

A faded, light blue-toned portrait of Martin Luther, wearing a black cap and a dark robe, serves as the background for the entire poster. The text is overlaid on this image.

A FESTIVAL SERVICE

on the occasion of the

500TH ANNIVERSARY

of the

**LUTHERAN
REFORMATION**

October 29, 2017, 3:00 PM

Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College

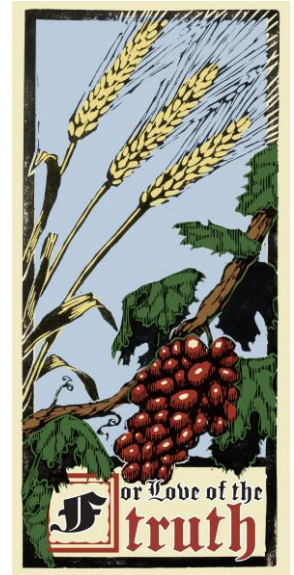
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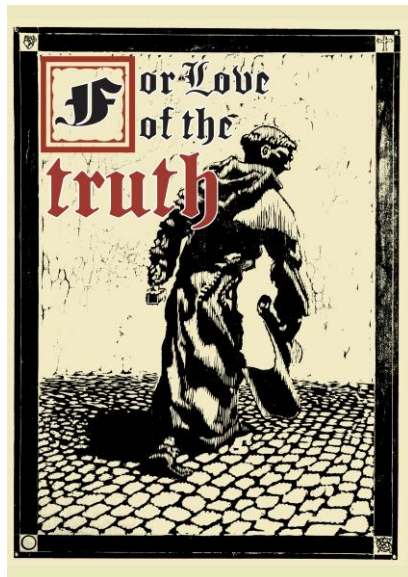
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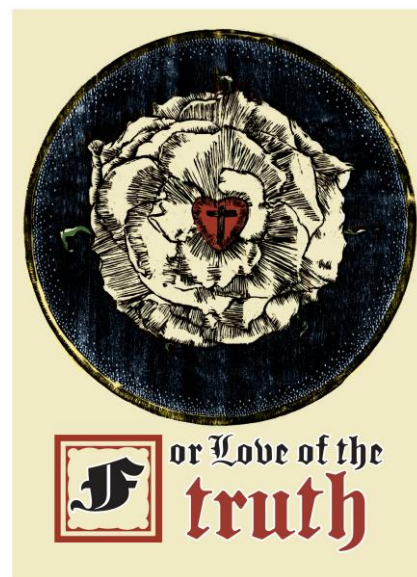
THE WORD



THE EUCHARIST



NINETY-FIVE THESES



LUTHER'S SEAL



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ORGAN (final selection)

Prelude in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

WIND SYMPHONY

Chorale and Alleluia

Howard Hanson

*We Give Thanks to You, O God
All Glory Be to God Alone*

Music by Kevin Hildebrand / Psalm 75:1, 71:7
Chorale text by Martin Luther

*Choir: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.
O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Stand as the organ introduces the hymn.

Face the cross at the back of the chapel and follow its path to the chancel where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.



*Choir: 1. All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
All: 2. We praise you, God, and you we bless; We wor - ship you in
All: 3. Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
All: 4. You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,
Choir: 5. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are
All: 6. A - men, this ev - er true shall be, As an - gels sing a -*



*high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One; O Lord, the Sole - be - got - ten - One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; Oh,
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You
dor - ing - ly. By all cre - a - tion, far and wide, You,*



*grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of your great glo - ry do we
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e - ter - ni -
lis - ten to the prayer we say. From God's right hand, oh, send to -
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With him you ev - er - more shall
Lord, are ev - er glo - ri - fied; And you all Chris - ten - dom does*



*will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
sing, And to your throne our thanks we bring.
ty, O Lamb of God - to you we flee.
day Your mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.
praise Now and through ev - er - last - ing days.*

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: It was in Eden that Satan destroyed the relationship that existed between God and the crown of his creation. It was in Eden that began the tragic cry from the human heart:

C: **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned. Show us your face, O Lord. Remove us from Satan's power.**

M: God acted immediately. He promised a Savior for the fallen crown of his creation.

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth! We shall not die, but live, and declare the praises of God!**

M: Through the centuries, the battle continued. Often Satan seemed to be the victor. The cry of God's people continued:

C: **Lord, have mercy on us, for we have sinned. Show us your face, O Lord. Remove us from Satan's power.**

M: When his time was right, God acted again. He raised up a man through whom the truth of the everlasting gospel was restored. That man was Martin Luther. We do not praise him, but praise God for him, that God used him as his instrument to restore the good news about Jesus Christ to his Church.

C: **Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness. You became what you were not, and made me to be what I was not. In you, we have life and forgiveness.**

M: This is a service of thanksgiving and praise on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation of the Church. Come, let us worship the Lord!

BE SEATED



All 1. O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a hid - den
Choir 2. Sal - va - tion true By faith in you, That is your Gos - pel's
Choir 3. Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free grace and
All 4. You are my Lord, And by your Word Death holds no dread - ful



trea - sure Till to its place it was by grace Re -
 preach - ing, The heart and core Of Bi - ble lore In
 fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will grace re - ceive Through
 ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My high - est good, Has



stored in full - est mea - sure. For this to - day Our
 all its sa - cred teach - ing. In Christ we must Put
 Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior. And though the foe Would
 blot - ted out my er - rors. My thanks to you! Your



thanks we say And glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And
 all our trust, Not in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And
 o - ver - throw Your Word with grim en - deav - or, What plan he tries, It
 Word is true, You keep your prom - ise ev - er. While here I live, Your



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny — you.
 heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.
 al - ways dies; Your Word will stand for - ev - er.
 grace you give And heav - en's bliss for - ev - er.

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.
See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the peoples.
Surely you will summon nations you know not,
and nations you do not know will come running to you,
because of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendor."
Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the Lord.
"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

*Come, all who thirst; come to the waters. Incline your ear, and your soul shall live.
Seek the Lord while he is near you, and call upon him while he may be found.
I shall make a covenant with you — restore your soul in mercy and in truth.
I have promised glory unto you; you shall go out, you shall go out with joy!
For as the rain comes down from heaven, so shall my word go forth to you.*

*Seek the Lord while he is near you, and call upon him while he may be found.
Come, all who thirst; come to the waters. Restore your soul, for the Lord has called you.
I shall make a covenant with you — restore your soul in mercy and in truth.
I have promised glory unto you; you shall go out with joy!*

PRAYER

M: Give courage, O Lord, to take our stand on your Word whenever false teachers oppose you and your truth. Lead us to strive for unity and peace, but never at the cost of confession. Make us faithful to the point of death, and then give us a crown of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**



Choir: *Antiphon*All: **Antiphon****Antiphon****Psalm Tone**

God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,**

though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.

Antiphon

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
He utters His voice, the | earth melts.

**The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.**

Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots | with fire.**

“Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth!”

**The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Antiphon

PRAYER

M: Lord God, our refuge and strength, when the restless powers of this world and the fury of Satan rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Be with us in every time of trouble and bring us to the new Jerusalem where you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Love the truth and be saved

2 Thessalonians 2:7-17

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

MANNERCHOR

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel S. Wesley
Arr. Samuel J. Stone

The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her, False sons within her pale,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.

PRAYER

M: Father in heaven, teach us by the perfect obedience of your Son to find in your strong Word a weapon for resisting the temptations of the evil one. Shield us from harm and danger by commanding your angels to guard us in all our ways; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

The truth shall make you free

John 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

BE SEATED

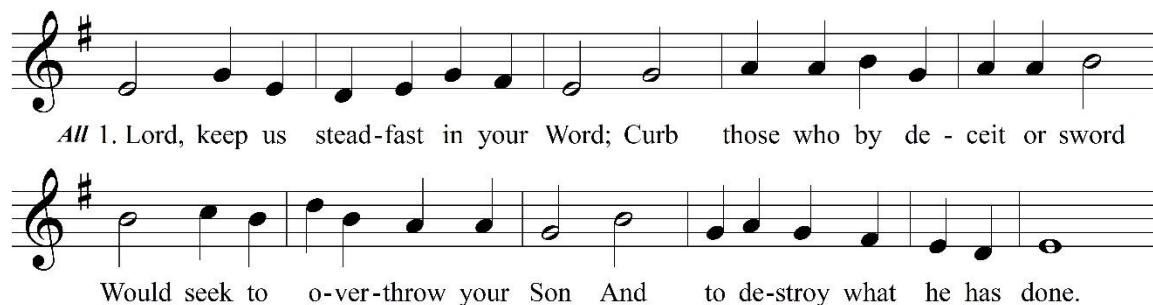
CONGREGATION/ALL MLC CHOIRS

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

John Behnke

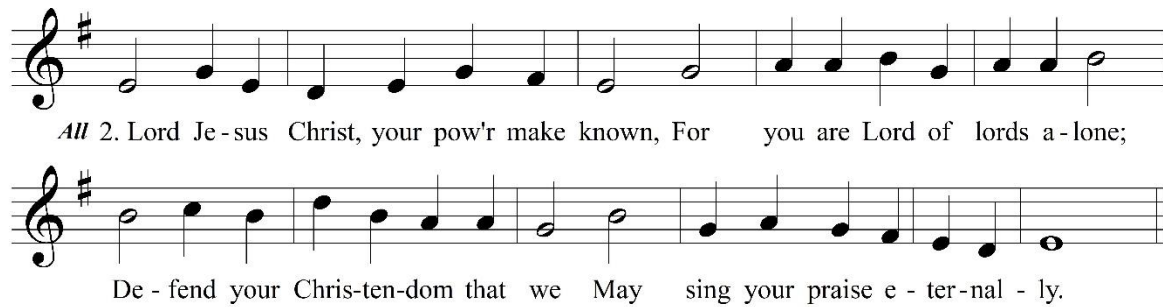
Choir (Psalm 119:5-6)

*Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes.
Then I shall not be put to shame.
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.*



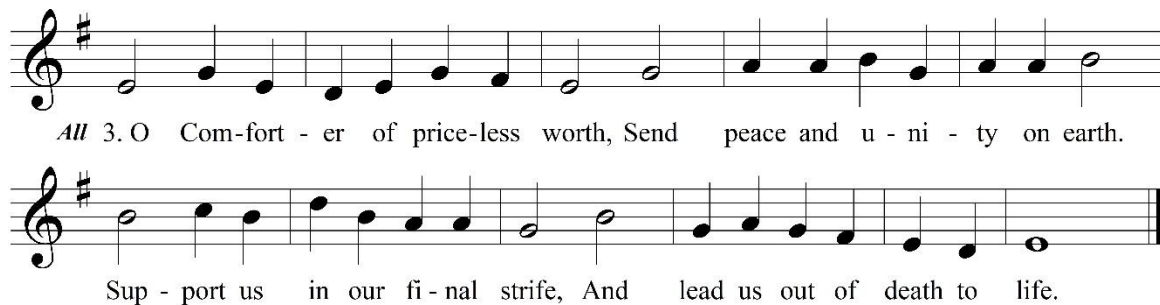
Choir (John 8:31)

*And Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples."
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.*



Choir (Ephesians 4:4-6)

*There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope for which we live,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.
Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.*



Choir

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

SERMON

God's Word is Our Obsession

1 Peter 1:10-12

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Choir

*We all believe in one true God, Who created earth and heaven,
The Father who to us in love has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us, All we need his hand provides us;
He through snares and perils leads us, Watching that no harm betides us.
He cares for us by day and night, All things are governed by His might.*

*We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing.
An equal godhead, throne, and might, Source of every grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, virgin mother, By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder Brother, That the lost might life inherit;
Was crucified by sinful men and raised by God to life again.*

We all confess the Holy Ghost,

Congregation:


Who sweet hope and com-fort giv - ing — Now with the Fa-ther and the Son

In e - ter-nal light is liv - ing, Who the church, His own cre - a - tion,

Keeps in u - ni - ty of Spir - it. Here for - give-ness and sal - va - tion.

Dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh — shall rise,

And we shall be — In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Based on Luther's prayer at the Diet of Worms (1521),
as he faced the papal and imperial authorities.*

- M: Almighty, eternal God! Out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions!
- C: **We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. Satan deceives us daily. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost. Help us, we beg, to withstand the ungodly way of life that the world has to offer.**
- M: The work is not ours, O God, but yours. O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the great Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh.
- C: **We would gladly pass our days in happiness and peace in an age awash with iniquity. Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all that is, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations!**
- M: O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace to correct the times between life and death. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church.
- C: **You have chosen us to do your work. Therefore, O God, accomplish it by your will. Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, instill in us a faith that fills us with joy and peace, and a willingness to serve a world in need.**
- M: We are even ready to lay down our life for this cause, as were your servants Martin Luther and his fellow Reformers and Confessors, who forcefully stormed the kingdom of heaven to restore the gospel of your righteousness to its central place in Christian life.
- C: **For the cause is holy. Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain. The church always needs reform and its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands firm forever.**
- M: In the confidence of faith, gracious Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the glory and grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good.
- C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BE SEATED

ALL MLC CHOIRS

Grant Peace, We Pray

Richard Gieseke

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord; Peace in our time peace, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but you, None other to defend us.
You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.*

STAND

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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. Amen. Amen.** (*sung*)

BE SEATED

CONGREGATION/ALL MLC CHOIRS *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther
Setting, Michael D. Costello, 2017

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

Choir:

*Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.*

The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, goods, fame, child, or wife,
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!



POST-SERVICE MUSIC

WIND SYMPHONY

Alleluia! Laudamus Te

Alfred Reed



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please gather for refreshments & fellowship immediately following the service.
The offering is designated to meet the expenses of this Reformation 500 celebration.

Gymnasium



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Choral Introit & Processional Hymn
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lydia Wasserman, Organ
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Senior, Martin Luther College

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Emily Schmidt, Organ
Junior, Martin Luther College

Grant Peace, We Pray

Noah Melso, Piano
Freshman, Martin Luther College

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Craig Hirschmann, Organ
Professor, Martin Luther College

You Shall Go Out with Joy

Allison Boggs, Piano
Sophomore, Martin Luther College

Psalms 46

Michaela Johnson, Piano; Aislinn Eddy & Emmalie Olsen, Flute
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We All Believe

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