

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2023



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Prelude

Announcements

Entrance Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

LSB 398

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a, b

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down
righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

P The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his
handiwork.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

C which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

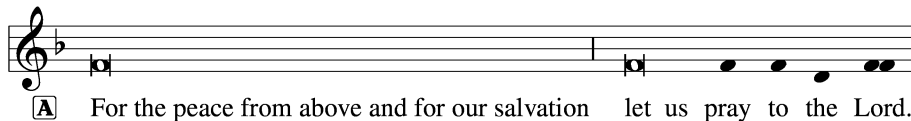
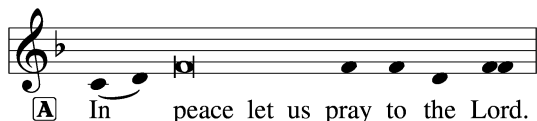
P Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of
them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down
righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

Kyrie

LSB 152





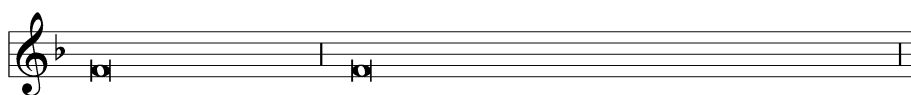
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



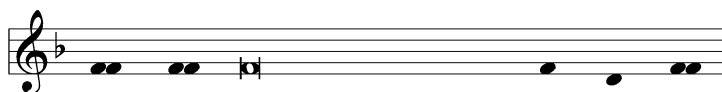
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



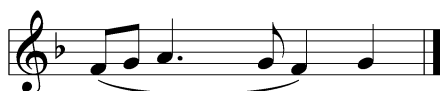
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

C Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Romans 16:25–27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was

Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

**and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

LSB 357

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

℟ Lord, in Your mercy,
℣ hear our prayer.

Offering: Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary.

Offertory

LSB 159

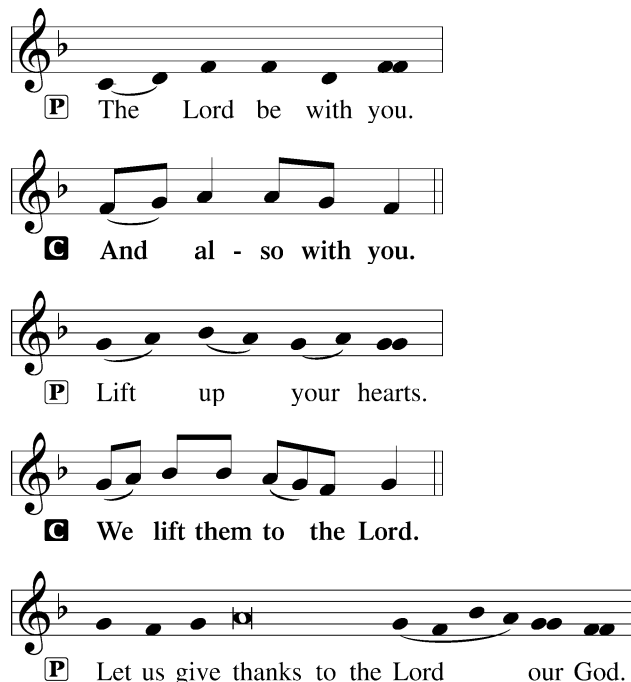


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

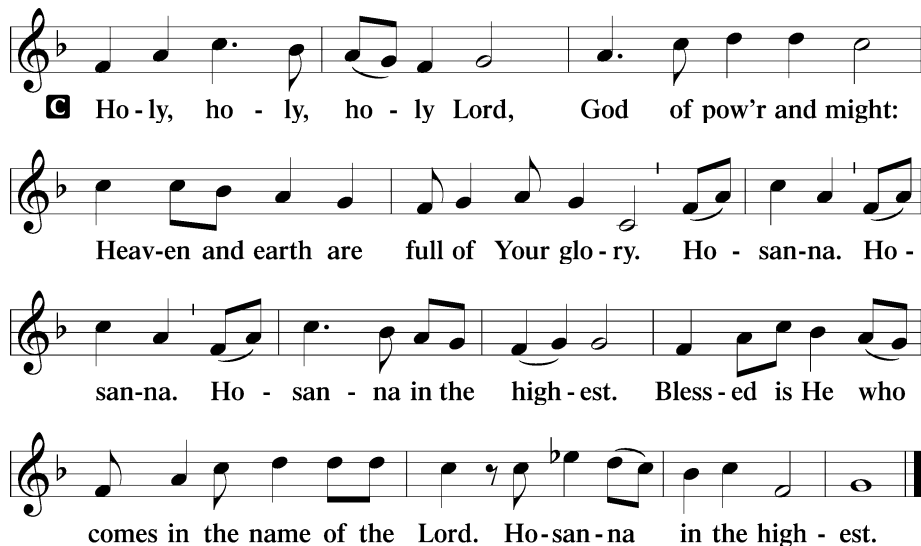


Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

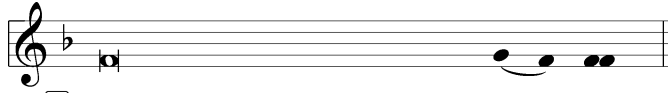
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven...

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

Pax Domini

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C 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.

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

- The ushers will dismiss you to go forward.
- Go to the communion rail on your side.
- If you are able, you may kneel when pastor welcomes you.
- The host will be distributed, followed by the individual cups.
- If you receive the sacrament with an individual cup, please continue to hold the empty cup as pastor comes by with the chalice (common cup).
- The chalice will follow for those wishing to receive the sacrament in this way.
- If you take the common cup, please grasp the base or stem of the chalice and help the pastor tip the cup.

Distribution Hymns

<i>A Great and Mighty Wonder</i>	<i>LSB 383</i>
<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>	<i>LSB 341</i>
<i>Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord</i>	<i>LSB 352</i>

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

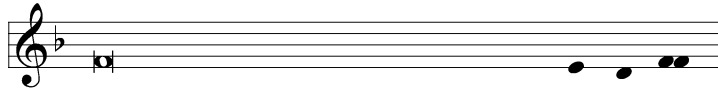
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day

of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Hymn to Depart *Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors* *LSB 339*

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Worship Times: Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have any questions during worship, please feel free to ask an usher at any time.

Small children are part of the Body of Christ. We always welcome them in worship. However, we understand that it may not be easy to remain still or quiet. If a break is needed, “Busy Bags” are hanging up as you enter the Sanctuary.

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Bob Gregurich & Steve Hamann

Tom Baryenbruch & Kyle Olson

Monday: Jim Hamann & Byron Kowitz

Communion Assistants

Sunday: Ken Kohlwey, Michael Gregurich, Corey Van Sickle

Monday: Bob Gregurich

Altar Guild

Joanne Thompson

CD Recording

Deb Kaczkowski

Altar Flowers

Prayers



This Week at Redeemer

Sunday, December 24th

9:00 am Worship

3:00 pm & 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 25th

9:00 am Christmas Worship

Office Closed this week

Tuesday, December 26th

Wednesday, December 27th

Thursday, December 28th

Friday, December 29th

Saturday, December 30th

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

Last Week Advent Attendance: 32 Last Week Advent Offering: \$463

Last Week Attendance: 158 Last Week Offering: \$4,123

Statement on Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here every weekend and on other holy days. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings, and so are encouraged to commune. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with a pastor before communing for the first time. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

Advent/Christmas Schedule

- Christmas Eve Worship: Sunday, December 24th at 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 25th.
- The weekend of December 31st, 2024 there will only be one worship service at 9:00 A.M. with no Monday worship.
- January 7th, 2024 will resume our regular worship schedule.

Update from the Call Committee

The Executive Board has completed their review of the list of Senior Pastor candidates that the District Office sent through, and have sent their recommendations to the Call Committee. The Call Committee will now review that list and plan on meeting in the upcoming weeks to engage those candidates that look to be best suited to meet the needs of the church based on our self-survey.

Below is a list of the Pastor's that we will be considering as well as some links to information about them that you can find on-line. We invite you to click on these links and get to know the Pastor's better, and the committee certainly welcomes any feedback you might wish to share. Please note though that all these candidates might not make the final list to be presented at the next Voter's Meeting. As per the constitution, the committee will present 3-5 candidates at that meeting. Should you have any questions, please contact any member of the call committee.

Please see the links below for information/sermons from our current candidates. Note that two of our candidates are associate pastors and do not preach every week.

1. Andrew Dierks, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

<https://trinityarenaville.org/sermons>

2. Brian Doel, Our Savior Lutheran Church

***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Doel is the Associate Pastor. I have listed some of the Sundays he gave sermons at the archive link below. Please make sure you are watching the correct pastor.

<https://www.oslcminot.com/watch>

**Live Stream

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/oslc>

**Archive - Pastor Doel gave the sermon on 12/3, 11/19, 11/5, 10/22

3. Greg Hovland, St. John's Lutheran Church
<https://www.stjohnsportage.com/live>

4. Michael Nielsen, Salem Ev. Lutheran Church
[Salem Ev Lutheran Church Facebook](#)

5. Craig Neimeier, Zion Lutheran Church
<https://zionworms.org/sermons-2/>

**This link leads you to audio of the sermon only

<https://zionworms.org/visual-messages/>

**This link leads you to a video of the entire service

6. James Robinson, Martin Luther Chapel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvSzID-EpLQ&t=437s>

***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Robinson is the Associate Pastor. In the video linked, he gives the sermon. If you watch any of Martin Luther Chapel's videos, please make sure you are watching the correct pastor.

7. Pastor Alan Kornacki Jr, Bethel Lutheran Church
<https://www.facebook.com/bethelduquoin/>

The sermons are posted on the facebook page, click on the one you want to watch/listen to and it will take you to a separate page with links to the audio & video.

Locking Church Doors following Worship

There have been concerns that the building is properly secured following worship services. Therefore, the ushers are being asked to lock, or ensure the doors are locked, as they leave after finishing up their duties following church services. Please make a note of this, because people may still be in the building for other reasons, and if they wish to exit to the parking lot and return into the church or office, they will need to have someone let them back in.

Bible Study Update

Beginning on Tuesday, January 9, Pastor Brassfield will be holding a Bible Study (for men and women) at Good Shepherd Church. This bible study will be held on Tuesdays at 9:00am and is open to all adult members of Redeemer Church.

Catechism Update

Beginning on Wednesday, January 10, Redeemer Confirmation students will have class on Wednesdays at 5:00pm at Good Shepherd Church.

2024 Altar Flowers & Fellowship Sign-Up

The sign-up sheets for 2024 altar flowers and fellowship are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you to everyone that contributed flowers and/or helped with fellowship in 2023!

2024 Offering Envelopes

Your 2024 Offering Envelopes are now available. We ask that you take your packet as soon as possible so that we can decorate for Christmas. PLEASE DO NOT use your envelopes until January as your # (number) may have changed. All offerings for 2023 should be received in the church office by December 30th.

We Need Ushers!

We need ushers! It is getting tougher and tougher to fill our schedule. It is a pretty straight forward task to serve your fellow church members on a Sunday or Monday. Handing out bulletins, lighting the candles and ushering communion are the key responsibilities. If you are interested, please let Mike Kaczkowski or one of the other board members know. We will set up training for those that sign up, and anyone currently ushering that would like a refresher course. Thank you!

Snow Removal Update

A family has agreed to do the snow sidewalk removal for the church. However, they are out of town/unavailable the following dates :

Dec 22-24

Jan 12-14

Jan 17-22

Feb 16-18

March 28-31

If it would snow and you are willing to help with the snow removal any of the above dates, please contact Kyle Weidmayer at (517)-282-0309 or by email at kweidmayer76@icloud.com. Thanks for your help!



Join us for a night of BINGO!

Play bingo and enjoy juice, popcorn and friends.

When: 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Saturday, January 27th

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church

If you have prize donations of snacks or gently used items drop them off at the welcome center. Thank you! Contact Beth Utecht with any questions, (952) 240-4817, bdegler34@gmail.com.

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, December 25th – Tuesday, January 2nd

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3rd

Regular office hours resume

8:00am-1:00pm

Epiphany Bonfire

Please join us for a bonfire at Redeemer Lutheran on Friday January 5th from 6-7p.m. We are remembering the Magi visiting Jesus by burning old real Christmas trees. S'mores and hot beverages will be provided.



Pastor Brassfield Installation

The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the Installation of our new pastor, Rev. Joel Brassfield. Your presence will make this a memorable experience for Pastor Brassfield and our Congregation.

Sunday, January 7th, 2024 Installation of Rev. Joel Brassfield

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
3234 Mishicot Road
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Divine Service with Holy Communion
3:00pm

Reception to follow at:
The Lighthouse Inn
1515 Memorial Drive
Two Rivers, WI

If you are joining us for dinner,
please RSVP by December 20th
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