

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Last Sunday of the
Church Year**
Sunday, November 23, 2025

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Sunday 9am Worship

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Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal



Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

Welcome to our Worship Center

God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament.

As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

Worship Focus



A Worship Series

"Every why hath a wherefore." That was Shakespeare's poetic way of saying that very little happens by chance. Generally there is an agent behind an action. There is cause and effect. And to navigate life well, it is vital we understand both. If you want to effect a healthy heart, you need to know the causes of heart disease. Before a major purchase causes you to go into debt, you need to think about the effect it will have on your budget. If you want the peace of being close to God, you need to know what causes that effect. Again, to navigate life well, it is vital we understand cause and effect.

We are nearing the end of the Church Year. This past year, we have reviewed Jesus' life and teaching. The Scripture readings in these final weeks recall some of the major themes that are woven throughout the Church Year. In this final series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that "every why hath a wherefore." We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God's kingdom.

The worship series follows this pattern:

Nov 2	Sainthood / Stamina	Nov 16	Judgment / Peace
Nov 9	Resurrection / Joy	Nov 23	Scripture / Anticipation

The Church has marked the passing of yet another Church Year, waiting for its Lord to return. How long will we have to wait and watch for Jesus to return? We do not know. Jesus said he would return soon. However, the definition of "soon" for the One who has no beginning or end will naturally differ from ours. Whenever Jesus returns, it will take us by surprise. So, how do believers avoid growing lethargic? How do we remain ready and watchful for Christ's return? Our Savior points us to his Scriptures.

The promises Jesus has made us this past year—promises that give us comfort and hope and purpose—were not merely spoken. Jesus ensured those promises were written down in Scripture. As we see in Scripture all the promises that Christ has fulfilled, there is discernable effect. The Spirit creates within us an eager anticipation regarding the Scriptural promises that are as-of-yet unfilled. While we cannot be certain when the day of fulfillment will come, we are completely confident of what that day will bring. No matter how many years we must mark, we watch with eager anticipation, and we pray, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

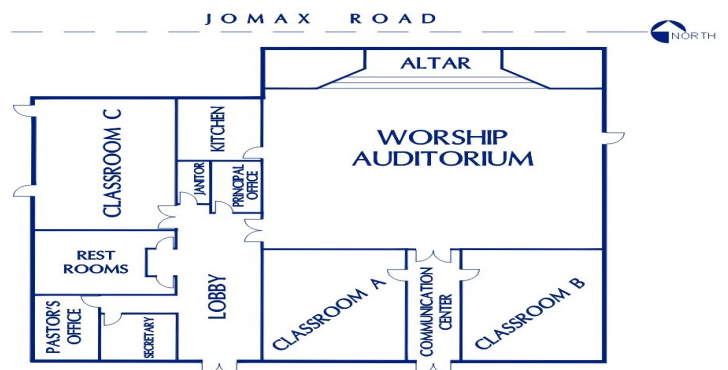
VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at church.secretary@crossofglory.org

CHURCH MAP



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- Children in Church Program: Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

God's People Gather

Gathering Rite on Worship

(Spoken Responsively;

Sung Responses "Oh, What High and Holy Privilege")



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on the gathering of God's people to receive his gifts of Word and sacrament and to respond with praise, thanksgiving, and service. It's a time for believers to be spiritually fed and strengthened in their faith.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: I was glad when they said to me,

C: Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Sung by Congregation:

1. Oh, what high and ho - ly priv - 'lege
once a - gain to gath - er here
in the name of our Lord Je - sus,
as we see his day draw near.
May we join in joy - ful rev - 'rence
with thanks - giv - ing, faith and love,
as he wel - comes in his peo - ple
to the throne of grace a - bove.

M: That you would allow us to gather in worship not out of duty but with joy and delight,

C: We praise you, Lord!

M: That you would bring us to a place where you promise to meet your people,

C: We praise you, Lord!

M: For the blessing of seeing the sacred symbols of your house and the mutual encouragement found in seeing one another,

C: We praise you, Lord!

M: For being with us in all places and through all situations, and bringing us together as members of one body of Christ,

C: We praise you, Lord!

Sung by Congregation:

2. Oh, what high and ho - ly priv - 'lege,
voic - es raised in prayer and praise;
bold - ly bring - ing great pe - ti - tions,
glad - ly sing - ing hymns of faith.
May his grace at work a - mong us
cleanse and heal us from our sin,
that our prayers may not be hin - dered
and our prais - es hon - or him.

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: the maker of heaven and earth.

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone; I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved others as you command. For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.

I am sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us. Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: In the name and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I forgive you all your sins.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

3. Oh, what high and ho - ly priv - 'lege,
hear - ing from the word of God;
heav - en speaks in per - fect wis - dom,
earth re - sponds and stands in awe.
Do our hearts not burn with - in us
as we see God's pro - mis - es
find their fin - al yes in Je - sus,



*"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. "*

*Christ said to his disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.*



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.



Christ is coming soon. In the meantime, in eager anticipation, we hold onto and make known what God has revealed in his Word.



Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 22:6–13

⁶The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

⁷“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

¹⁰Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

¹²“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Choir

By Faith

Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Arranged by Richard A. Nichols

The Children's Sermon

(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)



Though we cannot know when Jesus will return, we can be certain what will happen when he does. So, we watch and wait with anticipation.

³⁵“Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹But understand 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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Hymn of the Day: The King Shall Come

CWH 495



This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -
 2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark

um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and
 to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -
 night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that

life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle
 spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come
 day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -

child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with
 morn for all who know his grace— the day when
 gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the

glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.
 Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

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In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Apostles' Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.

Sermon

Waiting on the Lord

Habakkuk 1:1–3; 2:1–4

¹The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

²How long, LORD, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, “Violence!”
but you do not save?

³Why do you make me look at injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

¹I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

²Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.

³For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.

Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come
and will not delay.

⁴“See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—

The Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

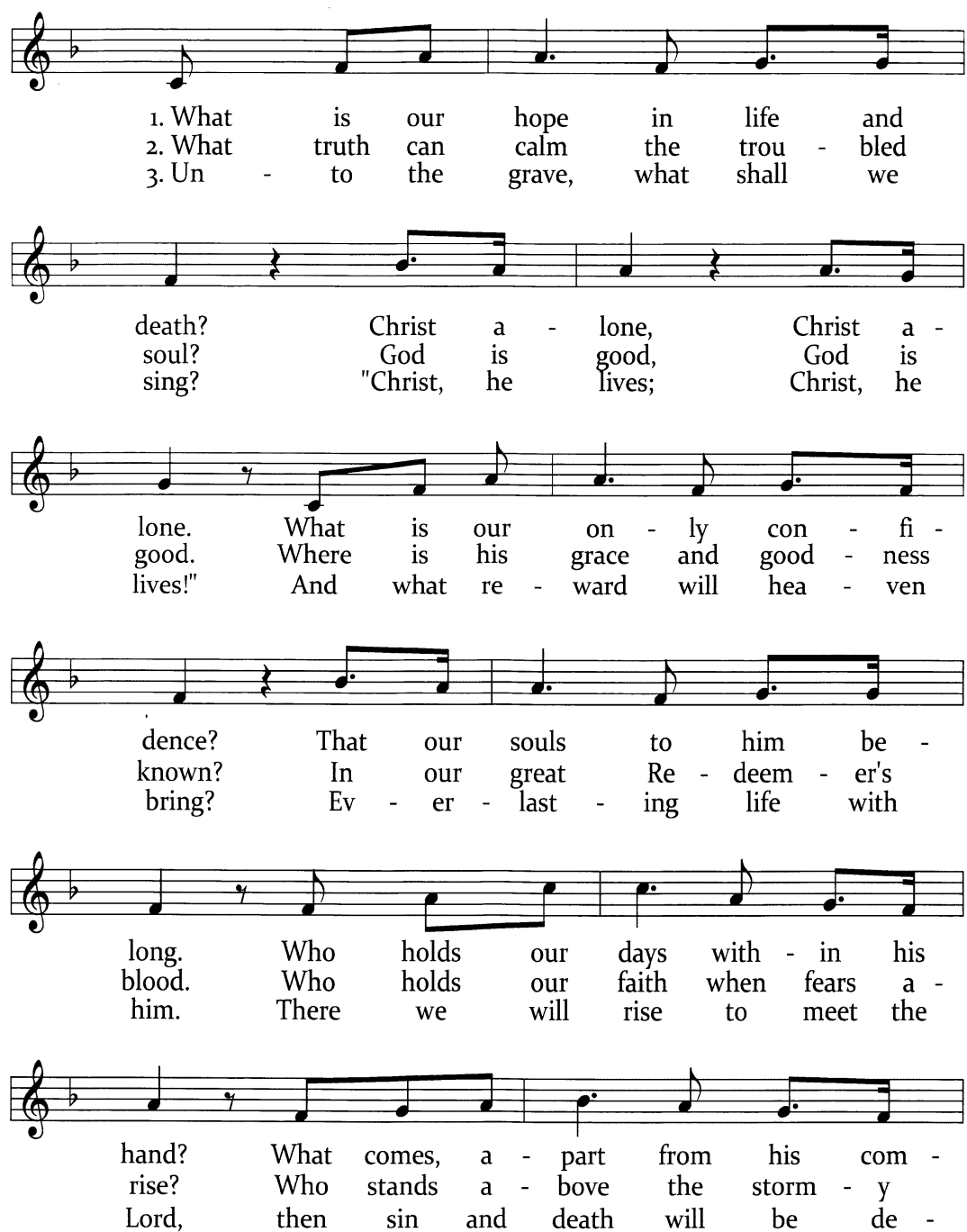
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of the Season: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



1. What is our hope in life and
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we

death?
soul?
sing?

Christ a - lone, Christ a -
God is good, God is
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he

lone.
good.
lives!"

What is our on - ly con - fi -
Where is his grace and good - ness
And what re - ward will hea - ven

dence? That our souls to him be -
known? In our great Re - deem - er's
bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

long,
blood.
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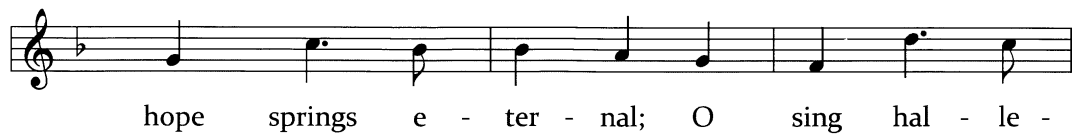
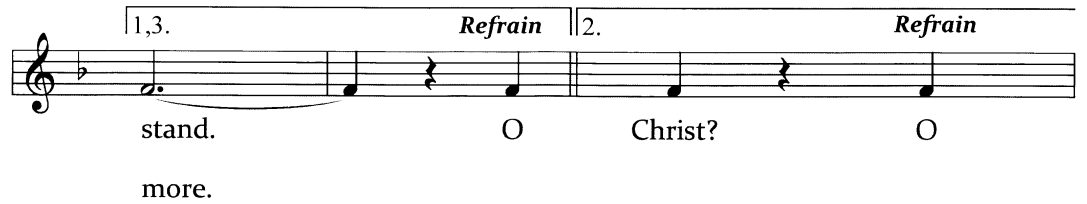
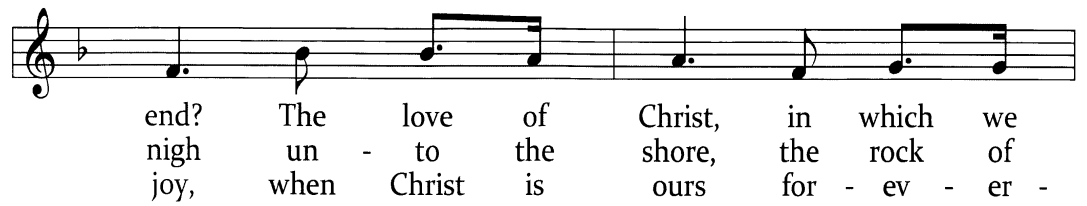
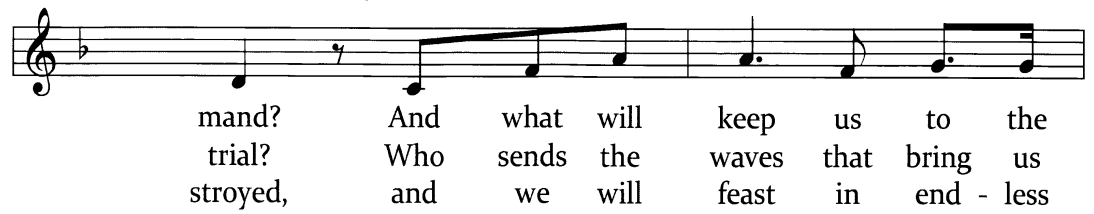
Who holds our days with - in his
Who holds our faith when fears a -
There we will rise to meet the

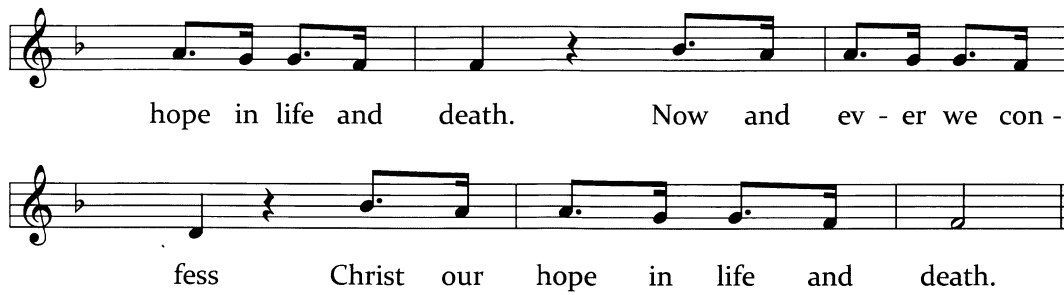
hand?
rise?
Lord,

What comes, a - part from his com -
Who stands a - bove the storm - y
then sin and death will be de -



This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.





Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.



The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

Lord's Prayer

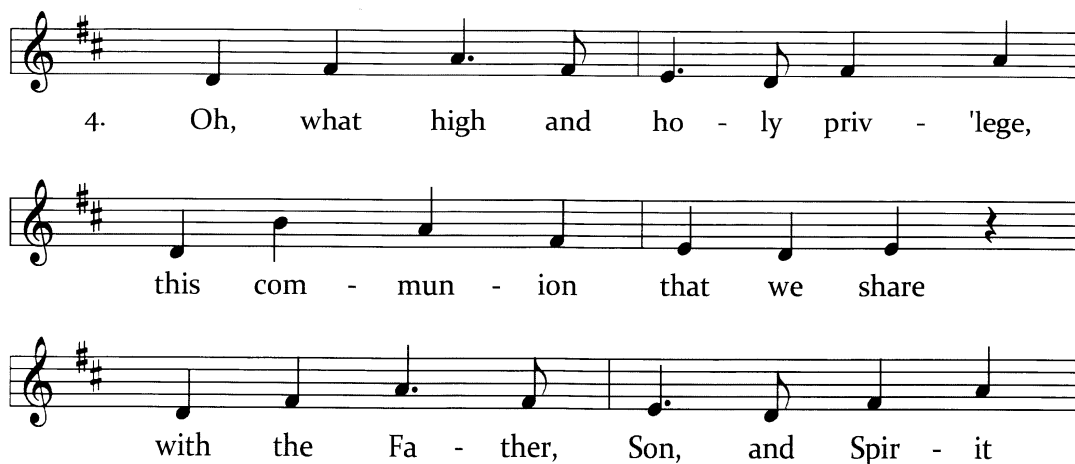
(Spoken in Unison)

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

We speak to God as our Father as Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)

Blessing

(Spoken Responsively; Sung Responses
"Oh, What High and Holy Privilege")



We close the worship service with the words, **"Go in peace."** - we are at peace because we know that Christ has liberated us who believe from sin, the law's bondage, and spiritual slavery, enabling us to live a life of freedom through faith and love. (Galatians 5:1)

and his peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.

As we go, with God's great bless - ing,

in the keep - ing of his grace;

go in peace, to love and ser - vice,

till we join a - gain in praise. 1.

gain in praise, till we join a -

gain in praise. 2.

gain in praise.

M: Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ensemble: The King of Glory (Psalm 24)

Words and Music by Keith Getty,
Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash and Chris Tomlin

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