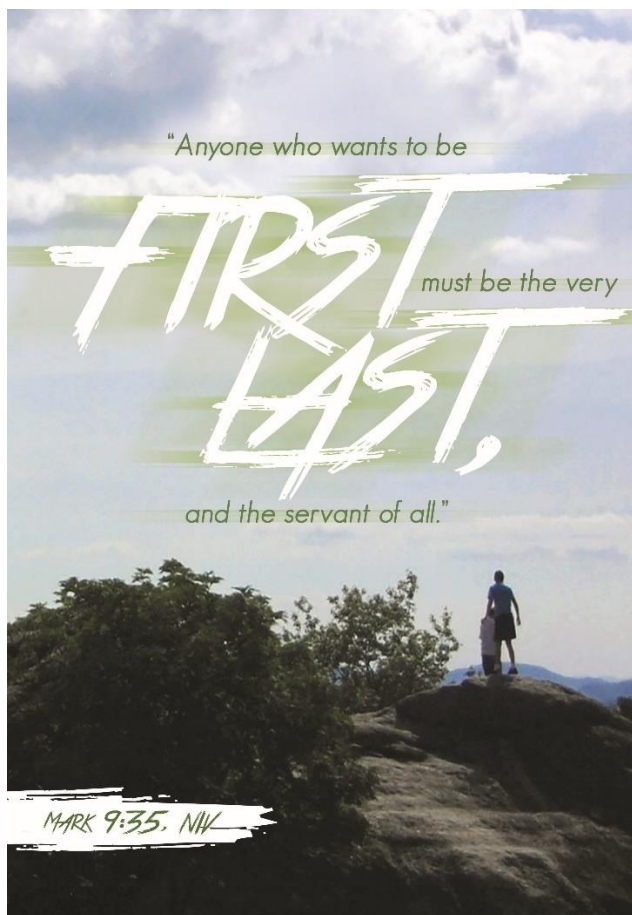


**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 22, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**[P]** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

**[P]** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**[P]** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**[P]** Most merciful God,

**[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**[P]** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

*Stand*

## GREETING OF PEACE

*Introduce yourself to those around you, greeting them with the greeting of peace.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–89, alt.  
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87

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*1 John 3:16–19; Heb. 13:16; Matt. 25:40; Rom. 8:32*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**


**P** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**   
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C**   
**A - - - men.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*  
  
**This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.**

  
**Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.** *Go to Verses*

*Verse 1*

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 2*

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 3*

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 4*

For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. *continue below*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of a just man, the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's message of impending doom only to receive opposition. The common idea of the just sufferer seems to have influenced the early Christians as they sought to understand the sufferings and death of Jesus.*

**R** It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb

led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me

that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,

who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND LESSON James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

*James contrasts the wisdom from above, with all its good characteristics, with the desire to "have things," which leads to conflicts and disputes in the community. Meaning in life does not come from cravings for possessions or pleasure, which only breed competition.*

**R** Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*  
*intro: one chord*

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

**GOSPEL** **P** The Gospel of Mark, written in chapter 9 beginning at verse 30.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

**P** Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come again 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.

## MESSAGE

### "Vice Versa"

*Stand*

## HYMN "What is The World to Me"

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) on two staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes.



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701; setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006

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1 John 2:15–17; Phil. 3:7–9; Ps. 73:25; Rom. 12:2

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**[P]** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:*

**[P]** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**[C]** Amen.

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



## OFFERTORY PRAYER AND SONG

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*introduction*

**C** 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.

## THE PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

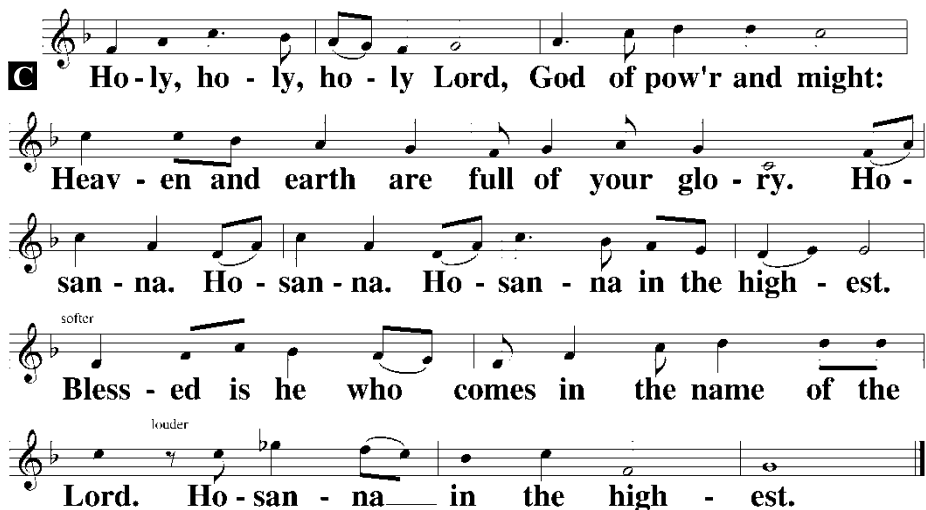
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**C** 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

THE LAMB OF GOD

**C** 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.

Sit  
**THE DISTRIBUTION** You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.

HYMN “Love in Christ is Strong and Living”

1 Love in Christ is strong and liv-ing, Bind-ing faith-ful  
2 Love is pa-tient and for-bear-ing, Clothed in Christ's hu-  
3 Love in Christ a-bides for-ev-er, Faint-ing not when  
hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv-ing.  
mil-i-ty, Gen-tle, self-less, kind, and car-ing,  
ills at-tend; Love, for-giv-ing and for-giv-en,  
May His will in us be done.  
Reach-ing out in char-i-ty.  
Shall en-dure un-til life's end.

# HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess; And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
 That names the Savior's name;  
 His family embraces all  
 Whose Father is the same.

Text: Latin, c. 9th cent.; tr. Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97, alt.  
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John 13:1-17; 1 John 4:7-21; Eph. 4:29-32

*Stand*

## THE BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

*intro: one chord*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what  
he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and  
proud-ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom-is - es  
and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.


BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Son of God Eternal Savior"

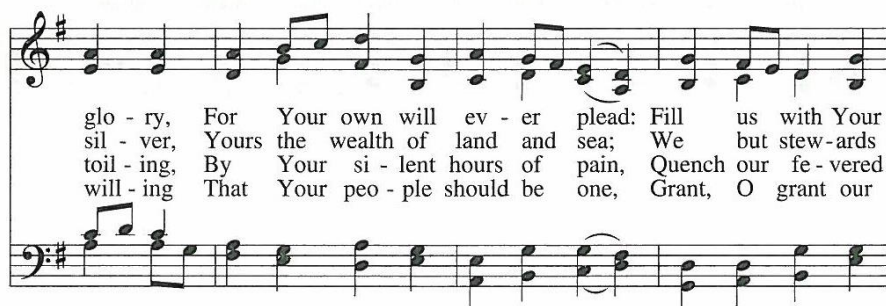
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



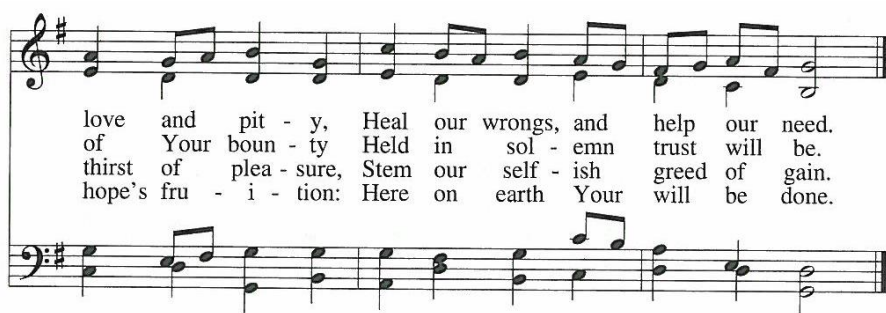
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



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.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, alt.

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*1 Peter 1:20–23; Heb. 7:25; John 13:34–35; 17:20–21*

## POSTLUDE

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### Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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