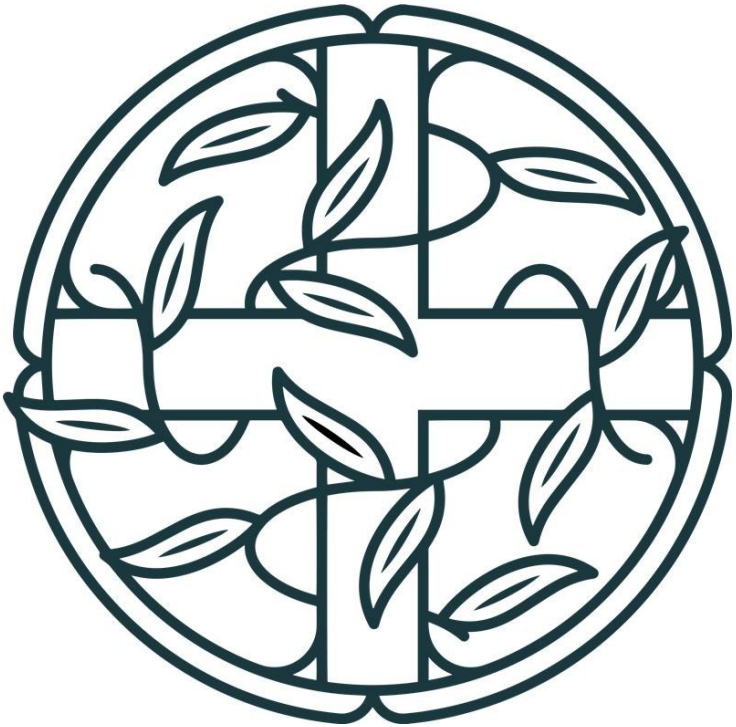


So what if Luke's interest is valid? What if prayer is an indispensable part of having one's whole life continually reoriented around God's plan, and of receiving and acquiring the understanding, character formation, and sanctified performance apart from which no meaningful 'knowledge' of God or his ways is possible?

— Craig Bartholomew and Robby Holt

Prayer the Church's banquet, Angels' age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;

Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;

Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,

Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

— George Herbert, Prayer (I)

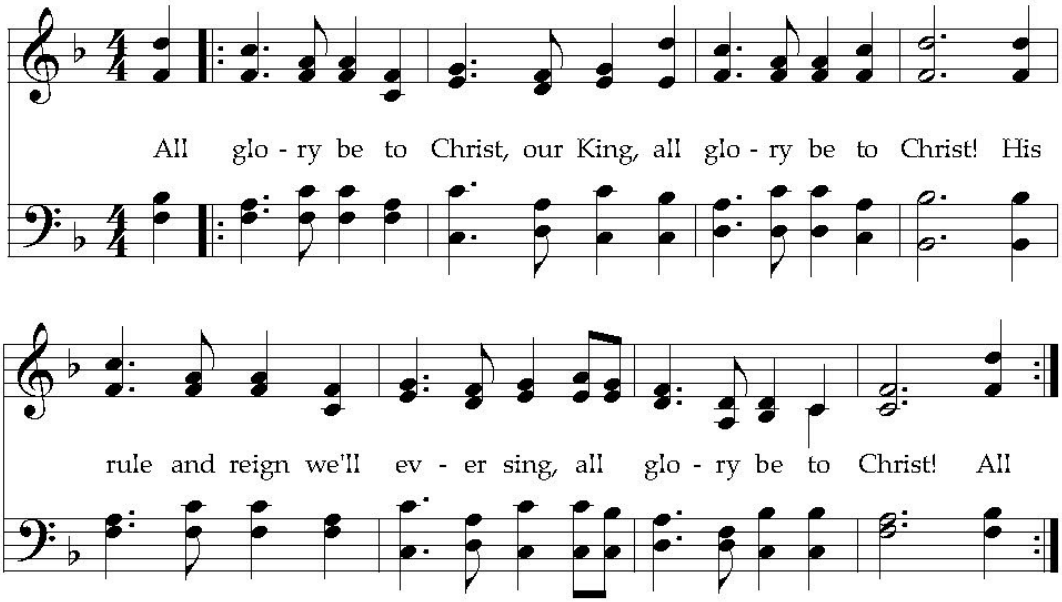
LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 117

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

RESPONSE OF ADORATION



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Congregation, please stand if able

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: This we pray in the name of the One Who taught us to pray, saying:

All: *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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever,
Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Romans 8:12—17

Leader: So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

All: *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

Leader: For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

All: *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

HYMN OF ADORATION

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us Thy name to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on Thy might - y sword;
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To Thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy words suc - cess;
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart
hence ev - er - more. Thy Sov - 'reign maj - es - ty, may we in glo - ry see

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days. [to v. 2]
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend. All
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
and to e - ter - ni - ty, love and a - dore.

Chorus

glo - ry be to the Fa - ther. All glo - ry be to the Son. All

glo - ry be to the Spir - it, the bless - ed three in One.

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READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 4:14—5:10 | Pew Bible p. 1,003

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

> "You are my Son,
> today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

> "You are a priest forever,
> after the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 55:6

Leader: "Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*
We acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature,
quick to do evil and slow to do good.
All our shortcomings and offenses are before You at all times.
You alone know how often we have sinned —
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.
O Lord, have mercy upon us; turn us to Yourself.
Cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins.
Since You set us free from the dominion of sin,
move us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the promised grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, hear us now as we confess our personal sins.

WORDS OF COMFORT

Isaiah 55:7

Leader: let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A No. 185

Q: How are we to pray?

A: We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon Him, with submission to his will.

HYMN OF MERCY

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea: a great High
(2. When Sa - tan) tempts me to des - pair and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I

Priest whose name is Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the

gra - ven on His hands; my name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For God the

while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
Just is sa - tis - fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on

1. bid me thence de - part. 2. When Sa - tan me.
Him and par - don

3. Be - hold Him

there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less Righ - teous - ness; the great un -

change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with Him -

self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His blood. My life is

1. hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God! One with Him -

2. God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

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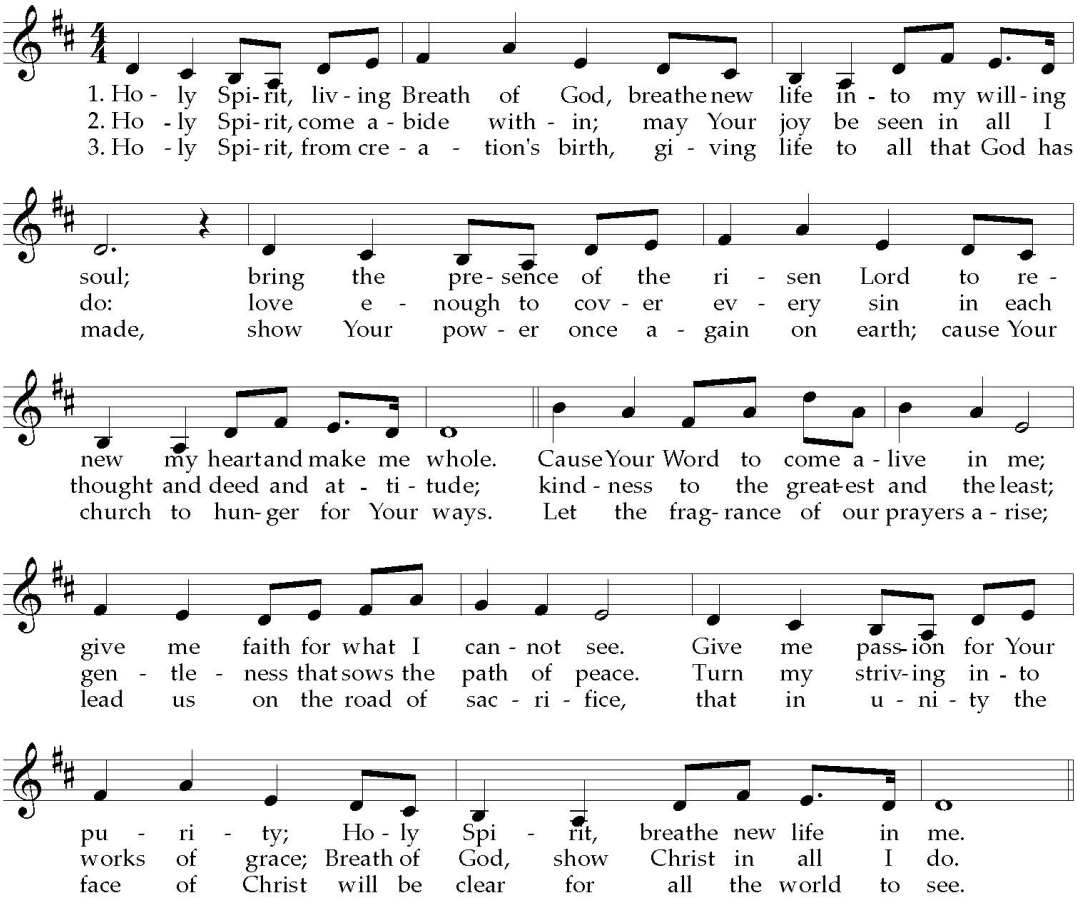
GIVING OF FIRSTFRUITS & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God



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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Leader: Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

The "passing of the peace" plays a significant role in our liturgy. 1 Corinthians 11:18—19 implores us not to let factions and divisions remain in our midst. Thus, the peace calls us to move toward our brothers and sisters as Christ moves toward us in reconciling grace and mutual love.

CORPORATE PRAYER

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Take a moment to fill out and pass the Friendship Register located on your pew. Our goal in this register is to welcome visitors, shepherd the flock here at LPC, and to help us all connect more intentionally with the life of our church.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 11:1—13 | Pew Bible p. 869

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his
disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 And
he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread,
4 and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation."

5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight
and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on
a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within,
'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I
cannot get up and give you anything'? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and
give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will
rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to
you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone
who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will
be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a
fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If
you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much
more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Leader: All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

All: *The grass withers, the flower fades*
but the word of our God will stand forever.

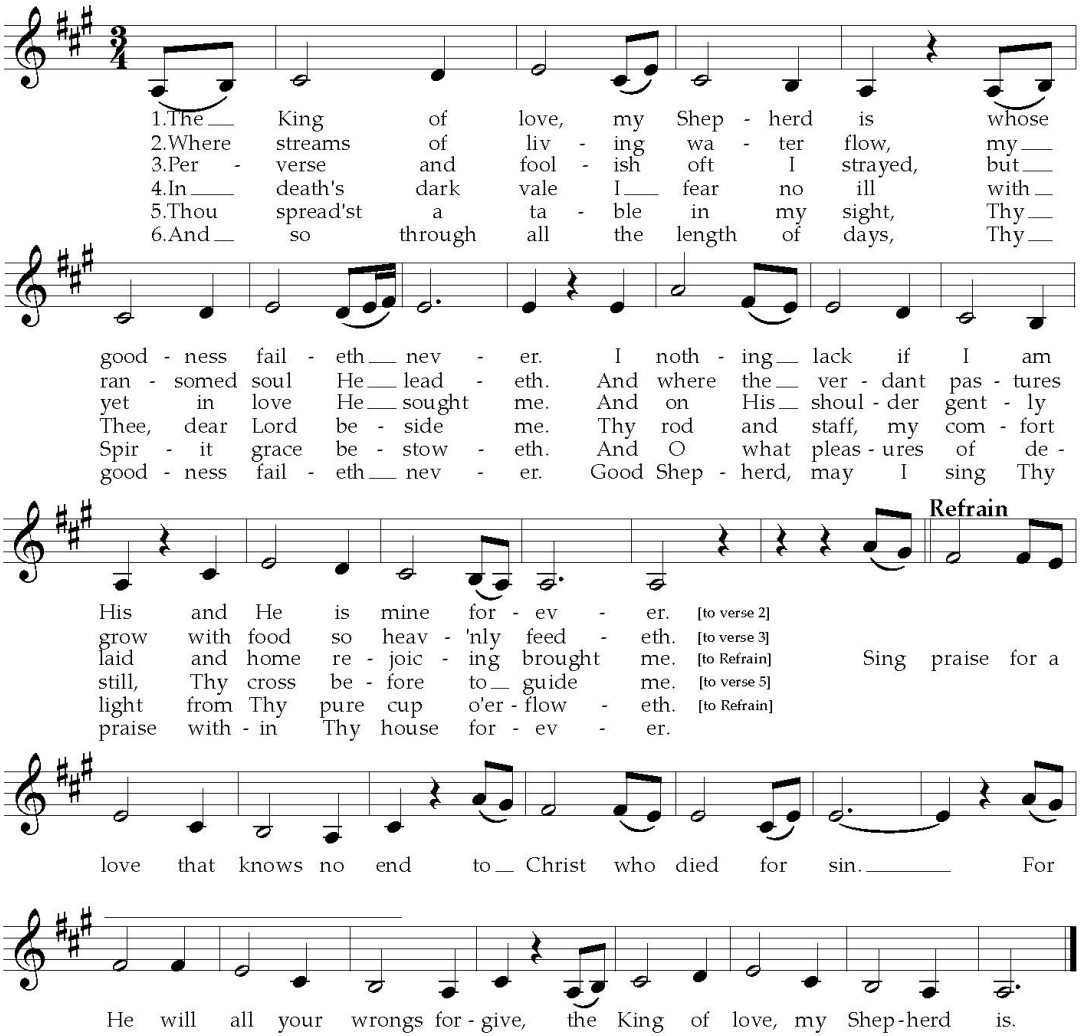
SERMON | DRAWING NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE

Rev. Josh Johnson

NOTES:

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Elders will be available to pray with you in the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of the worship service.

RESOURCES USED FOR STUDY IN LUKE:

Luke, Focus on the Bible Commentary, Dale Ralph Davis

Luke, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, Darrell L. Bock

Luke, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, David E. Garland

Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels, Richard B. Hays

Reading Luke: Interpretation, Reflection, Formation, Scripture and Hermeneutics Series, eds. Bartholomew, Green, and Thiselton

A Theology of Luke-Acts, Darrell L. Bock

From Adam and Israel to the Church, Benjamin Gladd

Luke, New International Commentary on the New Testament, Joel B. Green

Luke, New International Greek Testament Commentary, I. Howard Marshall

STEWARDSHIP

Through the end of April 2026:

Budget FYTD	$956,053
Received FYTD	$1,085,613
Expenditures FYTD	$868,607

FAITH PROMISE GIVING:

LPC fiscal budget year is July 1st to June 30th.

Through the end of April 2026:

General Fund transfer to missions	$100,000
Faith Promise Giving:	$70,811
Missions Disbursements	$154,960

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SUNDAYS AT LEXINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 8:45 - 9:30 am

Gathered Worship 10 am

Nursery provided for age 2
Children's Church provided for ages 3 and 4

Adult Sunday School Communities

Foundations | room 204, *20s to 40s*
Christ in the Home | room 201, *40s to 60s*
Christ in Culture | Tomlin Hall, *50s and above*
Christ in the Word | Parlor, *60s and above*
Ladies Class | room 202, *50s and above*

Children

Nursery, age 1 and under | room 105
Ages 2-3 | room 106
Ages 4-5 | room 103
Grades 1-2 | room 206
Grades 3-4 | room 209
Grade 5 | room 205

Youth

Middle School | room 212
High School | Youth Room

WELCOME TO LPC!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We invite you to experience the meaning of the Gospel through this service, which reflects both ancient and modern elements of Christian worship. When we gather as a worshiping community, we enter into a dialogue with the living God. God calls us into worship, we rejoice in the hope of the Gospel, confess our sins, lament the brokenness of our world, give our offerings, and hear God's Word read and preached. We hope that by worshiping with us, you will experience joy and hope from a community of people who love Jesus.

Connect Card

Thanks for joining us today.
We would love to come alongside you in your walk with Jesus, whether you're new to our community or you've been here a while.

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Women's Ministry website and Facebook group:

https://lexpreschurch.com/womens-ministry/

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Circle One in Love

is celebrating the 250th
birthday of our country
Monday, June 8, 2026
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
in Tomlin Hall
Ruth Adam will
lead our devotional
"God for Us" Romans 8:31-32
Patriotic Hot Dog luncheon
following meeting
Wear your Patriotic colors

We will take a little break in July
and return in August

As Iron Sharpens Iron so One Person Sharpens Another

Men's Breakfast for Building Each Other Up

Saturday, June 27th | 7:30-8:30 am | Tomlin Hall

- Please join us for breakfast and fellowship
- We will hand out the next 13-week devotional that starts July 1st
- Join us as we seek opportunities to strengthen and build each other up in the Lord.

Please register

Summer Sunday School Plans

June: All-Adult Sunday School

Beginning May 31, and running through the end of June, all adult Sunday school classes will join together in the Sanctuary for Let Us Worship God: A 5-week series on Worship and the Church.

We will have no Sunday School on July 5

July: One Room School House

Starting July 12 we will have a 4-week "One Room School House" Sunday School time in Tomlin Hall. This will be for all ages, where we will enjoy an interactive study on the theme "We Need a True King!"

*Nursery & Preschool for ages 5 & under will be available

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