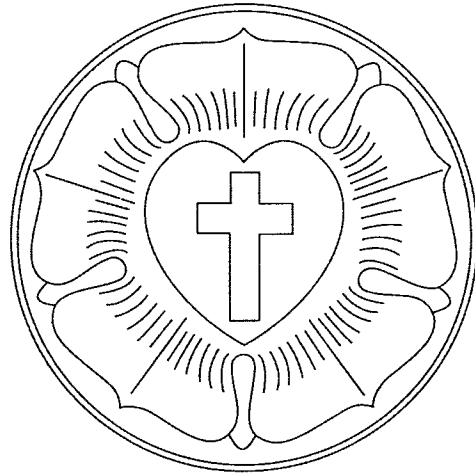


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Our Mission Statement

*"A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to proclaiming God's Love to ALL through Word and Deed."*



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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024  
10:00 AM**

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy  
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy  
\* Those who are able, are asked to stand.  
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)  
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

## GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

**THE FIRST PRELUDE** "A Lenten Meditation" Rasley

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "Bethany" Southbridge

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

### THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear the commandments of God to His people:  
You shall have no other gods.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not murder.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**LBW P. 56**

(Matt. 28:19, Ps. 103:2-3, John 20:22-23, Eph. 2:4-5)

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(John 20:22-23)

\* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"  
(Psalm 149:1-4)

**LBW # 107**  
(Green book)

\* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**  
(2 Cor. 13:13)

**LBW P. 57**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

\* **THE KYRIE** (Matt. 17:15 and Matt. 20:30)

**LBW P. 57**

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [B] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

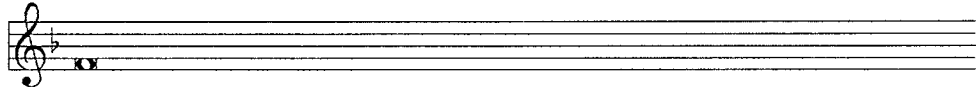
[B] Lord, have mer - cy.

[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.



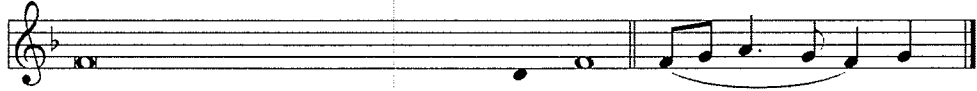
☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



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

**\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

**THE WORD**

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of

Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12** *spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup> 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”;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

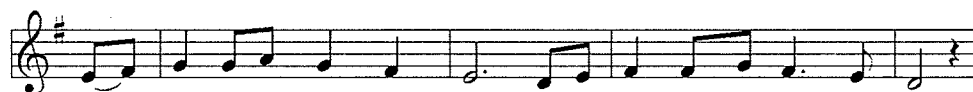
“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Return to the Lord” **WOV P. 17**



☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\* GOSPEL**

**P THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

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

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup> "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. (ESV)

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**THE SERMON**

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

**\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Christ the Same"

**WOV # 778**  
(Blue book)



**C We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

**\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

**LBW P. 65**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**THE ORGAN OFFERTORY** "Hark, My Soul"

Troutman

(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

**\* THE OFFERTORY** Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**WOV # 732**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and a final half note. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

The second system of musical notation continues the piece with the same key signature and staff arrangement. The treble staff melody concludes with a half note. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the

joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

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**\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**LBW P. 67**

**P** Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

\* THE HOLY COMMUNION

LBW P. 68

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

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.

\* THE PREFACE

LBW P. 68

(Psalm 36:4)

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LBW P. 69

(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LBW P. 69**

(1 Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20)

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW P. 71**

(Matt. 6:9-13)

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
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**

**\* FRACTION**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

**\* THE COMMUNION CANTICLE**      "Lamb of God"  
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)

**LBW P. 72**

☩ 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.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.*

**\* THE COMMUNION BLESSING**  
(John 6:53-54)

**LBW P. 72**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen

\* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Lord, now you let your servant go" LBW P. 93



Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo-ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**LBW P. 74**

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

**P** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

**LBW P. 74**

(Numbers 6:23-27)

**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** *(Sing in a three fold Amen)*

**\* THE CLOSING HYMN** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

**LBW # 343**  
(Green book)

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

**LBW P. 74**

(Luke 7:50)

**P** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Joyce Doster, Cleo Frymyer, Marlene Haines, David Linn, Diane Morris, Todd Becker (friend of Mark Ditzler), Bill Fordney (Judy Kauffman's brother-in-law), Jennifer Kuhfeldt (Laurel Kluck's niece), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Decker Murphy (family friend of Ditzlers), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Jerry Sheplock (nephew of Ginni DelPiano), Erin Viozzi (friend of Connie and Mark Ditzler), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise), family and friends of Judy Kline (Miriam Moore's cousin)

**Ladies' Day Out on Tuesday, March 19, noon at Udder Choice Restaurant.**

Each lady will order from the menu, and be responsible for the cost. Sign up in the narthex by March 17.

**Salem Lutheran Church bus trip** to historic Williamsport PA on Wednesday, May 15 including Clyde Peelings Reptiland, lunch at Genetti Hotel's Windows on 4th, guided drive down Millionaire's Row, narrated cruise on Hiawatha paddleboat and wine tasting at Four Friends Vineyard. Reservations are due April 3. Reservation forms can be found in the Pipeline and in the narthex or lobby. If you have questions, call Stephanie Frymyer 717-682-9697.

**Germany trip info meeting Tuesday, March 19, 7 PM in the multi-purpose room.** At this meeting, I will have brochures, costs and itineraries.

We are making plans to take a Salem Church trip to Germany 10-17 March 2025. We will be flying from Philadelphia to Berlin, Germany direct. Highlights include: Berlin (Berlin Cathedral-perhaps the most beautiful Lutheran Church in the world and plenty of free time to explore); Lutherstadt Wittenberg (Martin Luther's hometown); Eisleben (where Luther was born and died), Leipzig (where the Heinrich Muhlenberg the patriarch of Pennsylvania Lutherans was ordained and Bach was organist); Dresden (the beautiful Frauenkirche, a Baroque Lutheran masterpiece rebuilt in 2005); Erfurt (my favorite city in Germany where Luther went to university and became an Augustian Friar); Weimar and Eisenach (where Bach was born and Luther went to elementary school); Wartburg Castle (where St. Elizabeth lived and where Luther translated the New Testament into the German). Finally, Rudesheim (where some of the finest wine in the world is cultivated).

**Salem Lutheran Preschool** is now taking registrations for Fall 2024. 3 and 4 year old classes are available. To register or for more information, call or email the church office. 717-733-6646 [office@salemephrata.org](mailto:office@salemephrata.org)

### **Winter Spaghetti/Game Night**

Save the Date! Saturday March 23, 2024 will be the first annual "Salem ELC Spaghetti and Game Night." Come for dinner 5:30 to 7:00 and then stay for fun and games (everyone should bring games to share and enjoy) till 9:00. Some ride sharing will be available for those who can't drive at night. Singles, families, couples, all welcome. This fellowship activity will be open to all members and you are encouraged to invite guests and friends. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex: there will be no charge to anyone, but you must sign up.

Please call/text Rod Orth at 215-431-8437 or email me at [rodorth@aol.com](mailto:rodorth@aol.com) if you could help. Volunteers for cooking or serving are needed.

### **First Quarter Bible Study:**

In an effort to connect with more folks for Bible Study we are going to try something new. Bible Study is moving to Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We will gather online and study the Word together. A link to Zoom will be sent out each week. If you do not have a computer you can call in and listen and participate as well.

Wednesday 20 March 2024 Why do we do what we do in the Divine Service?  
Part 5 and conclusion 7:00 PM

Join us for Bible Study from the comfort of your own home. The Zoom Link has been sent via email. If you do not have a computer you can still join us by telephone at 7:00 PM.

**The phone numbers are not toll free so you will be charged for the call if you don't have unlimited long distance calling (such as with your cell phone).**

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**Our new directories are in.** The full color book includes a history of the church. The cost for each book is \$11.00. If you would like to donate a book to a shut in or homebound, buy two books for \$20.00. The sign up sheet and a copy of the new directory is on the table in the lobby. Deadline to sign up is Sunday 24 March. Cash and Checks may be placed in an envelope marked "Directory" in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office.

**Lent Event 2024: The Journey to Easter**

On Saturday 23 March, from 10-12:30, we will be conducting a Lent Event at Salem for ages 3-9. We have a leader confirmed for each activity but **WE REALLY NEED HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

Eight volunteers (we have 2) to serve as "shepherds" leading small groups of children from activity to activity and assisting the craft and games leaders as needed. If you are age 10 to 110, please consider helping us for 2.5 hours at this Christian Education event!

Spreading the word to friends, family, and neighbors to register their 3-9 year-olds by 18 March. Registration (by calling the church office) is very important so we are prepared with enough food and craft materials!

To volunteer, please talk to Connie Kirby, Eddie Adams, Edie Sweigart, or Deb Hansell!

**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday, March 24, 10 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28, 7 PM

Good Friday, March 29, 7 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10 AM

Greeter	Jim and Cindy Sutton
Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Usher	Perry Wechter
Lector	Stephanie Frymyer
Communion Assistant	Miriam Moore
Altar care set up	Eddie Sweigart
Clean up	Lisa Borry and Carol Landis

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
		Pipeline articles due
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Germany trip info MP
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline assembly Rm. 6
Saturday	10:00 AM	Lent event
	5:30 PM	Spaghetti and game night FH

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