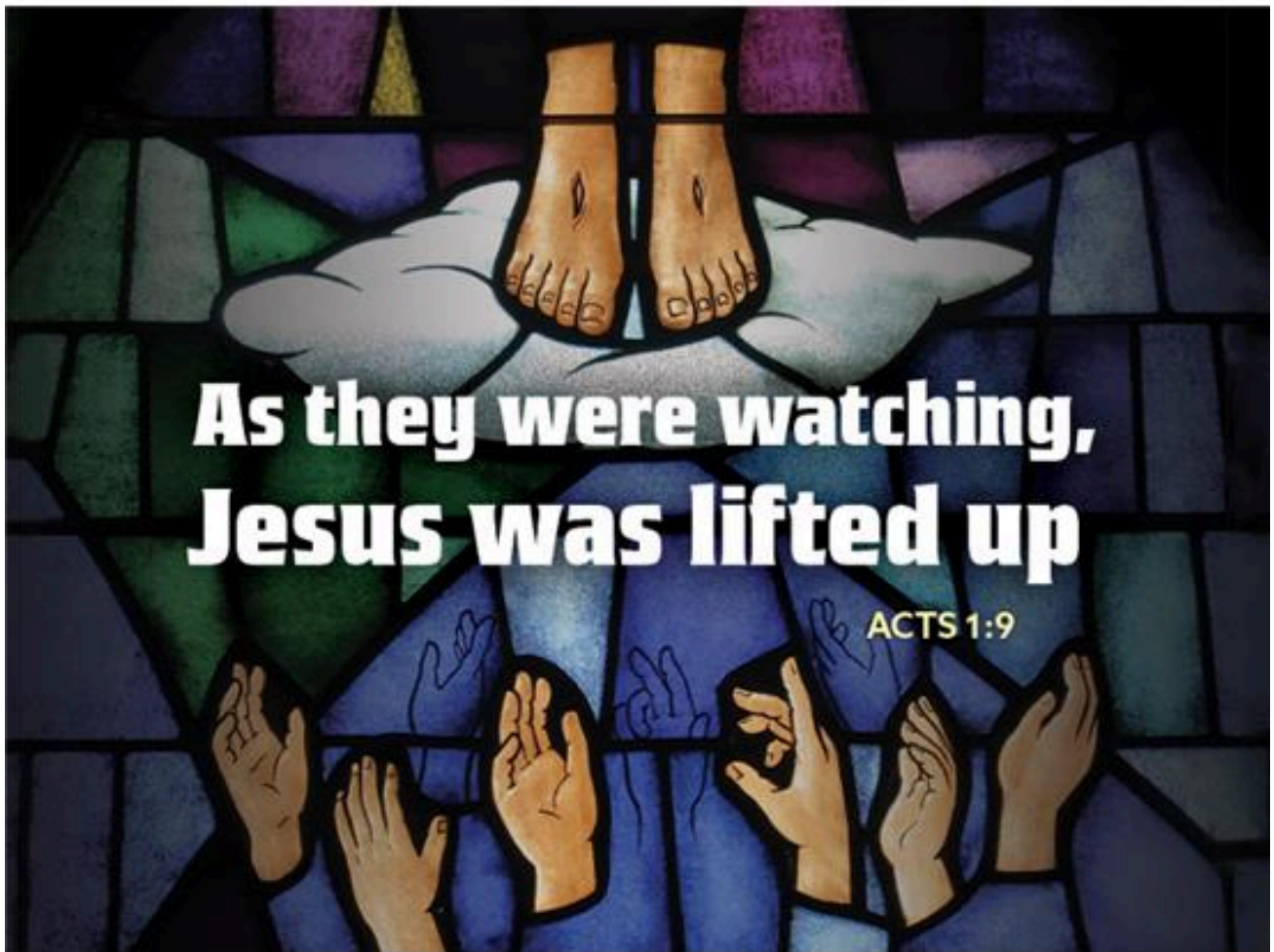


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
May 17, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Ascension Sunday



Christ is Risen! Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Our worship this month turns to **Setting Three** of the ELW Hymnal, beginning on pg 138, but all you need is printed in this bulletin with Congregation responses in bold.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on Ascension Sunday: In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We, too, long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Serving Today: Greeter: Kathy W **Reader:** Kristine S **Asst Minister:** Judi H **Cantor:** Wes G
Usher: Eileen W **Altar Guild:** O'Reillys **Tech Support:** Alex K **Musicians:** Juliana, Heinz, Olivia
Counters: Sigrun & Davyann **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly **Coffee Hour:** Sandmeier

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

arr. Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

please rise in body and/or Spirit and face the font

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
 You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:
 morning dew, gentle rain,
 roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us: Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake, the Truckee, Carson, and Walker Rivers. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing!

ELW #393

- 1 **A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with his faithful foll'wers see their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 **To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior!" thus they say, "this is his glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 **"You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

ELW #394 - Ascension

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;
day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.

Leader: He who was nailed to the cross
is ruler and Lord of all people.
All things created on earth
sing to the glory of God: **Refrain**

Leader: Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven its gates now unbars,
flinging its increase of light: **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have

heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 47

Refrain:



God has gone up with a shout.



God has gone up with a shout.

Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

**For the Lord Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,**

who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**

God has gone up | with a shout,
the Lord with the sound | of the ram's horn.

**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

Refrain



Refrain

For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.

**God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able

Al- le- lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **2x**

Leader: *Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Al- le- lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

A New Presence

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW #579 vs 1-3, 5

1 Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

**Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:**

Refrain

*With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.*

2 Lord, you call us to your service:

"In my name baptize and teach."

**That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: *Refrain***

3 Lord, you make the common holy:

"This my body, this my blood."

**Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty: *Refrain***

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:

"I am with you to the end."

**Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: *Refrain***

RESPONSE OF FAITH

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

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -**OFFERING**

Be thou my Vision

arr. glen Poehlmann



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recurring donation to support our ministry!

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PRESENTATION HYMN**ELW #182**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of Blessing.
 Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
 Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

OFFERING PRAYER**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

also found (with music tones) on ELW pg. 144

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

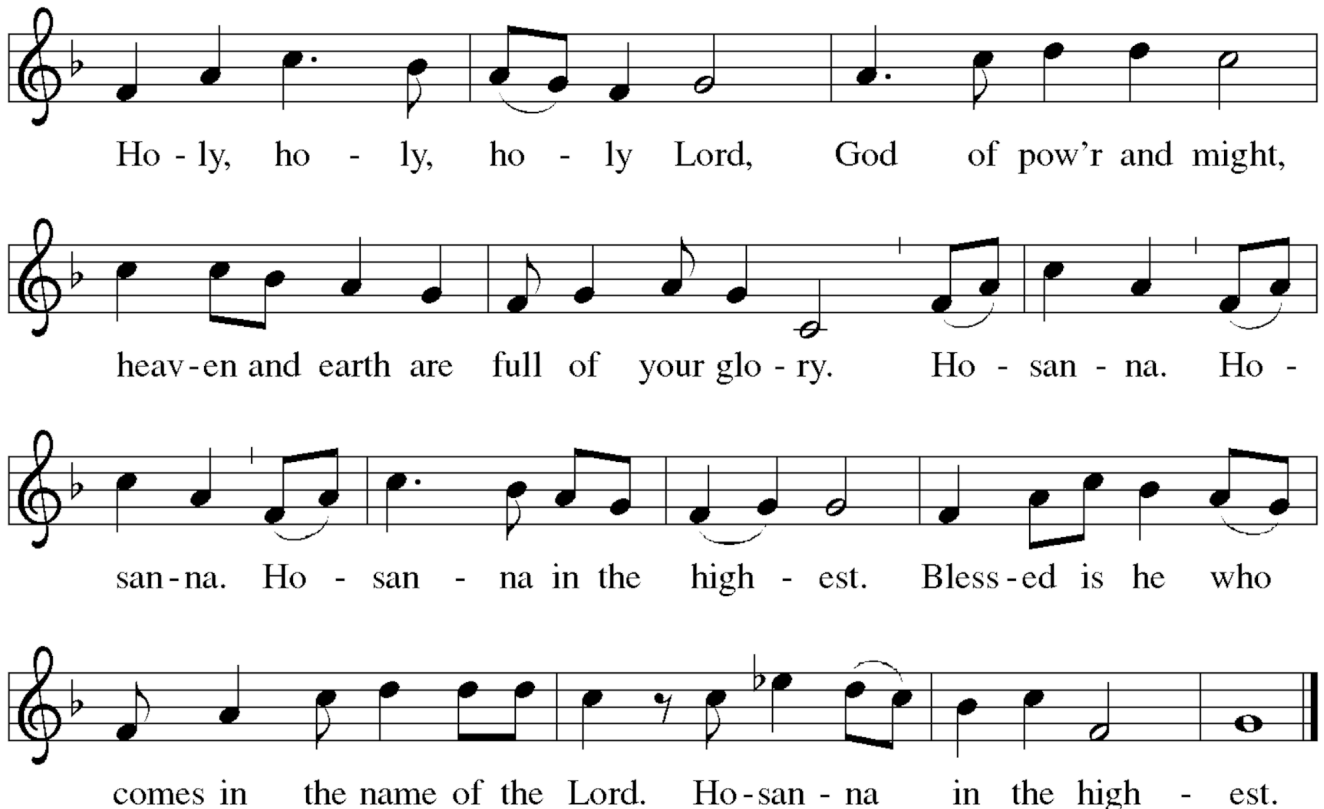
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**THE 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.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

SANCTUS

ELW pg.146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

What Feast of Love

ELW #487

1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
 What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
 This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
 Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,
 what covenant from heaven?
 What hope of everlasting life,
 what wondrous word is given?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 the sun come down from heaven.
 Oh, see and hear and sing!
 The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,
 what crimson drink from heaven?
 What stream of everlasting life,
 what precious blood is given?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 the sweetest wine of heaven.
 Oh, taste and see and sing!
 The Son of God is given!

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

ELW #527

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
 our hearts in true devotion bow.
 Your Spirit send with light divine,
 and let your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise
 in endless hymns through all our days;
 increase our faith and light our minds;
 and set us free from doubt that blinds.

3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
 "O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
 And in the light of that blest place
 we then shall see you face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 be praise throughout eternity!



*Breathe on us Holy Spirit,
Breathe in us breath of God,
to do justice, and love mercy,
and walk humbly with our God,
to do justice, and love mercy, and
walk humbly with our God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

Eternal God, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855 Vs. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love-- behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:

Flowers today are provided by Annette Warner in loving memory of Jim's Birthday!



Activities at Faith

~ Join the Adult Forum following worship! The **Hebrew Scriptures** come to assert that the people are being related to a God who is not just "one of the Gods" (others). How did that understanding come to be, through the scriptures? **How do modern scholars generally view the Hebrew Scriptures — the Old Testament?** Come explore this foundational, helpful trajectory together today!

~The **Congregational Council meets this Monday night, at 6pm. Copies of the Council Minutes** for the last meeting – March – are located in the pocket next to the church office door.

~ Every Tuesday **Bible Readers** meet at 1:30pm here at Faith . We read and go over the lectionary for the following Sunday. *We offer zoom or in person.* This is a good way to dig deeper, share ideas and prepare yourself for Sundays.

~**Faith's Supper Club:** May 21st at 4:30 pm at Casa Grande Mexican Restaurant. Please see the sign-up sheet in Narthex. Hope to see you there! Jean C.

~**Same Day Sign Ups - Begins June 7th** and continues through the summer months. *Your participation is needed to keep our worship service running smoothly.* If you are here & are able to serve, sign up. Thank You, Your Worship Team.

~**Next Lunch Bunch — June 3rd | BBQ Potluck!** Don't miss our last Lunch Bunch *before we break for summer!* Join us here at Faith on **Wednesday, June 3rd at 12pm.** Bring something yummy to share — all are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **\$17,169.17**

Recent giving for the month of **April 2026** was **\$15,833.00**

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