

God's Work Our Hands



September 13th, 2026
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

About Us

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been firmly planted in the Phillips Community since 1912. Our Saviour's is a dynamic community, centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent - to celebrate, serve and do justice.

You Are Welcome Here!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church celebrates the beauty of human diversity, knowing God creates every person in God's image. We welcome you in the fullness of who you are: at every age, with every ability and challenge; in every race, ethnicity, and citizenship; in neurodiversity and the many ways our minds work; and in every kind of relationship and family. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm that all people are beloved by God and worthy of dignity, belonging, care, and full participation. Mindful of the harm of exclusion, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of racial equity, justice, and service, growing in our practice of welcome as we journey together toward God's beloved community.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. If you live here, we hope you'll consider joining. If you are here for a short time, we hope you'll feel at home. Please pick up a copy of our newsletter, *The Sentinel*, from the entry table.

Children are welcome to participate fully in worship. We feel strongly that children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community, children lead as ushers, musicians, readers and communion servers. We expect that children will behave as children – giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids and their parents are invited to go in and out of the sanctuary as needed.

Safe Church. For the safety of all children, we ask that children be attended at all times. Please accompany your child to the bathroom and reading corner. Copies of our Safe Church Policy are available from the church office.

Transportation And Parking

Parking - Parking is available in the parking lot behind church. There is street parking as well as in the Hope Academy Parking ramp at 24th St and Park Ave. The arms are up on Sunday mornings until 2pm. There are handicap parking spots available in the front and back of the church.

Bus - The D line runs every 10 minutes on Chicago Ave. For more options, visit metrotransit.org.

Mission Of The Month: English Learning Center

The English Learning Center (ELC) provides free, culturally sensitive English language education to immigrants and refugees, on the lower level of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. As a program of Our Saviour's Community Services, the ELC is open year-round and operates without waitlists. We strive to meet adult learners where they are at by offering several levels of English classes at two different times each day, both online and in-person, taught by trained volunteers. Your giving this month supports the ELC in providing immigrants and refugees with low-barrier English classes and continue helping our students reach their goals in the Twin Cities.

If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's for the Mission of the Month or general offering, use this QR Code:



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

"God's work. Our hands." is the ELCA's annual day of service. It is a blessed opportunity for all ELCA congregations to celebrate who we are as a church and embody God's grace through service, reflection, and action.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

*Opening Hymn *Vamos Todos al Banquete* *ELW 523*

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Good news, Beloveds:

We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Preparing Our Hearts

Listen, Listen

Be open, O my heart.

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21 (Spark Bible p. 60)

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as God is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way Joseph reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation



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



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***Gospel**

Matthew 18:21-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O God.**

²¹ Peter came and said to Jesus, “Jesus, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my God will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your sibling from your heart.”

This is the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

After the children's sermon, young children may remain in worship in the sanctuary or explore the play area in the hospitality center with a caring adult.

Sermon

There is space for sermon notes either on the insert page or on the table by the font.

*Hymn of the Day

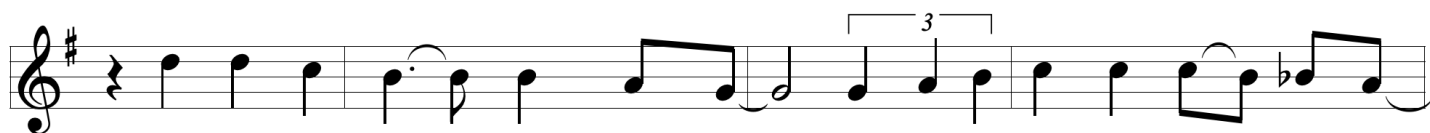
Everything That We Have



Refrain: Ev - 'ry - thing that we have, Ev - 'ry - thing that we are,
1. Work-ing hard to sur-vive is no guar - an - tee.
2. May we show gra - ti - tude in the way that we live.



Ev - 'ry mo - ment is a bless - ing from a - bove.
For the deck is al - ways stacked a - gainst the poor.
Not with pom - pous prayers and not with fan - cy feasts.



It's end-less love___ that we breathe. It's end-less love that we___ re-ceive.
If we'd use just___ what we need. Re - ject the creeping can-cer of greed.
I - ma-gine how the world should be. Then take a risk to build this dream.



What has free - ly come we now let free - ly go.
Like a mir - a - cle, the hun - gry could be fed. *(to refrain.)*
That's the of - fer - ing that God is ask - ing for. *(to refrain.)*

*Prayers of the People

Each petition ends: God of Grace, hear our prayer.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Peace

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

Gathering our Gifts

Put Your Hand on the Ground

All present, even those who contribute through automatic payments, are invited to lay hands upon the collection plate symbolizing their contributions. If you are interested in giving online to Our Saviour's use this QR Code.



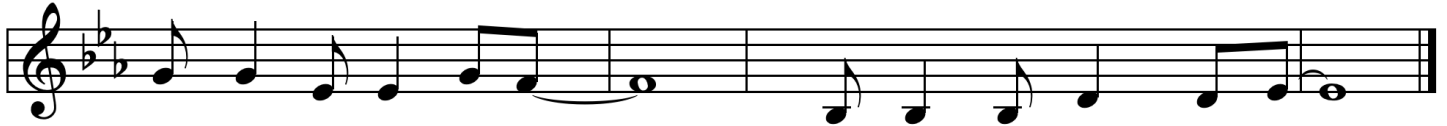
*Offertory

Give Us Our Daily Bread



1. Give us our dai - ly bread.
2. May we be sa - tis - fied.
3. Nev - er be sa - tis - fied.
4. Pass - ing the gift a - long.

Give us our dai - ly bread.
May we be sa - tis - fied.
Nev - er be sa - tis - fied.
Pass - ing the gift a - long.



Give us our dai - ly bread.
May we be sa - tis - fied.
Nev - er be sa - tis - fied.
Pass - ing the gift a - long.

May we be sa - tis - fied.
With on - ly what we need.
If an - y be de - nied.
Each add - ing as we can.

*Offertory Prayer

*The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Living God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

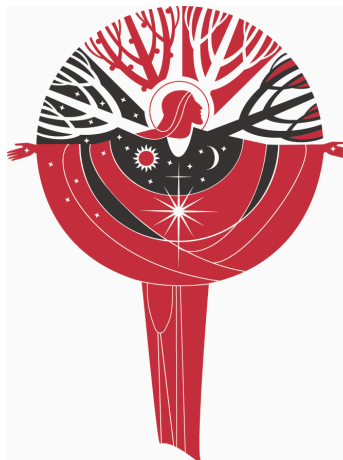
As part of the eucharistic prayer we confess the great mystery of faith to the tune of the Civil Rights Movement anthem, "We Shall Overcome." We learned this from Trinity Lutheran in Manhattan:

Jesus Christ has died, Jesus Christ is risen,

Jesus Christ will come again.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe

Jesus Christ will come again.



***The Prayer of Jesus**

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

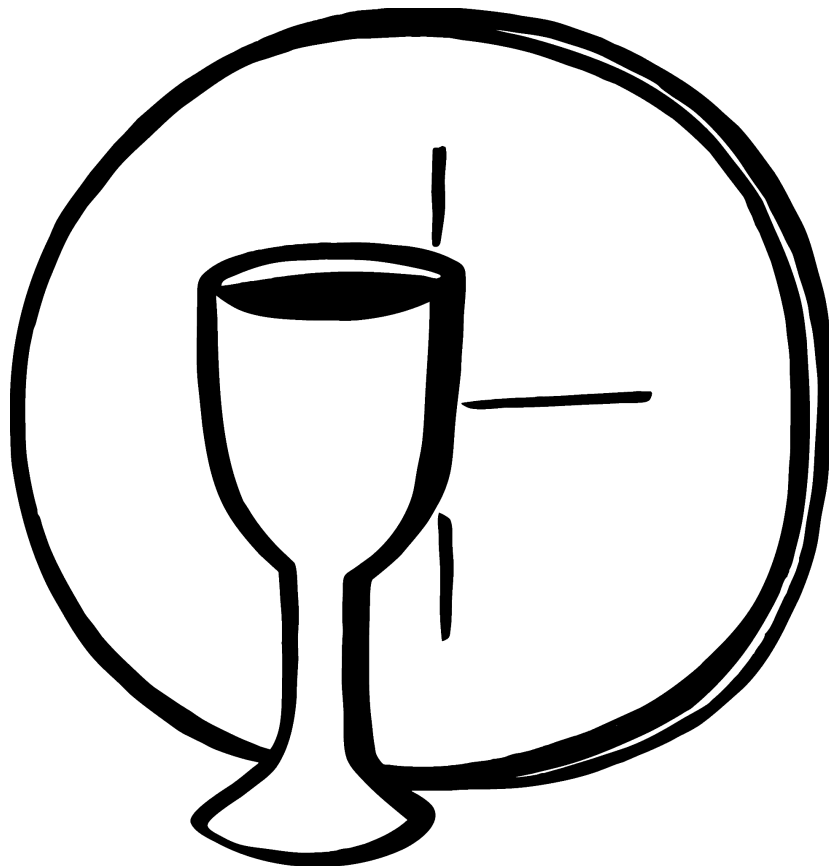
**As part of our commitment to using inclusive and expansive language for God, this season we are modifying the word 'kingdom' which connotes both maleness and a form of government unfamiliar to most of us. Instead, we will use 'kin-dom' which captures the way Jesus radically redefines family and invites everyone into a loving relationship with God and neighbor. Whether saying 'kin-dom' or 'kingdom,' we proclaim the subversive reign of God's love and justice.*

Healing Prayer at the Font

During communion distribution, you are invited to the font for individual prayers.

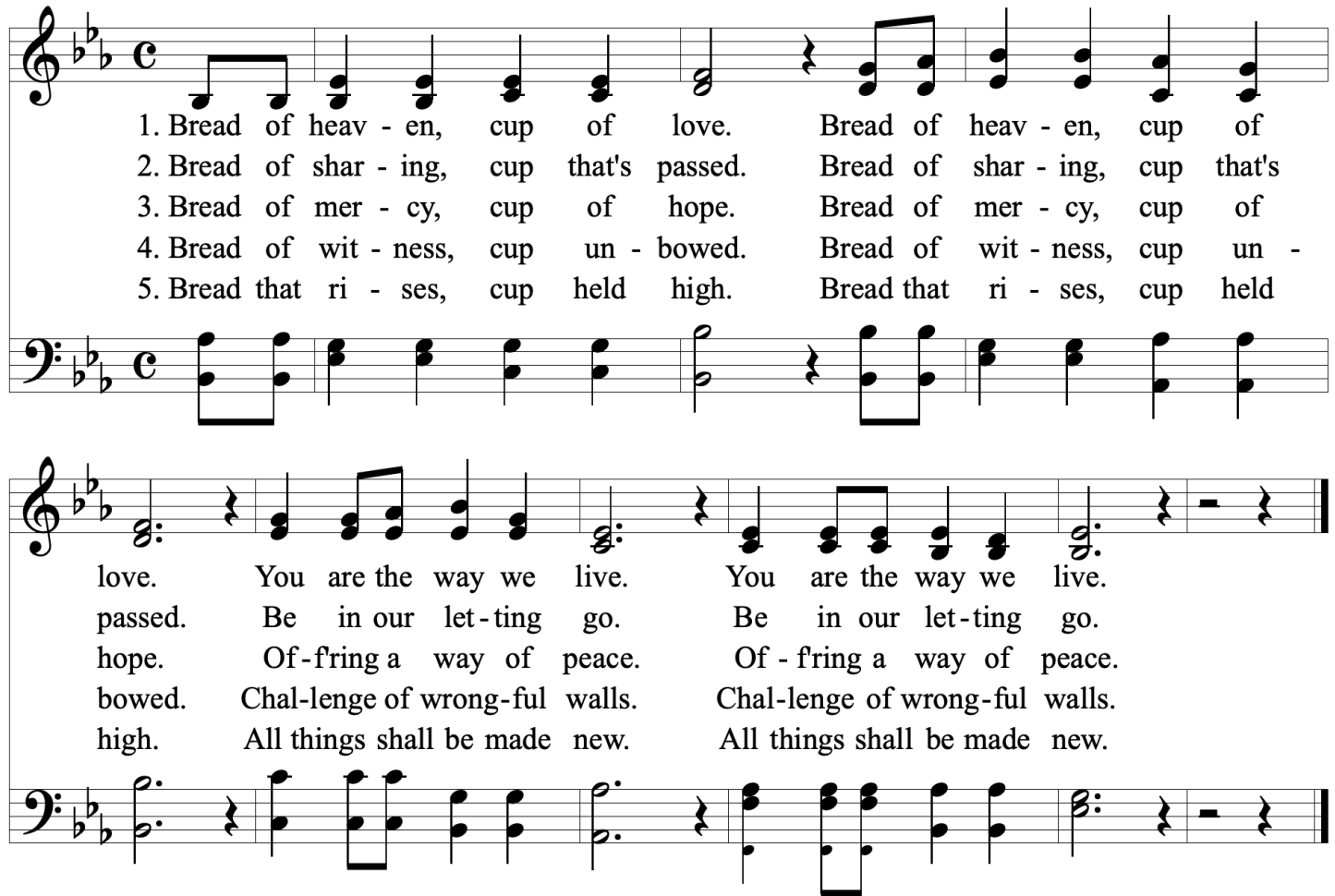
Distribution

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will guide you. After receiving bread or a gluten-free wafer, hold out your glass for grape juice. Following communion, deposit your compostable cup with a server. Those who do not commune may indicate a preference for a blessing by crossing their arms.



Songs During Communion

Bread of Heaven



1. Bread of heav - en, cup of love. Bread of heav - en, cup of
2. Bread of shar - ing, cup that's passed. Bread of shar - ing, cup that's
3. Bread of mer - cy, cup of hope. Bread of mer - cy, cup of
4. Bread of wit - ness, cup un - bowed. Bread of wit - ness, cup un -
5. Bread that ri - ses, cup held high. Bread that ri - ses, cup held

love. You are the way we live. You are the way we live.
passed. Be in our let - ting go. Be in our let - ting go.
hope. Of - fring a way of peace. Of - fring a way of peace.
bowed. Chal - lenge of wrong - ful walls. Chal - lenge of wrong - ful walls.
high. All things shall be made new. All things shall be made new.

Other verses:

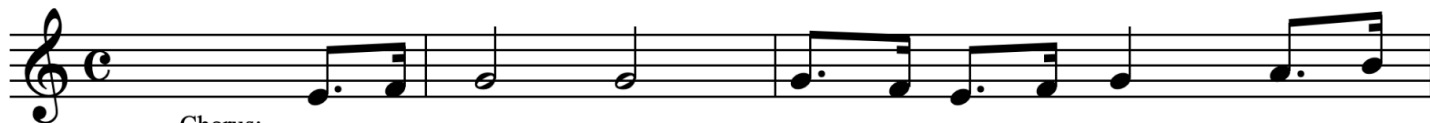
6. Bread of kindness, cup of grace.
Bread of kindness, cup of grace.
Hosting a meal for all.
Hosting a meal for all.

7. Bread of ref-uge, cup of rest.
Bread of ref-uge, cup of rest.
Balm for a wound-ed world.
Balm for a wound-ed world.

8. Bread of beau-ty, cup that shines.
Bread of beau-ty, cup that shines.
Fill us with sim-ple joys.
Fill us with sim-ple joys.

9. Bread of courage, cup of fire.
Bread of courage, cup of fire.
Forge us for justice now.
Forge us for justice now.

Stewards Hymn



Chorus:

May we all be stew - ards of the earth, May we



tend our place a - mong the whole. Till plain old dit - ches en -



joy the same re - gard as high maj - es - tic peaks. _____



1. The sky, the at - mo - sphere a - bove us _____ The
2. The great things that we hold in com - mon _____ too
3. The seeds with par - a - chutes are rea - dy _____ Jamb -
4. O Wel - come of a thou - sand spar - rows _____ O



deep, the a - qui - fers be - low The ver - y pil - lars of ex -
of - ten now are bought and sold. And no, there is no app that
packed in - to the ti - ny dark. They fly on sum - mer bree - zes
Host of man - y - fla - vored quarks: You've fly - ered ev - ery door, and



is - tence stand in per - il. _____
can re - verse ex - tinc - tion. _____
when the pod cracks o - pen. _____
now Your par - ty's wait - ing! _____

[to refrain]

Be In Our Eyes



1. Be in our eyes that we may see your fa - ces on the
2. Be in our legs to per - ser - vere the por - tag - es to
3. Be in our lungs to shout our joy full - throated ev - 'ry
4. Be in our ears to hear your mer - ry humming as you



street. To see you wan - d'ring in the al - ley - way.
 peace. To leave the tread - mill of the sta - tus quo.
 day. To shun the slouch-ing dav - en - port of gloom.
 cook. And then to hear the din - ner bell of now.



Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our eyes.
 Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our legs.
 Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our lungs.
 Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our ears*.



Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our eyes.
 Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our legs.
 Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our lungs.
 Send us fresh in - to the world. Be in our ears.

5. Be in our minds, to wrestle with
 The issues of our time
 In quest of insight for the common good.
 Send us fresh into the world.
 Be in our minds. Send...

6. Be in our hands to stack the deck
 (&) Deal aces to the poor.
 To freely give as we so freely gain.
 Send us fresh into the world.
 Be in our hands. Send ...

*Blessing

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) Volunteers

***Benediction**

This is a benediction song that we learned at Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer.

As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May Christ go before you to show you the way
May Christ go behind you to encourage you
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over
Within you to give you peace.

Go in peace to love and serve.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All are invited to the Hospitality Center for announcements and community time.

Are you interested in becoming a member or just learning more about OSLC?

Please reach out to one of the pastors:

martha@oursavioursmpls.org - esther@oursavioursmpls.org

Our next New Member Sunday is Sunday, October 25!

Today's Worship

Ministers:	You!
Presiding:	Esther Sianipar
Preaching:	Martha Schwehn Bardwell
Reader:	Nancy Nygaard Johnson
Prayers:	Sam Bardwell
Offertory:	OSLC Adult Choir
Musicians:	Bret Hesla & Catherine Preus
Sound:	Mike Libby
Livestream:	Jakob Johnson
Window Blinds:	Remi Hanson

This week at OSLC:

Wednesday, September 16

8:30AM: DABS

10:15AM: Bible Study (CR/Zoom)

5:30PM: Community Meal (HC)

6:15PM: Gospel of Mark Lab

7:15PM: Choir (Sanctuary)

Friday - Sunday September 18-20

Kingian Nonviolence Training Level 1

Friday: 5PM-9PM

Saturday: 9AM-5PM

Sunday: 12:30-6PM

Sunday September 20

9:30AM: Guest preacher Pastor Babette Chatman, University Pastor and Director of Campus Ministry, Augsburg University

11AM-12PM: Adult Forum - conversations with Nikesha Tilton (Director of Training, Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth and Reconciliation) and Bruce Bryan (Human Justice Advocate and a U.S. Ambassador for Justice Defenders)

SERMON NOTES

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