# **OURS**AVIOURLUTHERANCHURCH

90-04 175th Street Jamaica, Queens, NYC 718-739-7452 Rev. Robert "Bob" Fritch, Senior Pastor Rev. John Heidgerd, Associate Pastor Kurena Dilchand, Volunteer Coordinator



#### The Season of Pentecost

Extending from Pentecost Sunday all the way to Christ the King Sunday in November, the season of Pentecost is a time to contemplate the living out of this life of the Holy Spirit. These days of the church year are grounded in God who is the rock; God, whose steadfast love breathed life into all creation; God, whose love animates the healing hands of Jesus. We, as Christians build upon this foundation, but the questions remain: What will we build? What will be built upon our lives ?

#### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2017

It is wonderful to worship with you today !

We give thanks to God for this day and the opportunity to gather together as God's family to be fed with God's Word that sustains us for daily life.

If you are joining us for the first time, please sign the guest book in the rear of the church or fill out the tearoff card on the back cover of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this service bulletin.

Restrooms can be found downstairs.

We request that all cell phones and beepers be turned off when you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.

Parents with small children are welcome to use the church entryway area (through the glass doors) for quiet time. There is a changing table in the Women's bathroom. Gathering Prayer please stand if you are able

#### Gathering Hymn

1. Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

> Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

2. Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.

3. Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease; Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.

#### Brief Order For Confession and Forgiveness *Please remain standing*

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

All: Amen

Pastor: In Christ's dying and rising, we are reborn; we are no longer dead in our sin. Let us return to the shepherd and guardian of our souls, confessing our sin.

> If you are able, please kneel -or you may be seated

Pastor: Almighty God . . .

All: We confess before you our preference for things that pass away, our silence in the face of injustice, our reluctance to accept the freedom of forgiveness. Make us whole again; renew in us the grace of baptism; and set our minds on the things that are above.

Please remain kneeling

Pastor: God calls us to seek good and to turn away from evil. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God grants forgiveness of sin, strength in weakness, and the promise of eternal salvation.

All: Amen

Opening Hymn please stand if you are able

> 1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, And Christ shall give you light; So learn his love, its length and breadth, Its fullness, depth, and height.

2. To us on earth he came to bring From sin and fear release, To give the Spirit's unity, The very bond of peace.

3. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that he might save; With kind and gentle hearts forgive As God in Christ forgave.

4. For us Christ lived, for us he died, And conquered in the strife. Awake, arise, go forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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

#### All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray . . .O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

#### Hymn of Praise

O let the power fall on I, O Lord, Let the power fall on I. O let the power from heaven fall on I. Let the power fall on I.

1. Give us the power here and now, O Christ, Send your power here and now. Send us the power of grace and peace and love, Send the power of peace and love.

> O let the power fall on I, O Lord, Let the power fall on I. O let the power from heaven fall on I. Let the power fall on I.

2. For we want power to live as one, yes, Lord. We want power to live as one. So as we pray and intercede for some, May the Spirit make us one.

> O let the power fall on I, O Lord, Let the power fall on I. O let the power from heaven fall on I. Let the power fall on I.

> > please be seated

#### First Lesson Ezekiel 33: 7-11

New Revised Standard Version

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God-who is about to attack Jerusalem-gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

10 Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" 11 Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? Lector: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

### All: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lector: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

### All: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Lector: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

### All: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Lector: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

### All: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

### Second Lesson

Romans 13: 8-14 New Revised Standard Version

> The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel Hymn Part 1 Please stand if you are able

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Sermon

Rev. John Heidgerd

Reading of the Gospel Lesson Matthew 18: 15-20 New Revised Standard Version

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals-and the church as a whole-should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn part 2

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah Hallelujah, Hallelujah

please be seated

Hymn of the Day

please stand for the hymn

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together Lord; bind us together in love.

1. There ... is only one God. There is only one King. There ... is only one Body; That ... is why we can sing:

2. You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine.

#### The Prayers of the Church

please remain standing

We will sing the following traditional hymn from South Africa

- then the music will drop for the prayers - you may hum along if you like.

When the music rises, we will again sing the hymn twice.

Thuma mina - thuma mina thuma mina - hear us Lord

Hear me Jesus - hear me Jesus hear me Jesus - hear us Lord

at the end of the prayers

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always

All: And also with you.

With a handshake, we greet one another with a sign of God's peace...

You may be seated following the sharing of the peace

#### Offering

We worship God through our giving. As the offering plate is passed we respond to God's Word as we give thanks for God's material and spiritual gifts to us.

#### Offertory

Sung by congregation as the gifts are presented at the altar Please stand if you are able.

Take my life – that I may be Consecrated Lord to thee Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise

1. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee

> Take my life – that I may be Consecrated Lord to thee Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise

2. Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose

> Take my life – that I may be Consecrated Lord to thee Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Leader: Let us pray . . . Gracious God,

All: You open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Pastor: The Lord be with you.

#### All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

#### All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

#### All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You are the one who was, and is, and is yet to come. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

#### The Sanctus

sung - repeat after pastor

Pastor: Holy

All: Holy

Pastor: Holy, Holy

All: Holy, Holy

Pastor: Holy God Almighty

- All: Holy God Almighty
- Pastor: Heaven is filled with glory Hosanna in the highest
- All : Heaven is filled with glory Hosanna in the highest

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Pastor: All glory and honour to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life..

#### All: Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and your saving presence in our lives.

#### All: Amen

Pastor: Let us now pray with confidence the words our Saviour gave us:

#### 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

Pastor: Come, all has been prepared; eat and drink with delight, and be satisfied.

All: Thanks be to God.

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#### Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God You Take away the sin of the world Have mercy - Have mercy - On us

> O - Lamb of God You Take away the sin of the world Have mercy - Have mercy - On us

Lamb of God You Take away the sin of the world Have mercy - Have mercy - On us

O - Lamb of God You Take away the sin of the world Grant us - Grant us - Your peace

please be seated

#### The Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's Table for communion; children and those of other faiths are invited to share the bread and a blessing.

> Communion will be distributed in this fashion: When dismissed by an usher please come to the front of the church to receive the bread from the Pastor or Assisting Minister.

If you are seated on the **right** side of the church please go to the **right** side communion rail.

If you are seated on the **left** side go to the **left** side communion rail.

The Assistant minister will follow with the cup. Please dip your wafer into the wine when prompted.

If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive communion, please inform the usher and communion will be brought to you in the pew.

Gluten-free wafers and wine are available - ask when you come to the Communion rail.

#### Communion Hymn

to be sung by the congregation

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure, Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

> When all have returned to their seats, the congregation will please stand

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

All: Amen

Leader: Let us pray . . . God our creator,

All: At this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Post-Communion Canticle

All: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; Tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord Rejoice and proudly bear his name He recalls his promises And leads his people forth in joy With shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia. Alleluia

please be seated

#### **Congregational Announcements**

please stand for the Benediction and closing Hymn

Pastor: Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

#### All: Amen

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#### Closing hymn

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise, Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

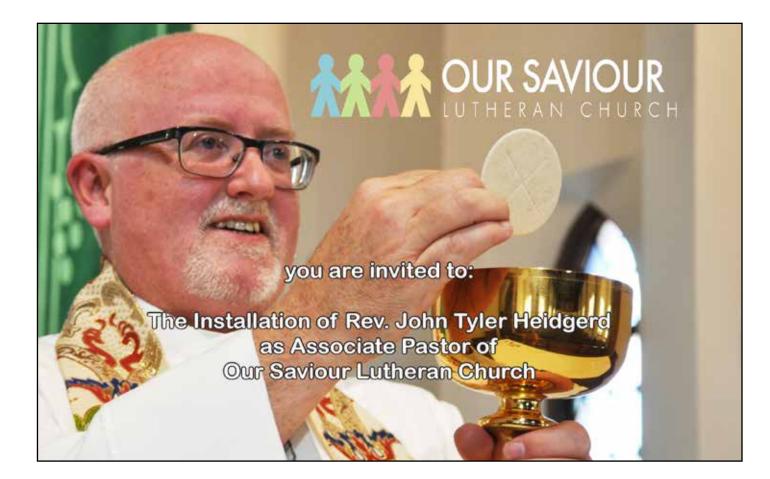
All: Thanks be to God.



# welcome home !

Fourteenth Sunday aft Pentecost September 10, 2017		<b>Arrivals and Departures</b> Free Parking ~ Every Sunday Available on the south side of 90th Avenue from 175 Street to 178 Street. You MUST display a yellow parking permit. To get a permit ask an usher - they are FREE!
Today - Pentecost 14 Worship Worship Worship	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Cold water is available in the church entryway. Hand Sanitizers are available in the entryway and in the bathrooms.
<b>Tuesday</b> Church Council	7:30 PM	
Wednesday Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Curt Saviant Luther of Contract
<b>Thursday</b> Senior Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Contact Us
<b>Saturday</b> Cuba Mission Trip Church Prep Sunday School Teachers Meeting	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	How to Reach UsChurch Address90-04 175 St., Jamaica 11432Our Saviour Office718-739-7452Our Saviour School718-739-7452Church Fax718-739-3964Church e-mailoursaviourjamaica@nyc.rr.comChurch web sitewww.oursaviourjamaica.com
Next Sunday - Pentecost 15 Cuba Mission Trip Worship Sunday School Worship Worship	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Pastor Bob (Home) 718-657-2890 (cell) 917-488-8154 e-mail rfritch@nyc.rr.com Pastor John (cell) 914-275-3106 e-mail jheidgerd@gmail.com If you have an e-mail address, please share it with us. Please use the tear-off card on the back of this bulletin.

# we are our saviour



#### October 7 - Saturday at 4:00 PM

Join us for this IMPORTANT day as we officially install Pastor John as Associate Pastor here at Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Mietlowski - Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in Manhattan

Presiding: Rev. Marcia Parkinson-Harrison - Dean of the SE Conference of ELCA Lutheran Churches

Special Guests:

Rev. Perucy Butiku - Assistant to the Bishop, Metro NY Synod - former Pastor to the Swahili Community here at Our Saviour

Rev. Romeo Dabee - Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Queens Village - former Assoc. Pastor here at Our Saviour

We NEED food - food and more food as we expect a crowd - sign up sheets are on the back wall of the church - please let us know what you are bringing for this special event. We also need servers and set up and clean up folks. This is the time to step up OSLC !

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#### **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation Class at Our Saviour Starts Soon ! What is Confirmation ? Confirmation is a two-year process of deepening the faith of our young people age 13 and older. One year studies the big stories of the Bible and the second year looks at our Lutheran roots.

Confirmation is an IMPORTANT part of the faith life of our young people - and it's fun too. Taught by our own Pastor John

No need to sign up - just show up on September 30 at 11:00 AM - I hope to see you there !



### **BRAND NEW FOR YOUTHS !**

For all youths ages 12-19 Movie and Game Nights Field Trips Service Projects ~ Food And More !

EVERY First Friday of EVERY Month at Our Saviour Church *Form Your Faith Find New Friends Feed Your Community Feel Safe and Have Fun* 

# carnival thank you



#### Thank you to everyone

Whether you donated hot dogs or hamburgers, helped set up, helped clean up, showed your talent, reached out to our neighbors, or just stood around looking good - thank you.

Scores of volunteers worked hard to make this years Carnival such a success. We cannot mention everyone, but we must mention our Church Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator, Kurena Dilchand, for the months of behind-thescenes work prior to the Carnival.

Pictures are up on the Church Facebook page.

See you all next year !

#### Meet the CUBA Mission Team



#### Carolyn Brown



#### Fiona Sukhnandan



#### Sattie & Harold Ramnarine



**Ray Ramnarine** 



#### Neil & Jennifer Pierre





#### Pastor Bob



Rae Bourne

The CUBA Mission Team departs JFK on September 16 and returns on September 23 - please keep them in your prayers as they represent our church in Matanzas and Havana, Cuba. Godspeed to our team !

# the important things ...



Consider giving through our online giving system. It is safe and secure. You can sign up for a one-time gift, but more importantly; you can set it to give your offering on a regular basis, even when you are not at church. Many of our folks now use this easy way to give - you basically set it, and forget it. You never have to remember your offering, or find your offering envelopes - your gifts are automatically sent to the church account.

To sign up, simply go to the church web site at oursaviourjamaica.com and click on the "Donate" button in the upper left hand corner. Because the expenses of the church continue even when you are not in church, this is the best thing you could possibly do to support the ministries of your church each and every week - Pastor Bob uses it, you might consider it too.

#### Gotta Talk to Pastor Bob ? Gotta Talk to Pastor John ?

- trying to schedule a prayer service ?
- need to ask a question ?
- just need to talk?
- gotta get your car blessed ?

Please try to remember that "church time" is "church time." If you need to speak with a pastor, unless it is an emergency, please send an e-mail, or give a call. They are never too busy for you.

There are a lot of things for pastors to prepare on a Sunday morning, especially between services. Please be respectful of "church time."

email - revbobnyc@gmail.com or jheidgerd@gmail.com phone - 917-488-8154 or 914-275-3106

# mark your calendars

**Kid's Church is back** - now only on holiday weekends at the 10:00 service. If there is a three-day holiday weekend on the calendar, we will be having Kid's Church that Sunday at 10:00 AM - plus something new - the youth of Our Saviour will be taking the lead this year !

Confirmation Class - Students and Parents Info Session - September 30 at 11:00 AM

Worship Assistant Training Days - will be announced soon

Pastor John's Installation - October 7 at 4:00 PM - much more to follow about this big day.

#### Sisters of Our Saviour Present . . . Health and Wellness Event September 30

Time: 11:00am- 4:00PM Cost: Free

Agenda and Sponsors

Safe environment - Home preparedness- Red Cross

Breast Cancer -Demystified - Molinda Lalsingh and team from Concordia College

Skin Cancer awareness and care - Fiona Sukhnandan

Smoking - its effects and solutions - NYC DOH

Street Smart, see something, say something - NYPD

A healthy lunch will be served at no cost.

This is a free event sponsored by SOS and friends and family.

## Welcome !

If you are joining us for the first time today or if your personal information has changed, please use this tear-off card to help us keep in touch with you and let you know of all the great things happening at Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

My Name
Address
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Telephone
E-mail address
This is my: O 1st time at worship O 2nd time at worship
I would like more information on: O Becoming a Member O Baptizing my child O I would like a Pastor to call O Other I am asking the church to pray for the follow- ing person or reason
I am asking the church to pray for the follow-
O I would like these prayers to be kept confidential
• I would like these prayers to be added to the church prayer list to be read next Sunday morning during worship (Names will be included for one week)
Please tear off this card and either - place it in the offering plate

- give it to an usher



# Our Saviour Lutheran Church

90-04 175th Street Jamaica, NY 11432

#### The Perfect church . . . for those who aren't !

This year marks our 93rd year of ministry in Queens. Organized in 1923, Our Saviour Lutheran Church includes people from 26 nations of origin, gathered together to celebrate in Word and Sacrament the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to root our hope in the power of the Good News.

As a people who have been touched by God's love in Jesus Christ, we respond by giving our lives in friendship and service.

We are:

A Joyful people ! A Diverse people ! Gathered for worship ! Scattered for ministry !

Welcome !

### **Worship Schedule**

Worship every Sunday 8:30 AM ~ 10:00 AM ~ 11:30 AM

#### For more information

visit our website ~ www.oursaviourjamaica.com

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