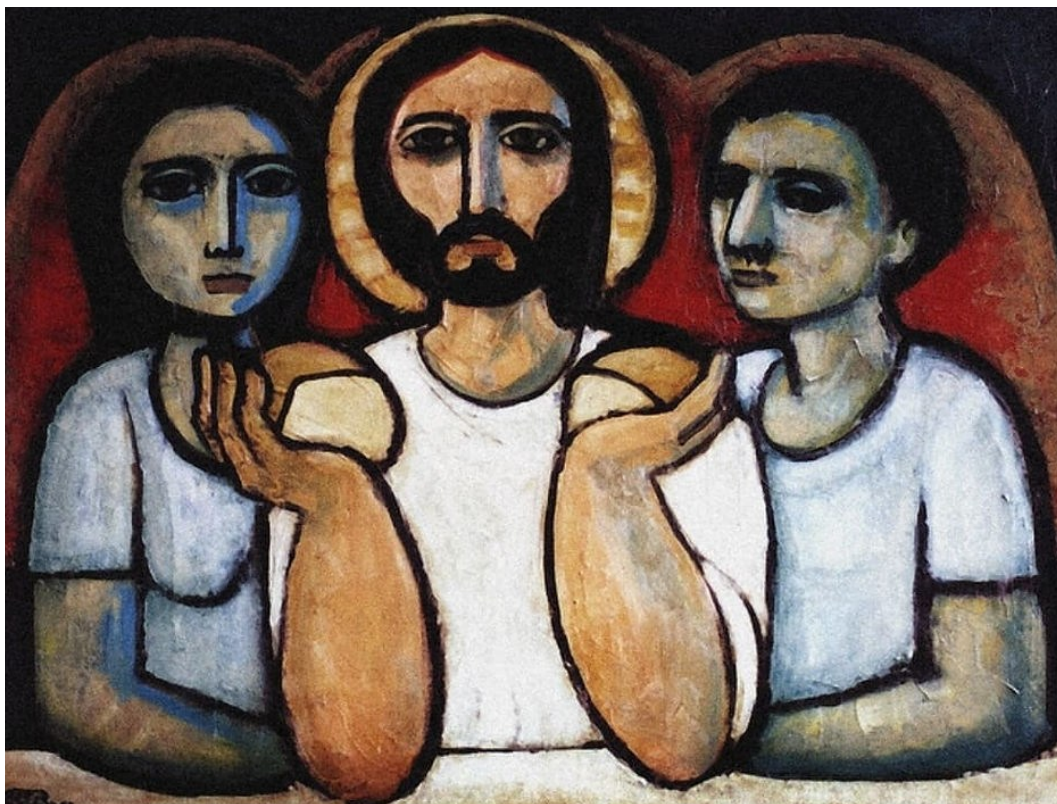


**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2026 | 10 AM**  
**Word & Eucharist | Onsite & Online**



God Loves. We Love.  
Everyone!  
Dios Ama. Amamos.  
Todos!

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## Everyone is welcome. This means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church & Child Development Center (FELC). We are a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You are invited to fully participate in a community of faith and friendship that gathers for worship, relationship building, personal growth, and service in the community and the world. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are.

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we encounter God, express our theology, define our identity, and are formed and transformed as the people of God. As we are gathered together, we receive the Word of God, give thanks, and are sent to be living, active images of divine love.

FELC is committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups. We welcome people in all places on the journey of faith and life. We celebrate differences in age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, family configuration, marital or relationship status, political leaning, religious background, and those who are differently abled physically or mentally. Since 1989, FELC has openly welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions to full participation in the church and society. For more on our welcome and life, visit [www.felcaustin.org](http://www.felcaustin.org).

When we gather in the **Chapel of the Saints**, we gather as the saints of God in prayer, worship, and community. We gather with the saints of the past that we remember in various ways: the names engraved on the Columbarium, the Cloud of Witnesses mobile hanging in the Chapel containing the names of all who have died at FELC since 1936, and the icons displayed on the walls that remind us of people who inspire our faith and action today. The icons in the Chapel, by artist Kelly Latimore, are diverse saints, ancient and contemporary, and eight more are installed in the hallway outside the north transept entrance. The Columbarium consists of separate niches that can hold up to two urns each.

**All Gender Restrooms**, with infant changing tables, are located in the hallway off of the sanctuary near the fellowship hall. **Hearing assistance devices** are available for the sanctuary, with two options: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids; please connect with an usher for a hearing assistance device. **Seat cushions**, for use on our wood pews and chairs are available from an usher in the narthex.

We acknowledge the presence of God's people living on this land long before European conquest. These lands and waters have sustained the Coahuiltecan, Comanche, Jumanos, Lipan Apache, Sana, Tonkawa, and other indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Gathering today to worship on ancestral homelands, we acknowledge and honor our indigenous sisters, siblings, and brothers who continue to care for the land and water and call this land home.

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

The gospel story on the third Sunday of Easter begins with two disciples walking to the town of Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem them! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's Day. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Paschal candle is a central symbol in the church's worship life. The paschal candle, lit at baptisms, confirmations, renewals, funerals, and throughout the Easter season, shines with the light of Christ's resurrection, reminding all that we have new life in God's love.

## Gathering Music

### Call to Worship

from 1 Peter 1:18-23

<sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious life of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed in these ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are truly in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that your souls have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of the imperishable, which is the living and enduring word of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*At sound of the singing bowls, we stand, as able, and turn to face the main entrance of the nave.*



- <sup>1</sup> I love the Lord who has<sup>1</sup> heard my voice,  
and listened to my<sup>1</sup> supplication,
- <sup>2</sup> **for the Lord has given<sup>1</sup> ear to me  
whenev-<sup>1</sup>er I called.**
- <sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave<sup>1</sup> came upon me;  
I came to<sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name<sup>1</sup> of the Lord:  
“O Lord I pray you,<sup>1</sup> save my life.”**
- <sup>12</sup> How shall I re-<sup>1</sup>pay the Lord  
for all the good things God has<sup>1</sup> done for me?
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup<sup>1</sup> of salvation  
and call on the name<sup>1</sup> of the Lord.**
- <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows<sup>1</sup> to the Lord  
in the presence of<sup>1</sup> all God’s people.
- <sup>15</sup> **Precious in your<sup>1</sup> sight, O Lord,  
is the death<sup>1</sup> of your servants.**
- <sup>16</sup> O Lord truly I<sup>1</sup> am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me<sup>1</sup> from my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice<sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name<sup>1</sup> of the Lord.
- <sup>18</sup> **I will fulfill my vows<sup>1</sup> to the Lord  
in the presence of<sup>1</sup> all God’s people,  
in the courts of<sup>1</sup> the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you O Jerusalem.<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## Easter Greeting

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

The love and grace of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

God of all life, Jesus makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open our faith, that we may recognize him in all his redeeming work, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## Welcome to Community

# ✝ WORD ✝

## First Reading

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:  
<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

## A Time of Wisdom & Wonder

*Children and adults are invited to gather at the baptismal font.*

We stand as we welcome Christ in the Good News. We turn to face the cross in procession.

## Gospel Acclamation In Procession

Inspired by Emtini Wababe by Vusi Mahlasela, b. 1965

AlHe-lu-ia, aHe - lu - ia \_\_\_ . AlHe-lu-ia, alHe - lu - ia \_\_\_ . \_\_\_

Al le lu ia, alHe - lu - ia \_\_\_ . AlHe-lu-ia, alHe \_\_\_ lu - ia.

Verse: Our hearts | burn within us\* while you open to | us the scriptures.

Luke 24:32

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Holy Gospel

**Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*We sing the Gospel Acclamation.*

## **Sermon**

*We stand, as able.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

***Day of Arising* | ELW 374**

Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, 1929-2021

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953-2021

## **Apostles' Creed**

Let us affirm the baptismal faith of the whole church.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, ✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*catholic, meaning the universal church, all baptized people*

*Be seated.*

## Prayer & Meditation

*We invite a time of quiet for your prayers to God for the earth; the nations; the poor, ill, oppressed, lonely, unhoused, homebound, imprisoned, bereaved, and joyful; for justice and mercy; for the communities where we live, worship, play, and work; for ourselves, our loved ones and our enemies; & for the sorrows, thanksgivings, and hopes we bring today. A prayer list is found on page 15.*

*The choir will also offer an anthem during prayer time.*

## Anthem

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Music: Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, 1840-1893

Text for meditation: ELW 413; Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

## Sharing the Peace

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

The exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. Gentle signs of reconciliation and love renew and build relationships prior to coming to Christ's table for Eucharist.

## ✝MEAL✝

## Welcome to Communion & Offering

*We reflect on our stewardship of the gifts of God entrusted to us for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. God welcomes generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at [www.felcaustin.org/information/giving](http://www.felcaustin.org/information/giving).*

*We stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and prepared for blessing.*



- 1 Strength-en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly things have tak - en;  
 2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of all de - cep - tion;  
 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er lured to wan - der;

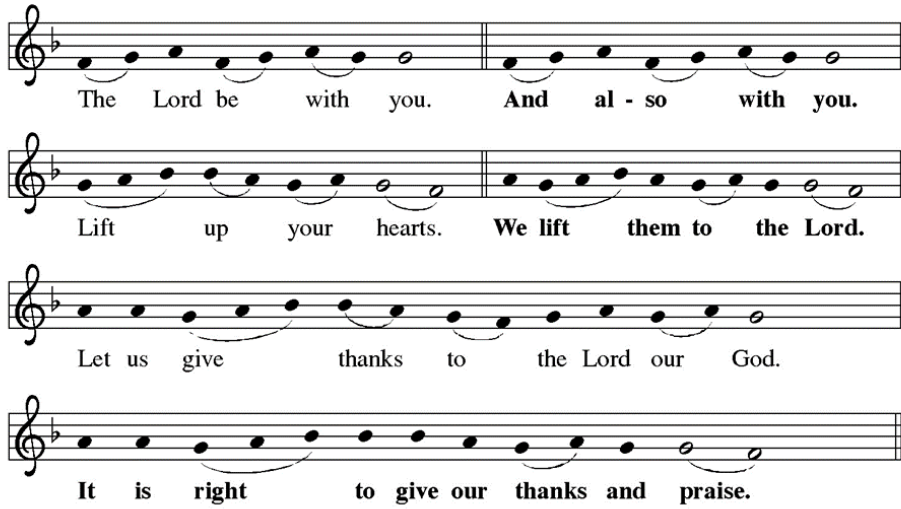


and let the ears that heard your word to false-hood nev - er wak - en.  
 keep bright the eyes that saw your love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
 but lead the faith - ful nour - ished here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

Text: Syriac Liturgy of Malabar; tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, adapt.  
 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

## Offering Prayer

All things come from you, O God, **and we give back to you the gifts that come from you.**  
 Welcome us here, gracious God, as we meet Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 . . . join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for all.

In the night in which he was given to death . . .

Remembering, therefore, Christ's life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this hurting and beautiful world.

Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the new life of Christ.

Through Christ, ✠ with Christ, in Christ all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, with the Holy Spirit, in the church and in the world, both now and forever. **AMEN!**

Gathered together in resurrection love, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## Breaking the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

*Be seated.*

## Song of Response

Text: based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Music: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960



## Invitation to Communion & Blessing

God, in Christ, fully welcomes people of every age to this Meal, which is known by many names: the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Mass, the Sacrament, the Eucharist. We encourage you to participate in ways that are meaningful for you.

For those participating onsite, ushers will direct you by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand for you to eat, then proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured and consumed. Gluten-free wafers/ grape juice are available upon request. If you desire not to receive bread or wine, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. Then, return to your seat by a side aisle. We join in prayer, meditation, and music. If you desire communion or a blessing at your place, let an usher or minister know.

## Communion Music

## Stay with Us

Text: Herbert Brokering, 1926-2009; Music: Walter Pelz, 1926-April 10, 2026

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1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to  
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our  
3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our  
4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful  
5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our  
wea - ry spir - its cry. Feel a - gain our loss, our  
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our  
life you will un - fold. Heal our eyes, to see the  
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

*We remain seated as we offer our thanks.*

## Prayer after Communion

Living God, thank you for making your home with us in this holy meal. Empowered by the Spirit, may we wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

# ✝ SENDING ✝

## Prayer for Service in the World

Stewardship Theme in April: Serve

Draw Christ's church together, O God, **into one great company of servants. Lead us to follow Jesus, our teacher, into every place of life, together serving Christ's mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you send us. Amen.**

## God's Blessing

based on Song of Blessing, by Sara Groves

May God give us eyes to see all that is good, and the strength and courage for anything.  
May God give us ears to hear God's loving voice speaking all around us and deep inside us.  
May the blessing of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, continue with us, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

***That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* | ELW 384**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

## Dismissal to Mission

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

Go in peace to love and serve in newness of life! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

# WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## LEADERS IN LEARNING, LITURGY & HOSPITALITY

Ministers	All the People of God
Altar Care Server	Nancy Neuse
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre
Building Open/Close	Betsy Appleton
Crucifer	Jerry Don Aguirre
Faith Formation	Nikki Northcutt, Stewardship, Finance, Council
Lector	Jerry Don Aguirre
Livestream Minister	J.P. Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Elijah Aguirre; Oliver Rajamani Cantor Bryan Rust
Hospitality Hosts	Merrily Porter, leader
Presiding & Preaching Minister	Pastor Katie Rodie
Ushers	Randy Baden, Terry Porter

## PRAYER CONCERNS & JOYS

*As a community of faith, we pray for:*

places experiencing violence, war, oppression, disaster, conflict & recovery;  
the people of Iran & the United States military engaged in conflict;  
FELC Stewardship Committee;  
those who advocate for healing, safety, justice, inclusion, peace & equity;  
all who mourn, grieve, and lament;  
Carl Brockman & Mary Robbins, as Carl heals from health challenges;  
benevolence ministry partners and their leaders: Micah 6 Food Ministries,  
LuMin, Global Refuge, & Casa Marianella;  
citizens & leaders of, immigrants, & refugees to the United States.

## **ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ | SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 5 PM**

### **FELC PARKING LOT & FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Get ready for some fun and fellowship with BBQ chicken & all the fixings. Bring your favorite beverage. All are Welcome!

## **UT REPERTORY CHORUS IN CONCERT | MONDAY, APRIL 27**

Hear Repertory Chorus on Monday, April 26, 8:00 PM at FELC for their final performance of the academic year. Free admission. FELC partners with UT's Butler School of Music to provide a laboratory, rehearsal, and venue experience for these professional, educational vocal leaders.

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