your face.

ELW 320 - Text: Latin Hymn 11th cent.;tr. Maurice F. Bell 1862 - 1947

ELW 389 - Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Walk in hope and light.

Trust God.

Trust that the wilderness of this life
is giving way to the Promised Land.

God is holding us up, giving us strength, moving us toward liberation.

God will deliver us.

Thanks be to God.

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather for a baby celebration
for the Smithman Family in the back corner of the Gym.*

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