

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

As We Gather As we hear Jesus speak the Beatitudes, we desire to be truly blessed as God would have us be blessed, by seeking heavenly joys rather than the ways of the world.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God’s forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ’s body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God’s forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. If you prefer a gluten free wafer let Pastor know. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A special welcome to those with young children. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY JANUARY 29, 2023

9:00 am

11:00

Elder:	Bob Hutchison	Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton
Greeters:	Charlo Stuart	
Readers:	Blaine Wanke	
Acolyte:	Michelle Ullerick	
Ushers:	Mike McCracken Rick Poore	
Altar Care:	Nancy Fitch/Sonja Manzer	Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici
Organist:	Karen Foote	

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY 5, 2023

9:00 am

11:00

Elder:	Scott Klittich	Tom Waddell
Greeters:	Donna Pickler	
Readers:	Todd Harter	Brian Nomi
Acolyte:	Lucas Williamson	
Ushers:	Karen Taylor Gary Taylor Bill Young	
Altar Care:	Irene Hutchison/Leslie Stenke	Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici
Organist:	Karen Foote	
Choir Director:	Linda La Jeunesse	

ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace.

Attendance on 1/22/23: 9:00 am-92 11:00 am-24 Total- 116
Sunday School-10

THIS WEEK AT PEACE January 29, 2023

Today: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service
9:20 am Sunday School
10:20 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Praise Service (FH)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
5:45 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal

7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday: 6:00 pm Faith & Fun Friday

Saturday : ++++++

RINGING OF THE BELL PRELUDE WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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INVOCATION and PSALM 15

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?

People: **He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;**

Pastor: who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

People: **who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The prophet Micah asks: With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? *Micah 6:6-7, adapted*

People: **We bear the same burden of our transgressions; but we also know that there is nothing we can offer God that would pay the price for our sins.**

Pastor: So we confess our sins to God in repentant faith, trusting only in His mercy for the sake of Jesus.

(Silence for reflection)

Pastor: Almighty God,

CLOSING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



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 His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed, O 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 His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; though Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be Gracious to You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.



People: we confess before You that we are sinners, sinful by nature, sinful from birth. We fail to treat people justly; we fail to show mercy; we do not walk humbly in Your sight. *Micah 6:8, adapted*

We do not live the blessed life You offer us, as we reject Your ways. Forgive us, we pray, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Pastor: God the Father loves us; His Son, Jesus, died for us; the Holy Spirit guides us to a God-pleasing life. For Jesus' sake, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins; you may now live out your forgiveness in goodness and mercy. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have chosen the weak of this world to shame the strong, the foolish to shame the wise, and have called blessed that which the world despises. Grant that we who are weak may find strength and protection in You alone, that the temptations of this world may not take us from You, nor will the dangers of this world keep us from standing. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:1-8

(To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.


EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(The cross is folly to some, yet God's wisdom.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your
 grat - i - tude That You should count us
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 let us be, To serve each oth - er

Refrain

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus speaks the Beatitudes.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You O Christ**

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)



HYMN OF THE DAY

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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"When Peace, like a River"



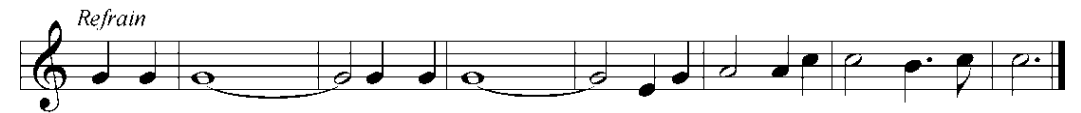
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“O Living Bread from Heaven”



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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MESSAGE

“Message the Message? Never! A Blessed Gospel for Weak Fools.”

1 Corinthians 1:18-30
Pastor Mike Schultze

CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin
Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us,
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen**

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

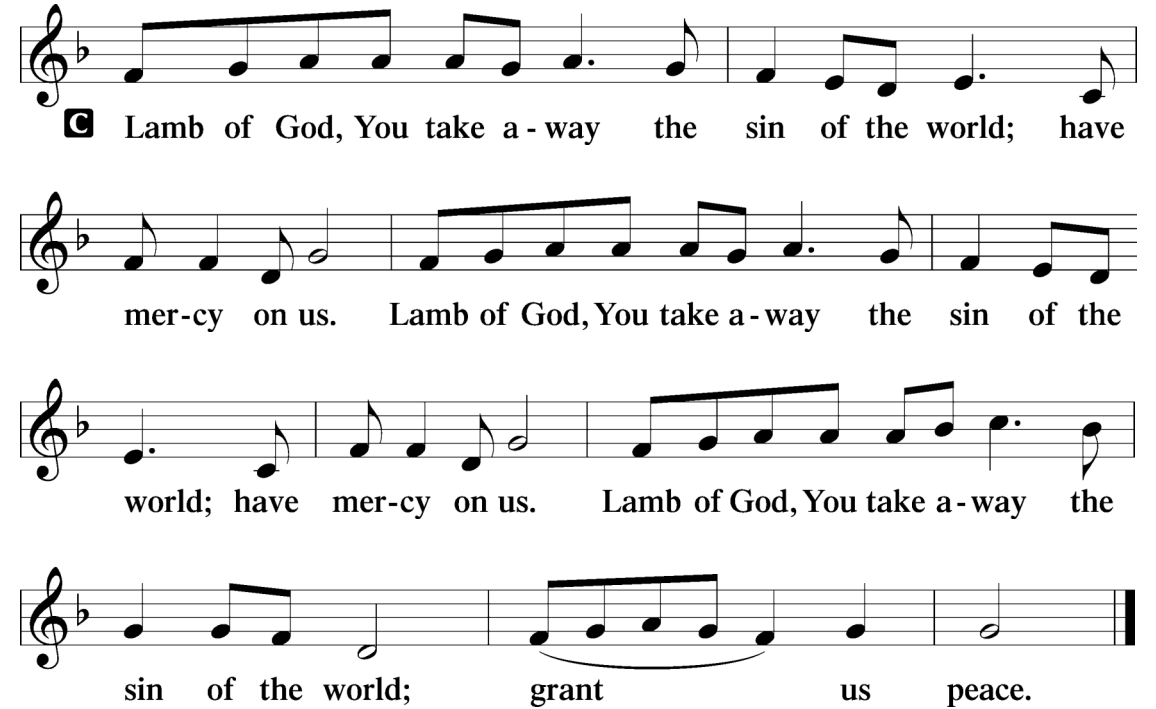
“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



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.

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AGNUS DEI



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.

(Please be seated)



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(based on the Beatitudes)*

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have chosen to bless us beyond all measure, though we are not worthy of Your grace. For this we give You our thanks and praise. May we live out Your blessing in every way, and may we become a blessing to others.

People: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You remove us from the desperate places that burden our hearts. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Your gracious rule.

People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Pastor: Lord, when we suffer losses, Your presence brings us comfort. We realize that what seems so dear to us may not be as dear to You. Shore us up with Your blessings of comfort and peace.

People: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Pastor: Lord, when we are content with who we are and what we have, when we are modest and unassuming, meek and lowly---then Lord, You bless us, for we embrace who we really are: Your children, created by You and redeemed by You. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with meekness.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Pastor: Lord, when we find no satisfaction, no fullness, in the things of this world, You bless us with a hunger and thirst to be filled with You. For in You we find true fullness, of joy, of peace, of love, and of righteousness. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with a hunger and thirst for You.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Pastor: Lord, You have blessed us with the desire and the ability to show mercy to others, for You have been merciful to us. In caring for others, we also are cared for and find mercy. Show Your mercy, Lord, especially to those we name now in our hearts. . . . Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Your mercy, that we may be merciful to others.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Pastor: Lord, You graciously cleanse us with Your forgiveness, refreshing us with pure hearts and minds. May we see You, Lord, more and more each day. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us with purity of heart and mind.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Pastor: Lord, You have blessed us with peace that the world cannot give, so that peace may be magnified among us and our troubled world. As Your sons and daughters, make us instruments of Your peace.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: Lord, Your divine blessings surpass the world's concept of blessedness. How can we be blessed when we are persecuted? Yet even when our deep love and commitment to You causes us to be hated and hurt by our world, we know that through it we are driven even deeper into Your kingdom, and our love for You grows, and our dependence on You increases. Thank You, Lord, for blessing us, even through persecution.

People: Blessed Lord, who blesses us in ways unsurpassed, we praise You. We rejoice and are glad in the blessing You give. We praise You in the name of Jesus. Amen.

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!