

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 11, 2026
10:15 AM





Our Mission Statement
"Saved by Grace. Reaching out in Faith."

20th Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2026

Welcome to St. Luke's. Whether you are visiting the Lima area or looking for a church home, we hope you find St. Luke's Lutheran Church to be a people who reflect the joy and peace and love we have in Christ. More than that, we hope you hear, with us, the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Blue Welcome Cards help us welcome visitors, inform us of changes in your contact information, and let us know your prayer concerns. Welcome Cards may be placed in the offering plate stationed on a table for drop-off before or after service.

Holy Communion All who are baptized and believe that with the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and salvation are encouraged to come to the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Rest Rooms are on the main floor at the south end of the office hallway.

Ushers and other members are here to help you if you need assistance.

Please stand, if able, for parts of the service marked ✚



WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Give Thanks”

Wagner

The organ chimes call us to worship.

INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus’ parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS †

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel as you are able.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

PEACE

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

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

GATHERING HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

#873 vs 1,2,6

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines split between the two parts. The score includes a refrain section and a final verse.

GREETING

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

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

to Verses

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

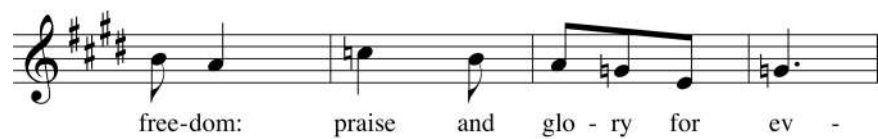
Refrain

Congregation:

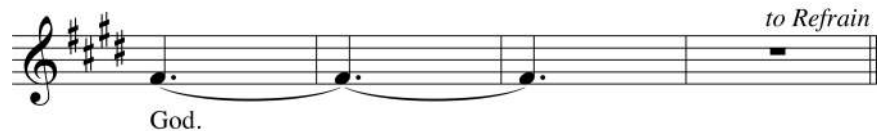
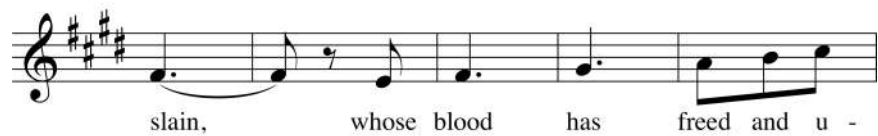
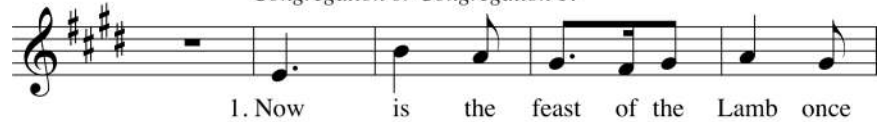
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

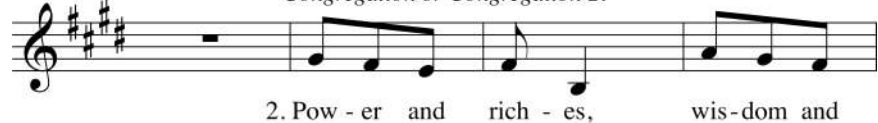
to the God of life and love and →



Verse 1 *Congregation or Congregation 1:*



Verse 2 *Congregation or Congregation 2:*



Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new. *to Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY ¶

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

On the second Sunday of each month, the children collect a special “noisy” offering of loose change (or dollar bills), typically designated to support Churches United Pantry (CUP).

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:1-1

- ¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,

→

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Give Thanks in Everything”

Nolan

SECOND READING: **Philippians 4:1-9**

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that

you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ¶

Congregation:

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

HOLY GOSPEL: ¶ Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Deb Monnin

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

#553

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

APOSTLES CREED

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ¶

Response after each petition: Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Voluntary

“Sarabande”

Bach

OFFERTORY HYMN ¶

“Thy Word”

w&p 144

Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

OFFERTORY PRAYER ¶

God of creation,
 you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
 All blessings are from you;
 make us generous with what we have.
 Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
 in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
 today and always.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ¶

DIALOGUE ¶

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

PROPER PREFACE ¶

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ¶

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION ¶

LORD'S PRAYER ¶

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER ¶

Christ invites you to this table.

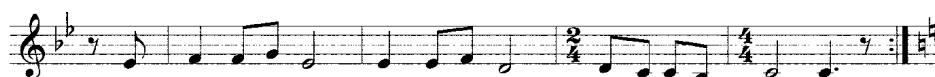
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

The assembly is seated.

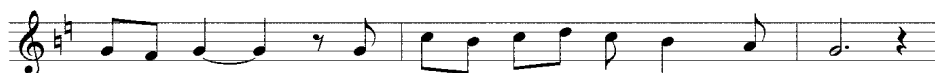
LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

This morning communion is served continuously. Come forward down the center aisle as directed by the ushers and receive the bread—the body of Christ—from the pastor. Take a glass from the tray and move to the wine servers. (The pre-filled glasses are grape juice.) When finished, place the cup in the basket and return to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Come, Let Us Eat”

#491



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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"I Am the Bread of Life"

#485

Leader or All



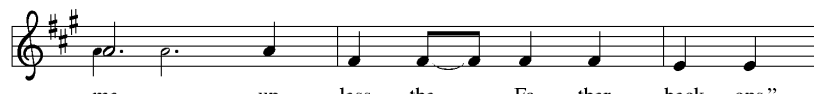
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

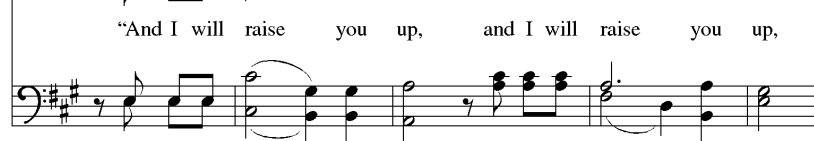


me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

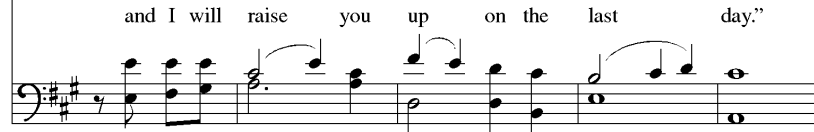
Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,




and I will raise you up on the last day."



EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING ††

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

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER ††

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

BENEDICTION ††

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ††

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

#547

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL ✠
 Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Silent prayer with chimes.

POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Behnke

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Today, SUNDAY 10/11	NEXT SUNDAY 10/18
Worship Leader	Pastor Deb Monnin	Kent Miller
Organist	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller
Acolyte	Zoey Kennedy	Addy Cardenas
Children’s Message	Noisy Offering/Sarah Oleson	Kathy Luhn
Lector	Marcy Reeves	Dale Laukhuf
Communion Servers	Mary Trueblood, Linda Mann	Jane Williams, Marcie Laukhuf
Ushers	Phil Trueblood, Tyler Arheit	Mike Gray, Dick McCarty
Altar Guild	Marcy Reeves	Marcy Reeves



The flowers in the chancel this morning were given by
 Lee Moritz in celebration of Ella Moritz’s birthday
 and
 Nancy Rudolph in celebration of Eleanor’s birthday



If anyone has any special request for 2027 budget items, please have them submitted by October 12th to present at the October 13th council meeting. Thanks!

WHAT'S UP AT CUP

C.U.P. donation item for October is:
Toilet paper



SAFETY CITY TRICK OR TREAT Saturday, October 24, 2026

We will have a table set up for St. Luke's
Bring the kids and enjoy the fun!

Reformation Day



Unique to Lutherans, **Reformation Day**, October 31, celebrates Martin Luther posting the 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, in 1517. Most scholars recognize this event and date as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. While Luther's intent was to begin public debate on the use of "Indulgences" – the purchase of forgiveness of sins – his actions initiated many church reforms that are still happening today.

In celebration of Reformation Sunday, please plan to wear red.

German Heritage Luncheon

Reformation **Sunday, October 25**, following worship, you are invited to join in fellowship around tradition German fare at our annual German Heritage Luncheon. Which will include veal schnitzel, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, and apple crisp for dessert. Beginning shortly after the 10:15 worship service, the food will be prepared, the tables set, and the atmosphere joyful.

Join us in the New Life Center following worship, Sunday, October 25, for our German Heritage Luncheon.

OUR DAILY BREAD
125 South Central 419-224-2086

Our Daily Bread serves hundreds of thousands of trays of food every year!

**The soup kitchen tray line needs six (6) volunteers from
St. Luke's to serve food on the 4th Friday of
every month from 11 am -1 pm.**

We will be serving on Friday, October 23, 2026

If you can help in the future or would like more information
contact our church office secretary or, Linda Mann: 419-303-9793.

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints' Sunday,



the day we remember, honor, and give thanks for those who have died in the past year. The names of those family members and friends of the congregation are included in the bulletin for that day; and during worship, we will toll the chimes in honor and remembrance.

If you have the name of someone you'd like to see on our list, please contact the church office by Monday, October 19th. Please bring any pictures to put in the gathering area on All Saints with their names of who they are. Thank you.

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A. (WELCA)

*Be strong! Be courageous! Do not be afraid. . . for the Lord, your God, will be with you.
He will neither fail nor forsake you.* Deut. 31:6 TLB

**Mary/Martha Circle
meets on Tuesday, October 27th at 11 AM,
in the Pastor's Study**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Mon, 10/12	10:00 am	Financial Meeting
	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
Tues, 10/13	6:00 pm	Combined Council Meeting
Sun, 10/18	9:00 am	Choir
	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 am	Liturgy of Holy Communion

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Meadows of Marion - Dorothy
Lockhaven - Barb

Pat, Ida, Madison, Judy, Norman, Natalia,
Dean, Mark, Mick, Andrew, Timothy,
Susan, Florian, Elizabeth, Glen

Scripture readings for 11/18/2026

Isaiah 45:1-7
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

“NUMBERS” from October 4, 2026”

Attendance: 55

Giving: \$4,552.75 given to the glory of God for the work of the Gospel of
Jesus Christ in Lima and beyond.

<i>Staff</i> Interim Hospital Visitation Pastor - Samuel Payne (Cell:419-371-9774) Organist – Sandy Miller Choir Director – Brian Reeves Office Secretary – Robin Hefner	<i>Congregational Leadership</i> President - Rich Moritz Vice President - James Williams Secretary - Lois Kennedy Treasurer - Alison Williams Tyler Arheit Susie Cornell Perry Luhn Marcy Reeves Jane Williams
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