

**Zion Lutheran Church  
Glen Rock, PA  
Third Sunday of Advent  
LBW Holy Communion Setting One  
Sunday, December 11, 2022**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

\***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:**

**“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (LBW 34, verse 3)**

\***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen**

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.

Most merciful God,

**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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

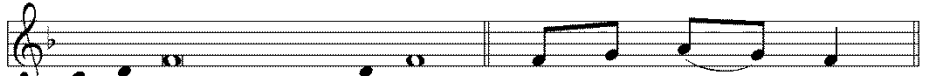
**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” LBW (green) 31**

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

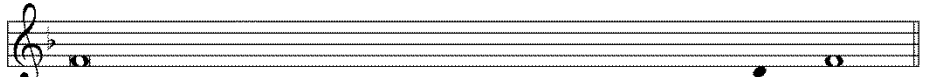
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**



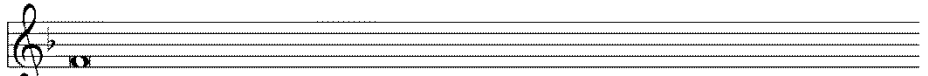
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



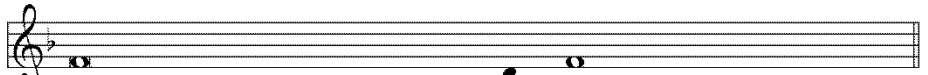
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.




Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



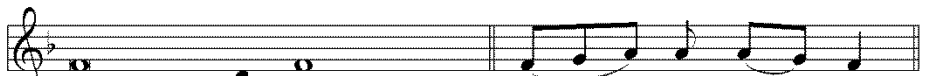
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



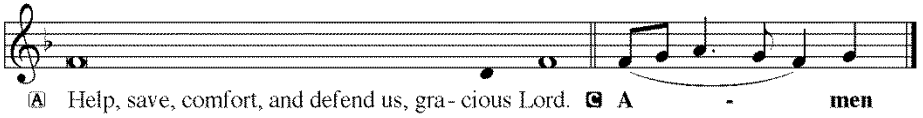
ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: “People Look East”**

**WOV 626, verse 3**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**



Let us pray.

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ’s coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**ANTHEM: “The King Shall Come”**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 146:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup>for their help,  
whose hope is in the <sup>1</sup>LORD their God;  
<sup>5</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>1</sup>is in them;**  
**who keeps his prom- <sup>1</sup>ise forever;**  
<sup>6</sup>who gives justice to those who <sup>1</sup>are oppressed,  
and food to <sup>1</sup>those who hunger.  
<sup>7</sup>**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes <sup>1</sup>of the**  
**blind;**  
**the LORD lifts up those who <sup>1</sup>are bowed down;**  
<sup>8</sup>the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares <sup>1</sup>for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way <sup>1</sup>of the wicked.  
<sup>9</sup>**The LORD shall <sup>1</sup>reign forever,**  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## SECOND LESSON: James 5:7-10

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

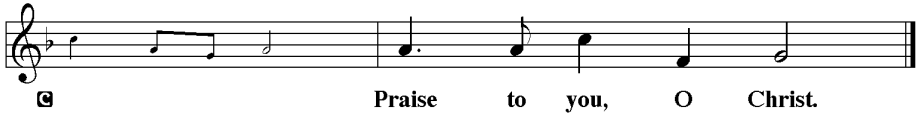
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’”

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON (LBW p. 83)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Come, O Precious Ransom” LBW (green) 24**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**\*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 65)**

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss (*especially*). Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 66)**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

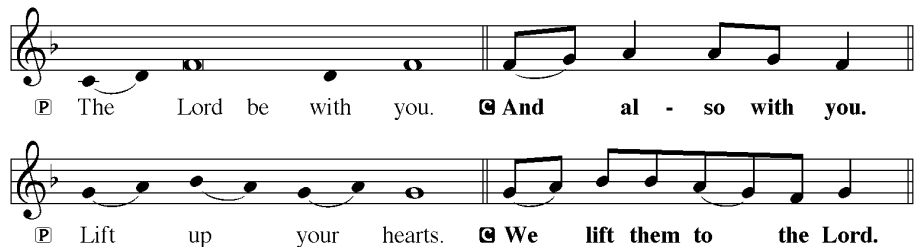
**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

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

**\*DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)**



Ⓟ 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 him thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

**\*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 70)**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
 that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
 but have eternal life.  
 We give thanks to you  
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
 Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN (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.

**COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" LBW 208**

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

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

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**\*BLESSING (LBW p. 74)**

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.

**Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “Prepare the Royal Highway”**

**LBW (green) 26**

**\*DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Today’s communion elements are presented to the Glory of God.

Today’s altar flowers are presented in honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior, by Tom and Pam Spangler.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 12/18/2022**

Isa 7:10-16, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19, Rom 1:1-7, Matt 1:18-25

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Marlene Batchelor, Adley French, Andrew Gilroy, Ron & Lois Goodling,  
Rev. Paul Haack, Butch Hengst, Joann King, Linda Kowalewski,  
Kevin Krout, Melann Laughman, Karen & Randy McCullough, Don Miller,  
Brian Phelps, Tom & Pam Prowell, Bev Reindollar, Mike & Janet Schriver,  
LeMos Stallard, Mary Wiglesworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Services are videotaped and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church’s Facebook page.** It is possible during recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

**CHRISTMAS... a time for giving and sharing! The Christian Education Committee will be collecting Gifts of Warmth** once again this year (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) to adorn our Christmas Tree which will be set up in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. The tree will be set up December 4 through January 1, 2023. Although all donations for children, teens, women, and men are greatly appreciated, there is a great need for hats, scarves, gloves and socks for men, particularly large sizes. All donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army in York at the end of the collection period. **As we prepare for the birth of our**

**Savior, let us remember the true spirit of the season and share God's bountiful blessings.** We understand that these are difficult times and that donations may not be as fruitful this year. In speaking with a representative of the Salvation Army, they were thrilled to learn that we will be continuing this tradition and remember Zion with grateful hearts. Questions may be directed to any member of the Committee: Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Pam Spangler, Bev Reindollar, Chair, Evelyn Roser.

**A Congregational meeting is scheduled for after worship today.** The main item for the meeting is taking a vote on the proposed 2023 budget. Copies of the proposed 2023 budget are available on the windowsill near the bulletins.

**Greetings, Zion members. Thank you for all your support with Wreaths Across America whether it was sponsoring or helping mark the grave sites.** We accomplished our goal to honor all 310 veterans interred in the three Glen Rock cemeteries. Hopefully, next year we can add another cemetery to our list. We are going to lay the wreaths on December 17, 11:00, meeting at the Glen Rock Ambulance building. There will be a brief ceremony before we separate to go to the cemeteries. I would like to encourage each person who wishes to help in this step that you take a moment to personally say the veteran's name as you lay it. The next step is tentatively set for January 21, 12:00, meeting at the American Legion Post. In case of inclement weather, I will announce another date. After January 1, I would like to invite any of you who have sponsored a wreath to take your veteran's wreath with you if you wish. They are beautiful and will still be so for awhile. Any questions, please feel free to contact me. My home phone is (717)235-5157 or email at skrout50@hotmail.com.

**Generous Hearts** abound at Zion! The Christian Education Committee is thrilled to report that the ELCA World Hunger Project, "God's Global Farm Challenge" has received a total of **\$640.00**, which had nearly doubled our expectation of \$325. Bless you, one and all for supporting this project. Your Christian Ed Committee – Jeff Hoffman, Pam Hoffman, Evie Roser, Pam Spangler, Bev Reindollar – Chair.

**The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday.** You may bring your loose change any Sunday of the month. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **December's Loose Change collection will benefit Glen Rock's Hufnagel Library.**

**Due to flower and supply prices going up** and the costs involved in delivering flowers for churches, Flowers by Cindy will be increasing prices starting 1/1/2023. Regular altar flowers will increase to \$30. High altar flowers will increase to \$20.

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Vicar David Hoth at 720-855-8878.**

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

### **Assisting Ministers:**

Dec. 11: George Brown  
Dec. 18: Linda Beegle  
Dec. 24: Butch Hengst  
Jan. 8: Donna Price  
Jan. 15: Diane Bortner  
Jan. 22: George Brown  
Jan 29: Linda Beegle

### **Lectors:**

Dec. 11: Diane Bortner  
Dec. 18: Susie Hengst  
Dec. 24: George Brown  
Jan. 8: Linda Beegle  
Jan. 15: Kelley Fisher  
Jan. 22: Jenn Webb  
Jan 29: Sandy Fair

### **Council Offering Duty:**

December – Rick Freda  
January – Donna Price and Linda Beegle

### **Social Time Hosts:**

Dec. 11: Bev Reindollar  
Dec. 18: Fisher Family  
Jan. 1: Becki McCullough  
Jan. 8: Jen and Eric Webb  
Jan. 15: Joy Keller-Brown and Jeff Brown  
Jan. 22: Tom and Pam Spangler  
Jan 29: Sheree Sidler

### **Altar Care:**

December – Diane Bortner and Donna Price  
January – Sandy Fair

**PERSONNEL here at ZION**

Vicar David Hoth, Interim Vicar.....720-855-8878  
 Darryl Engler, Organist  
 Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant  
 Raven Baker, Custodian  
 Chad Fisher, Sexton.....717-891-5327  
 Donna Price, Council President.....717-235-5465  
 Chad Fisher, Council Vice President.....717-891-5327

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Donna Price, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, Edgar Davis, Rick Freda, Chad Fisher, Linda Beegle, Jeff Brown

**2022 FINANCIAL Information for YOU**

**Weekly Contributions and Expenses**

**2022 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,476.56**

12/04/2022 Regular Contributions \$ 2,539.00  
 Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 100.00  
 -\$ 372.00 *Dedicated Dollars*  
 \$2,267.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 1,266.00

**Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2022**

Regular Contributions \$ 101,222.82  
 Other Contributions/Gifts + \$ 27,105.41  
*Dedicated Dollars* - \$ 14,255.44  
 Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 114,072.79  
 Expenses to date: \$ 128,600.36



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