

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026 | 9:30AM



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church where we live in Christ and share God's love with all people.

CLC celebrates and affirms the sacred worth of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, including the LGBTQIA+ community; people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds; specifically Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; people of all ages and abilities; and people of all social and economic circumstances – as well as any who have experienced marginalization by the Christian Church.

We commit to the work of anti-racism and inclusion in a world that profits from our division. We remember Jesus' unambiguous call to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39). We pray that all may encounter the living, loving God, whose grace meets us in our authentic humanity and who sees each of us as beloved.

We gratefully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi Nation of the Coast Salish language group who have stewarded this land since time immemorial, and we commit to the ongoing care of our shared land and relationships with its indigenous peoples.

Younger friends are welcome in the Pray Ground (accessed outside the sanctuary entrance) for any portion of the service.

Hearing assist units and large print bulletins are available as you enter the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance with these or any part of the worship service.

For all attending, we invite you to sign in on the friendship pad in your pew. We encourage you to participate in worship at your comfort level. The congregation reads the bold print and *stands as they are able.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

Presiding: Pr. Leigh DeVries	Team: Erin Beebe, Mel King, Tony Malpica
Greeters: Susan & George Holmes	Violin: Joanne Donnellan
Ushers: Pat Flaherty & Carol Brumet	Flute: Nancy Tupper
Communion Assistants: Linda Anderson & Betty Behee	Livestream: Steve Andres
Reader: Betty Behee	Soundboard: Kelly Dietsch
Prayers of Intercession: Linda Anderson	Altar Guild: Russ & Dana Creydt
Piano/Organ: Don Clausen	Liturgical Setting: Open the Doors Bonnie Drewes
Music Director: Tony Malpica	Prayground Attendant: Solveig Shermer
Cantor: Linda Anderson	

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

GO MAKE DISCIPLES
SPIRIT OPEN MY HEART

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH DeVRIES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God. Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

We confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, †
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Refrain

Kwa - ke *Ye - su na - si - ma - ma,* *ndi - ye*
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the



mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. *Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -*
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my



ma, *ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Refrain

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.

Leader **Cong.**

For peace, O Lord to You we pray; Lord have mer - cy,
 heal - ing of our hearts and lives;
 just - ice in this bro - ken world;
 hope — when our dreams run dry;

Leader **Cong.** 1-3 4 **Leader**

Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. For cy. - Be

Leader **Cong.**

with us through - out our days. A - men

A - men. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

REFRAIN

To God be all glo-ry to

God be all praise! With all of cre - a - tion our voi-ces we raise! We

last time to CODA 

gath-er to-gether in this time and place, giv-ing all glo - ry to God.

God of mir-a-cles, God so wise. God whose Spir - it guides our lives.
 By Your grace we are set free. We pro - claim this mys - ter - y:

God who walked with us, flesh and bone, and died that we might live! To
Je - sus ris - en from the dead. We wor-ship you and sing!

CODA

We give all glor - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and
preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9-12

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰
He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the
Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your
prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it
away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about
to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and
breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after
the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the
earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer
silence.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 85: 8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³ Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:10-15

¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord 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.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The word of the Lord.

Praise to you O, Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may be seated.

MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

JENISE CLAUSEN

- SEBASTIAN TEMPLE

SUSAN HOLMES

MELANIE HALSELL

CALL FOR OFFERING

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. You may use offering envelopes (found at the end of the hymnal rack) or give using any of these ways:

- Mail checks to the CLC P.O. Box 845 or send a check through your bank's Bill Pay service. Please be sure to add "Attn: Financial Secretary" to the envelope;
- Give through the Church Center App (use QR code to access);
- Or through Church Center online: christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com



TABLE HYMN

How can we be - gin to thank you Lord? What can we say?
Let the gifts we bring be from the heart. Fruits of our lives,

What can we of - fer? Our lives are filled with Your bles-sings, ac-
fruits of our lab - ors. Gi-ving gen' - rous - ly to oth - ers, for

cept these gifts of grat - i - tude. Yours. Bless this ta-ble as we
ev - ry thing we have is

gath-er to receive the gift of Yourself. Bread is bro-ken, wine poured out;

suf fring and love for the world and us all. We know Your good-ness

has no lim - its Lord; deep as the sky, wide as the o - cean.

So - we shall give - a-bund-ant-ly, for ev' ry thing we have is Yours.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader Cong. Leader

The Lord be with you. And al-so with_ you. Lift your hearts to the

6 Cong. Leader

Lord. We lift them to the_ Lord. Let us_give thanks to the

10 Cong.

Lord our_ God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, Maker of heaven and earth.
In the beginning, you spoke calling all things into being,
claiming a covenant people, choosing them to be a blessing.

For your love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and praise,
joining the hymns of our ancestors:

Ho-ly ho-ly. ho-ly Lord. God of pow-er

5 wis-dom and might, hea-ven and earth are filled with Your glo-ry! Ho-san-na in the

9 high - est! Bless-ed is the One who comes in Your name. Ho -

13 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night of his arrest,
took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also he took the cup after supper,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

As we receive this holy meal we remember Christ our passover,
proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

With heart and soul and might we will love and serve you alone, glorifying your holy
name. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the language of our hearts.

1983 Version

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.**

1892 Version

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

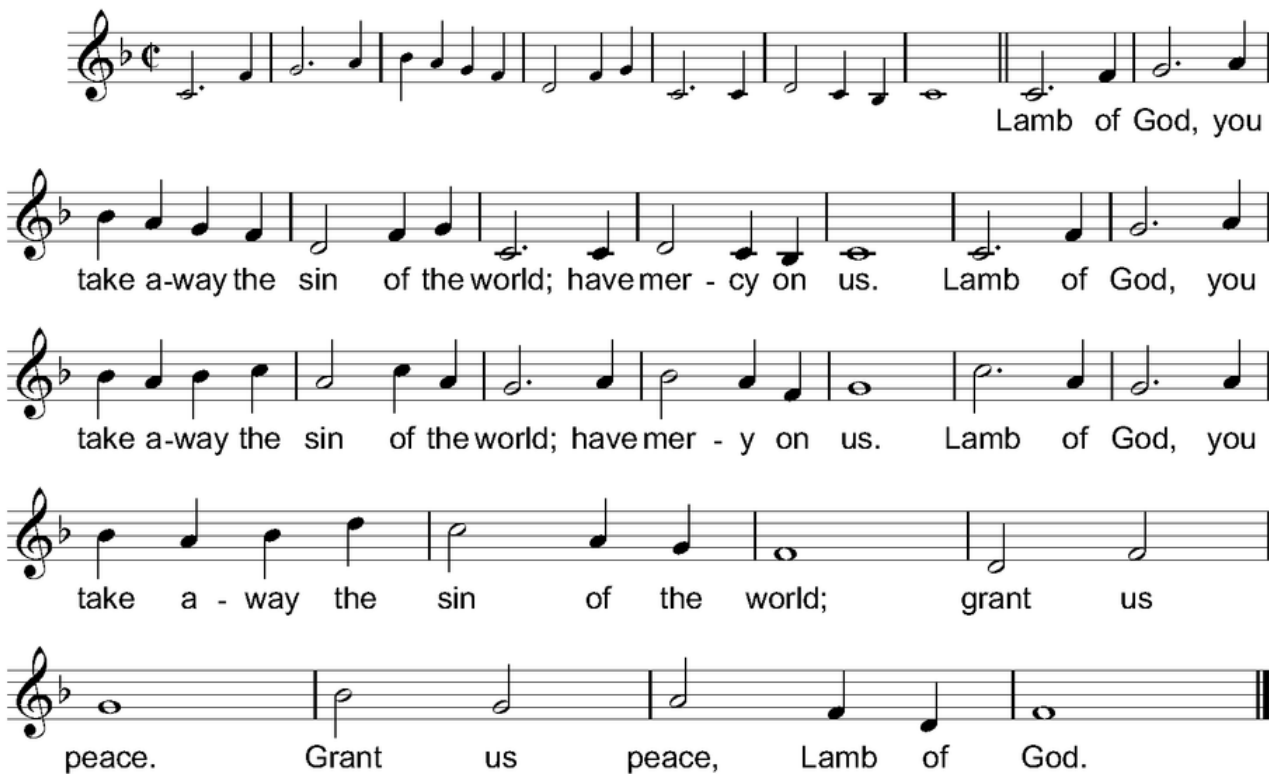
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

You may be seated.

COMMUNION

All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Children of any age, with the consent of a parent or guardian, are welcome to commune, or may come forward to receive a blessing instead. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you have any allergies or sensitivities to gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, soy, nut, or corn, please ask for the wafer alternative, as they are made in a facility that is free of these allergens. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, please notify an usher to have it brought to you. As a part of your communion experience, you are additionally invited to **light a candle, use the prayer wheel, or seek additional prayer with a Stephen Minister** seated in the front pew near the candle station as you need.

COMMUNION HYMN: LAMB OF GOD



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 - y on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us
peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

CLC TEAM AND CONGREGATION

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

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OCEANS BY HILLSONG

Chorus

*So I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine, oh*

Bridge

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy birth/bathday to you, happy anniversary to you,
may the Lord bless and keep you another year through.*

BLESSING

The Author of life, the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth, ☩ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN**OPEN THE DOORS****REFRAIN**

O - pen the doors, go out, — go out! We are the bear - ers of God's good news.

last time to coda



O - pen the doors and sing and shout! Peo - ple of God go forth in joy!

verse 1

God has filled us to o - ver - flow ing. Let us share that a - bun - dant love,



work - ing for peace, work - ing for jus - tice, in the world and in our lives.

to refrain

verse 2

We give thanks for all cre - a - tion. We will care for it as God's peo ple;



We will be faith - ful ser - vants, giv - ing glo - ry to God. A - men!

to refrain

coda

Peo - ple of God — go forth in Joy!

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8/12: Walk & Talk - Julianna Park trails, Cordata Area - Bellingham

Explore trails in a Bellingham park that is a new destination for Walk and Talk. Julianna Park is northwest of Cordata Park where the group has previously walked. Trails circle within the park and there are also branches that connect to sidewalks in the neighborhood. The terrain is mostly level on a gravel path through a mix of woods and meadow. It will be easy to vary the length of the walk using maps that will be provided. There are benches and picnic tables, no restrooms. Dogs are welcome on leash.

Carpool will leave CLC at 9:00 am. Alternatively, walkers may drive on their own and meet in the parking lot about 9:20. The address is 800 W. Horton Road, Bellingham. We will return to Ferndale by 10:30.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by the Stewardship Team at Christ Lutheran Church. This is its fourth season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Call or text Carolyn Jonson, 360-746-5653, for more information.

Miracle Food Network – Family Meals Project

Miracle Food Network's Family Meals Project is returning again to CLC on Thursday, August 13th. We are looking for approximately 10 volunteers to help welcome and support participating families. Volunteers will assist with greeting guests, helping guide the cooking class, and creating a warm and welcoming environment for everyone involved. If you are interested in serving, please complete the [MFN & CLC Volunteer Registration Form](#) found on the "Forms and Information" section of CLC website. Thank you for helping us make this outreach a meaningful experience for local families!

Chosen Viewing Class

Starting Thursday, Aug. 13 at 7 pm we will meet for the next 3 weeks in the Fireside room to view and discuss episodes of "The Chosen". Each episode runs for about 1 hour followed by discussion for 30 minutes. The first episode will be "The Wedding Gift" which is the story to the wedding in Cana. Please join us as we explore the biblical stories through the eyes of those who lived them.

August 1x1x1 Project – Tuna and Toothbrushes/toothpaste!

Join in on an initiative to support our Ferndale Food & Other Banks! This is called a 1x1x1 Project and it goes like this... each month will highlight items we are looking to supply to the Ferndale Food & Other Banks. You pitch in by supplying the suggested items...! The month of July we are focusing on:

- 1 x your support as 1 person/1 family by bringing in:
- 1 x 1 item for the Food bank (**August: Tuna**) and,

1 x 1 item for the Other Bank (**August: Toothbrushes/Toothpaste!**)

The Social Concerns Committee & CLC are dedicated to helping our neighbors get the essentials they need to face the day with dignity and we hope you will join us in supporting those in our community! Please drop your contributions in the designated bins in the Narthex. Contact Carol Gahm or Shay Andersen with any questions.

COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 8/9 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, 8/10 9:00am Quilting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, 8/12 9:00am Walk & Talk: Julianna Park Trails (CLC Parking Lot)

Thursday, 8/13 11:30am MFN Family Meals (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00pm "Chosen" Viewing Class (Fireside Room)

Sunday, 8/16 8:30am Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:30am Worship with Pr. Leigh DeVries (Sanctuary)
 10:45am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

For more church information, visit our website at clcferndale.org!

You can access council minutes directly using this QR code:



COLORING PAGE

An assortment of pens, markers, and crayons can be found at the entrance of the sanctuary near the worship buddies and bags.



- Sara, Sean, Lucia, Gary, Jay, Col. Melissa Dooley, Rich Mason, family of Mark Pair, family of Heather Liske, Marina, Marisa, Louvenia, Ashley



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