



"Peace be with you."
-- Jesus

John 20:19

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, April 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: *La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

+ PREPARATION +

“Easter Peace Makes a Difference”

As We Gather: Easter made a difference in the lives of so many people! In the core community of believers, it wasn't a matter of something to believe but how to make a difference in the way a person lived. The peace that Jesus gave to those frightened disciples is a peace that we have today... and it comes from the forgiveness of sins. That change, the difference that Easter made, wasn't limited to the apostles; the entire group shared all they had, living testimony of Jesus' presence with them. How will you be different after hearing this great Good News?

Prelude

Welcome

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **(refrain)**
- 4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **(refrain)**

5 City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **(refrain)**

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Invocation

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

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen,
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Scripture

Matt 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- P** Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
C He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b–2

- P** This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
C But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Silence for reflection.

- P** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P** If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty God, grant that our Easter faith not be only a matter of Sunday tradition, but will change how we care for one another and share our joy in active love and service each day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sharing The Peace of the Lord

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

+ THE WORD +

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 John 1:5-2:2 (ESV)

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs' Lesson

Pr Jim Sprengle

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."
²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."
²⁸Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

O Sons and Daughters of the King

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon
"DELIVERING PEACE"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
John 20:19-31

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Tithes and Offerings

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

We Are An Offering

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours,
We are an offering.

All that we have, All that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You,
We give to You.

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours,
We are an offering. We are an offering.

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Prayer Of The Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son is the firstborn from the dead. In Him, we have been reborn into a new and living hope. Nurture us with the pure milk of Your Word, that we may grow to maturity of faith and have everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your peace comes to us through the forgiveness of sins won by Your Son through the cross and empty grave. Bless us and empower us to be living witnesses of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of light, grant us a steadfast faith by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to believe firmly in our Savior Jesus Christ, and strengthen us as we trust in You above all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst, including those who mourn... Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in thanksgiving for the joys and blessings You have given that are celebrated this week...

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our congregation, its programs of outreach and growth, and all who worship here. Lord over all, be with us and enliven us to do Your will in Easter joy.

C **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 13 for the closing scripture.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ
in Holy Communion.**

Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

Mercy Tree

On a hill called Calvary
Stands an endless mercy tree.
Ev'ry broken, weary soul
Find your rest and be made whole.
Stripes of blood that stain its frame,
Shed to wash away our shame.
From the scars pure love released;
Salvation by the mercy tree.

In the sky between two thieves
Hung the blameless Prince of Peace,
Bruised and battered, scarred and scorned,
Sacred head pierced by our thorns.
“It is finished” was His cry.
The perfect Lamb was crucified.
His sacrifice, our victory;
Our Savior chose the mercy tree.

Hope went dark that violent day.
The whole earth quaked at Love’s display.
Three days silent in the ground,
This body born for Heaven’s crown.
On that bright and glorious day
When Heaven opened up the grave:
He’s alive and risen indeed!
Oh, praise Him for the mercy tree!

Chorus

**Death has died, love has won;
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Jesus Christ has overcome;
He has risen from the dead.**

One day soon we’ll see His face;
Ev’ry tear, He’ll wipe away.
No more pain or suffering;
Praise Him for the mercy tree. **(chorus twice)**

On a hill called Calvary
Stands an endless mercy tree.

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Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Chorus

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the Risen Lord;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to His Name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the King of creation. **(chorus)**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen. **(chorus)**

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever. **(chorus)**

God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! **(chorus)**

Come, let us praise the Living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior. **(chorus)**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament. We pray that You would strengthen us by it each day to use all that we are and have to the good of others and the praise of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Closing Scripture

Romans 6:9; John 20:29b

P Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**
Alleluia!

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Announcements

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. **(refrain)**

Refrain Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there." **(refrain)**
- 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won." **(refrain)**
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. **(refrain)**

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Dismissal

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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† WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Wednesdays through June 1 we are having watercolor painting classes that precede the regular craft day. The time is 11:30am to 2:30pm in the Conference room. Instructors are available and there is a minimum donation of \$2.

† WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to come to a Bible Study on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Community room. A new study is beginning on April 9. Please contact the office (503-665-8821) for materials if you would like to come!

† LWML DONATIONS NEEDED

The Mt. Hood Zone gathering on April 13 is donating to NW Pilot Project. If you can't attend the meeting, you may place items in the LWML basket in the NE corner of the Narthex by 04-12-24. New items requested are: deodorant (men's and women's), shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, toilet paper, razor, and paper towels. Thank you!

† THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

The Outreach Board would like to thank everyone for helping to have a successful Easter egg hunt at Vance park. We were blessed with donations and volunteering from the church. We had beautiful weather with more than enough eggs. Thank you for your help and support!

† EASTER BREAKFAST A HUGE SUCCESS

There were approximately 90 people attending easter breakfast! With the proceeds from the tickets and the donations we collected \$596 for the Benevolence Fund. Thanks to all of you who donated food, time and prizes!

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Bob Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, Gina Kreps, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse. *Home Bound.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., APRIL 7, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED NEEDED	Paul Walter Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Johnnie Driessner
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Debbie Walter Wendy Hazen
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	Klara Schmidt
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., APRIL 14, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefler
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Paul Walter Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	NEEDED
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Karon Keup
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier
Sunday School	9:45am	Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., APRIL 7 – SAT., APRIL 13

Sunday, April 7	8:30am	Worship with communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed. and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, April 8	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 9	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 10	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, April 11	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	Friday, April 12	6:30pm
Saturday, April 13	7:00pm	Youth Group
	1:00pm	Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 14 – SAT., APRIL 20

Sunday, April 14	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed. and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with communion
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
Monday, April 15	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 16	6:00pm	3:10 Meeting
Wednesday, April 17	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, April 18	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	Friday, April 19	6:30pm
Saturday, April 20	7:00pm	Youth Group
	1:00pm	Confirmation

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcpportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, APRIL 7– SATURDAY, APRIL 13

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Carolyn Gordon	Apr. 9	Sylvia Guthrie	Apr. 9
Giselle Lavadores	Apr. 9	Heidi Lavadores	Apr. 9
Senai Lavadores	Apr. 9	Laura Potter	Apr. 13

BIRTHDAYS:

Klara Schmidt	Apr. 8	Jeannette Krogh	Apr. 9
Victor R. Alvarado	Apr. 11	Karin Richardson	Apr. 11
Chuck Becker	Apr. 13		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God—the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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