

Lenten Word and Song Service

Evidence of His Love



Grace Lutheran Church
February 14, 2016



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-Tucson! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

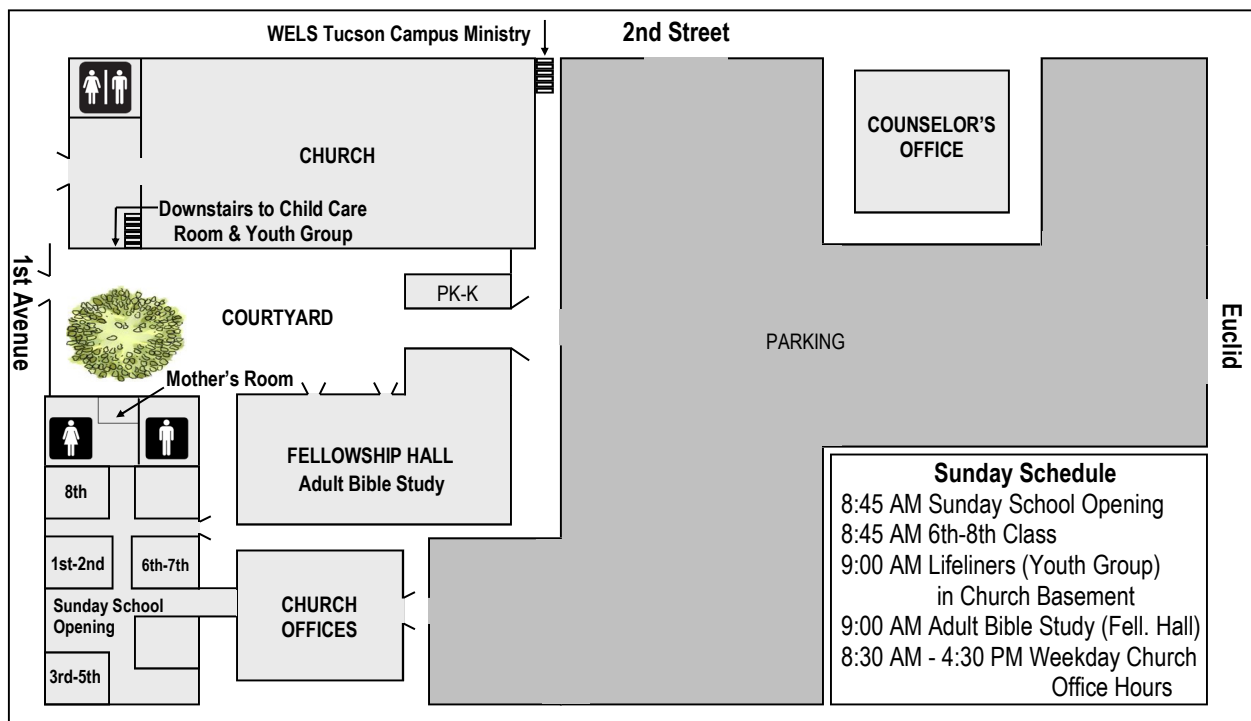
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed;
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service;
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also.

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



WELCOME to all in Jesus' name. In this worship service we will be focusing our attention on evidence - evidence that Jesus loves you. The hope is that each worshipper will leave this service with a greater appreciation for the salvation won for us by Christ and with a greater eagerness to share it. We also hope that by speaking and singing the hymns of the church you will gain a new appreciation for our precious Lutheran hymnody and the words that uniquely describe the Passion of our Lord. Along with this, we pray that the witness and the songs of Chris Driesbach will be a special blessing to each and every one. The Lord bless your coming and going in Jesus' name.

Prayer upon entering:

*Lord Jesus, you are going forth For me your life to offer,
For me, a sinner from my birth, Who caused all you must suffer.
So be it, then, My dearest Friend; I follow after, weeping,
Tears flowing free Your pain to see, Watch o'er your sorrows keeping. Amen.
(CW 126 verse 1)*

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing
Christian Worship #111

Please stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

P: Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (CW 119 vs. 1)

C: I was there.

P: Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (CW 119 vs. 2)

C: I was there.

P: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (CW 119 vs. 3)

C: Yes, I was there.

P: Tell me, as you hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his? (CW 127 vs. 1)

C: No! Never!

P: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown? (CW 125 vs. 3)

C: No! Never!

P: Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? (CW 110:4)

C: 'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess, who should have borne sin's wages and lost the peace of heavenly bliss through everlasting ages. Instead you go to bear the blow, my punishment to carry. Your death and blood lead me to God; by grace I there may tarry. (CW 126 vs. 3)

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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: Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (CW 119 vs. 1)

C: We were there.

P: Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (CW 119 vs. 2)

C: Yes, we were there.

P: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (CW 119 vs. 3)

C: We were there on Calvary; we were pardoned, saved, set free,
Saved to live eternally - Blessed Calvary! (CW 140 vs. 6)

Please be seated

SONG

Forgive Me
Song by Chris Driesbach

1. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS WOUNDS

RESPONSIVE READING (*Portions of Isaiah 53: 4-5 interspersed with CW #105 st. 1*)

P: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,

C: O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,

P: yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

C: Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown.

P: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

C: O sacred head, no glory, Now from your face does shine;

P: the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

C: Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.

SONG

Sweet Forgiveness
Song by Chris Driesbach

2. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS SILENCE

RESPONSIVE READING (*Portions of Isaiah 53:7 interspersed with Let All the people Praise you - A Songbook #108*)

P: He was oppressed and afflicted,

C: yet he did not open his mouth;

P: he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

C: so he did not open his mouth.

P: They crucified my Lord,

C: And he never said a mumbalin' word.

P: They nailed him to the tree,

C: And he never said a mumbalin' word.

P: They pierced him in the side,

C: And he never said a mumbalin' word.

P: The blood came trickalin' down,

C: And he never said a mumbalin' word.

P: He hung his head and died,

C: And he never said a mumbalin' word.

3. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS SWEAT**RESPONSIVE READING** *(Luke 22:39-44 interspersed with CW #104 st. 1 & 2)*

- P: Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.
- C: And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.**
- P: Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
C: Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
- P: Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned. Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
 Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
C: Shun not suff’ring, pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story
*Christian Worship #562***4. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS TEARS****RESPONSIVE READING** *(Luke 19:41-44 interspersed with CW 573 verses 1 & 4)*

- P: As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city,
C: he wept over it and said,
- P: “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.
C: They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”
- P: Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
C: “Who will go and work today? Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; Who will bear the sheaves away?”
- P: Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward he offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying,
C: “Here am I—send me, send me”?
- P: Let none hear you idly saying,
C: “There is nothing I can do,”
- P: While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you. Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be. Answer quickly when he calleth,
C: “Here am I—send me, send me!”

SONG

Carry the Cross
Song by Chris Driesbach

Congregation sings the refrain:

Carry the cross, be not afraid
Children of Christ, shout out his name
Lift it up high, to the sky - carry the cross
Lift it up high, to the sky - carry the cross

CREEDAL SONG

Because My Father Loves Me

Congregation sings the refrain:

God three in one - Father, Spirit, Son
All one God and he loves me, he loves me

OFFERING *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Good Morning, Father
Song by Chris Driesbach

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—LENT

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

- P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**
- P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

5. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS EXHAUSTION

RESPONSIVE READING (*John 19:16,17, Matthew 27:32 interspersed with CW #454 st. 1 & 6 and CW #469 st. 1 & 6*)

- P: Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.
- C: **So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.**
- P: Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).
- C: **As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.**
- P: I spent long years for thee In weariness and woe That an eternity Of joy thou mightest know. I spent long years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.
- C: **Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- P: Oh, let thy life be spent, Thy years for me be giv'n, As I for thee was sent To bear thee home to heav'n. I gave my life for thee; Come, give thy life to me.
- C: **Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.**

6. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS BLOOD**RESPONSIVE READING** (*Revelation 1:4-6 with CW #112 st. 1 & 3*)

- P: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
- C: **To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**
- P: There is a fountain filled with blood—Immanuel was slain—And sinners who are washed therein
Lose ev'ry guilty stain, Lose ev'ry guilty stain.
- C: **Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved and sin no more, Be saved and sin no more.**

SONG

Glorious
Song by Chris Driesbach

7. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS DEATH**RESPONSIVE READING** (*Philippians 2:7-8, John 19:30, CW #135 st. 1*)

- P: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- C: **rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**
- P: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself
C: **by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!**
- P: The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
C: **It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**
- All: **When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.**

SONG

What Were You Thinking
Song by Chris Driesbach

8. EVIDENCE OF HIS LOVE – HIS COMING BACK

RESPONSIVE READING (John 20:19-20 with CW #149 st. 1, 2, 4)

P: So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,

C: **Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them,**

P: “Peace *be* with you.”

C: **And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.**

P: “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”

C: **Saints on earth and angels say;**

P: Raise your joys and triumphs high;

C: **Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply.**

P: Love’s redeeming work is done,

C: **Fought the fight, the battle won;**

P: Lo, our sun’s eclipse is o’er;

C: **Lo, he sets in blood no more.**

P: Lives again our glorious King!

C: **Where, O death, is now your sting?**

P: Once he died our souls to save;

C: **Where your victory, O grave?**

Please stand

PRAYER

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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 on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Christian Worship #152 st. 1, 2, 7, 8

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader.....	Pastor Sam Clemons
Guest Musician.....	Chris Driesbach
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM) Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM) Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech.....	Darin Colton (10:00 AM)
Greeters.....	Ron & Jean Husemann (10:00)

Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Vic & Lois Thornton in thanks to God for 40 years of marriage.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Gisela Kittel and Nancy Miles. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank You

Thank you to Chris Driesbach for joining us today, leading us in worship songs, and sharing with us the Song Service on Lent that he helped develop. Thank you also to Chris for leading our Adult Bible Class and speaking about God's work in his life.

CDs of Chris' original Christian songs are available free of charge or for an optional donation. There are also baskets at the church exits for you to make a gift on behalf of Chris' work if you would like to do so. For more information about Chris, visit his website: www.chrisdriesbach.com.

Confirmation and Profession of Faith

At Grace-Vail this morning Jack and Karen Gardiner will be confirmed and Tom and Linda Hulten will become members of Grace through Profession of Faith following the confirmations. We welcome them all to Grace and ask God's blessings on him!

Upcoming Voters' Meeting & Breakfast

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for this Saturday, February 20 at 8:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Because of this early start time breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:00 AM. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found at both entrances of church and in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

Guest Musician Next Week

Next Sunday, February 21, former WELS pastor and accomplished organist Charles Bonow will present his worship service concert "Our Life in Christ" at Grace-Tucson during our regular worship service times. This concert will include Scripture readings, organ solos and singing of well-loved hymns of faith. Charles Bonow travels the country presenting these types of concerts in WELS churches. Free-will donations to his work can be made on this day.



**Grace is one congregation
at FOUR places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities
at Grace locations in
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.**

This Week at Grace • Feb 14-Feb 21

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
 Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
 Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *Guest Speaker: Chris Driesbach*.....9:00a
 WELS TCM: *Marriage and Other Old-Fashioned Ideas*.....7:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice.....4:30p
 English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship.....9:45a
 Choir Practice following worship.....10:45-11:15a

Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Worship..... 10:00a

Friday

Women's Fellowship Group: Streetcar/Dinner.....5:15p

Saturday

Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson (Breakfast at 8 AM)...8:30a

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BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion.....7:30a

Wednesday

Lenten Supper.....6:00p Lenten Worship.....7:00p

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 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days*.....9:00a
 WELS TCM: *Does Biology Make Sense Without Darwin?*..7:00p

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Book of Judges*.....9:00a
 Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
 Youth Confirmation Class.....9:00a
 Worship Service/Communion.....10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

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Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson every Wednesday through March 16. The theme for our services is “Ironies of the Passion.”

Wednesday, February 17

Grace-Sahuarita	10 AM	Lenten Worship	“This Man Went Home Justified”
Grace-Benson	6 PM	Soup Supper	
	7 PM	Lenten Worship	“This Man Went Home Justified”
Grace-Tucson	10 AM & 7 PM	Lenten Worship	“It Is Better That One Man Die for the People!”
	6 PM	Soup Supper	

We are still looking for a few more hosts for February 17 and March 2. Please see the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall or speak to Pastor Kassulke or Cora in the Church Office.

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, January 31, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Matt Westra (our former Vicar) to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Westra currently serves at Living Promise Lutheran Church in Morristown, TN. Please keep Pastor Westra, his wife Rachel and their daughter in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Morristown and here at Grace!

Lutheran Pioneer Stained Glass Project

Due to schedule conflicts and planning issues, no Easter for Kids event is planned for this year. However, the Lutheran Pioneers at Grace are hosting a craft project making colored glass crosses. You may have seen similar crosses made by the Christian Fellowship Group in November. This activity will take place in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 AM. The Pioneers will sponsor this project for any children through eighth grade (a parent is asked to help any children younger than second grade). Any older students or parents who would like to participate are asked to contribute \$5 for materials. Please sign up for this project on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting Pastor Kassulke.

Martin Luther College Choir Tour

The College Choir from Martin Luther College (MLC) will be presenting a concert in Tucson as part of their spring choir tour. The concert will be at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on Sunday evening, March 13 at 7:00. The MLC College Choir is one of the premier singing groups in the WELS, and this is a rare opportunity to attend a concert close to home. Pastor Mike Otterstatter from MLC will preach at Grace-Tucson that morning and speak about our WELS college for ministry during the Adult Bible Study hour.

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