

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Holy Communion 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold**.

GATHERING

*Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for
silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

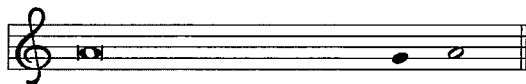
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN -

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Hymn #886

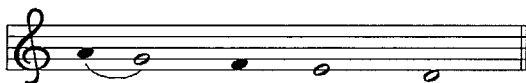
*GREETING

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

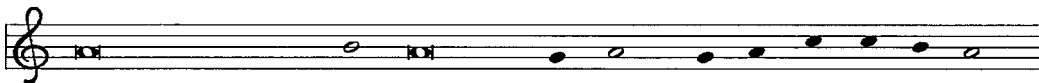
*KYRIE - Lord, have mercy page 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



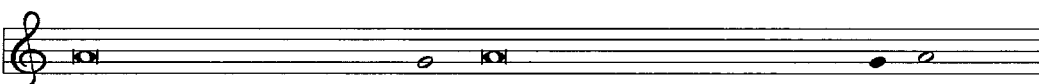
Lord, have mer - cy.



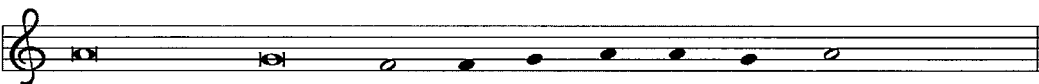
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



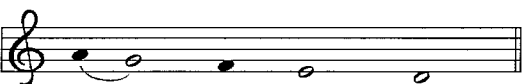
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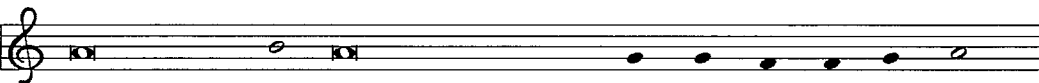
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



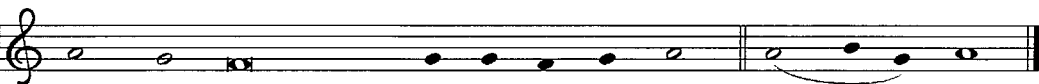
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE - *This is the Feast* page 149

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 (*spoken responsively*)

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on
earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING - Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 151



*GOSPEL - Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. *(spoken)*

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Timothy Garman

*HYMN OF THE DAY -

Healer of Our Every Ill Hymn #612

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** (After each prayer) **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING - (*Offering plates are located in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.*)

*OFFERTORY HYMN -

Jesus Loves Me..... Hymn #595, v. 1

**Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

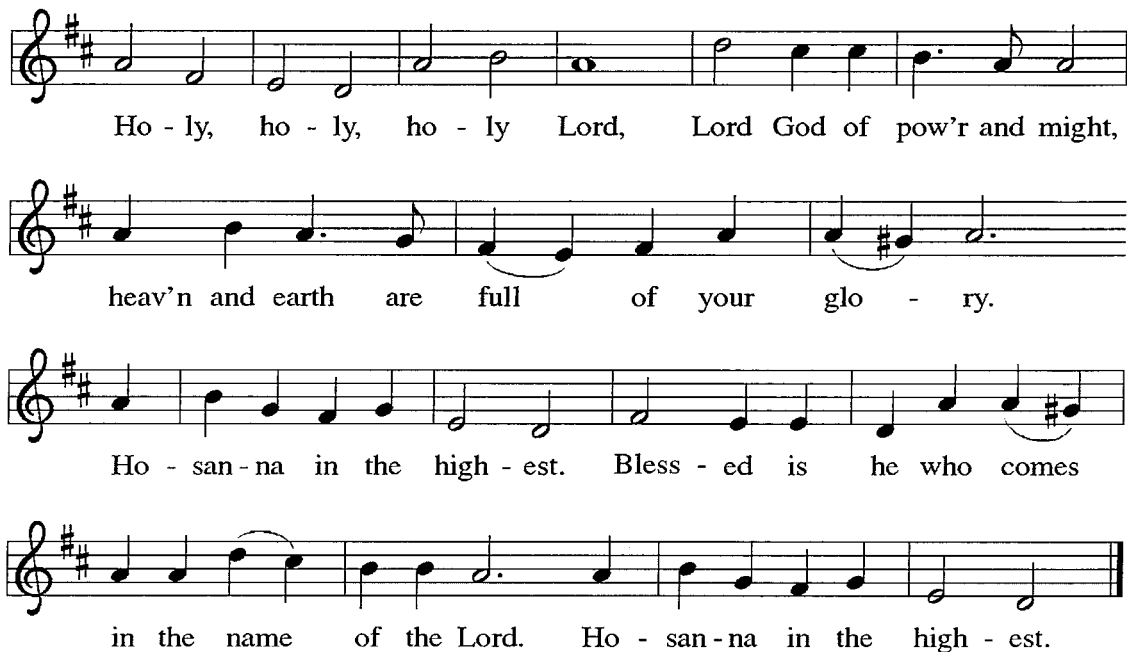
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS** - *Holy, holy, holy* Page 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

You are indeed holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

On 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.

May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Amen.

***AGNUS DEI - (*Lamb of God*)** Page 154



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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

After receiving Communion, please do not hesitate to come forward to the altar for a time of prayer.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

THE SENDING

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN -**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Hymn #759

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Timothy Garman - Guest Pastor

The Rev. Althea Seidel

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music

Roger Lentz - Organist

Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director

Nancy Brightbill - Lay Assistant

Barry Thompson - Lector

Emily Engle - Acolyte

Connie Thompson & Brenda Galbraith - Greeters

♿ *Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.*

📵 *Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, August 16 - Adult Christian Education 10:15 a.m.

Monday, August 17 - Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19 - Mentor A Mother 5:30 p.m.; WELCA Picnic at
Carol Koehler's Home 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 20 - Archives & Artifacts Committee 9:30 a.m.;
Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.; Church Council
Meeting 7 p.m.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, Dan, Dan Fox, Moe Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Joe & Fran, Jane Kalbach, Joe Kalbach, Bart Keip, Donna Kullman, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, Robert Moore, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Pastor Althea, Sam & Marie Smith, Betty Troxell, Rick Warner, and Mary Yeagley.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

GREETERS & LECTORS NEEDED: This is a simple way to help out! Arrive on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and greet anyone who enters the Narthex door. Lectors are also needed. The text is given ahead of time for you to get comfortable. Sign-up sheet is located at the parking lot Welcome Table. Questions? Please contact either Denise Rhoades or Stephanie Kaylor.

2027 CHURCH ENVELOPES: It's renewal time for the office! If you are currently receiving envelopes and would no longer wish to or if you are not receiving them and would like to, please let Stephanie know. Questions? stephanie@trinityleb.org or 717-273-8567.

CALLING ALL YOUTH AND SCHOOL STAFF: You are invited to bring your backpack to Worship Service on Sunday, August 31 at 9 a.m. for a special blessing. This is also the first day of Sunday School.

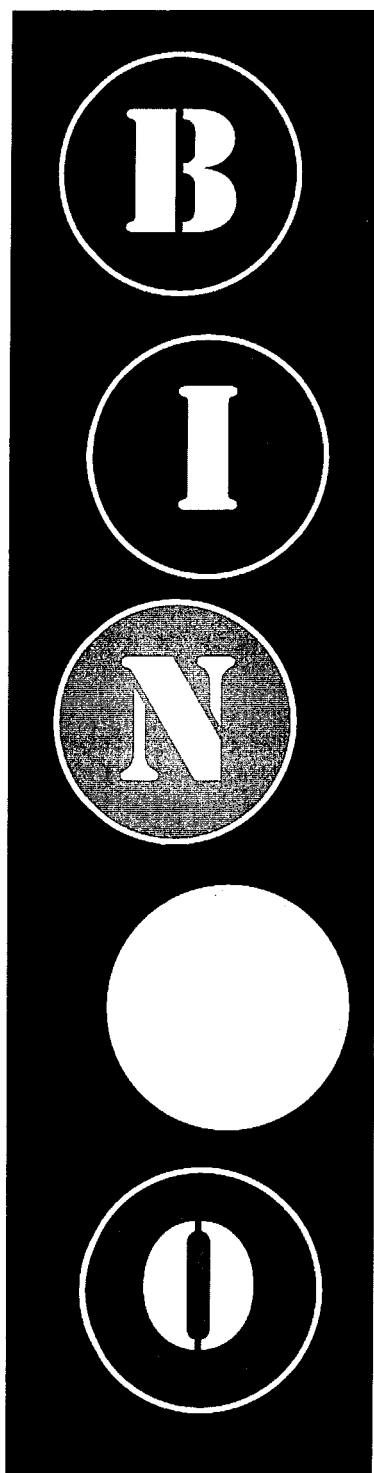
SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Youth Sunday School is back!!! We will be meeting on Sunday, August 31 following worship in the Kindergarten Room. If you are interested in helping out, learning more, or have questions, please contact the Office at stephanie@trinityleb.org or 717-273-8567.

BINGO HELP NEEDED: We need your help spreading the word! There are flyers at each Welcome Table. Please grab some and hang them up in the community. The event benefits our outreach ministries. Stay tuned for more ways to help! Thank you!

BUTTERFLY COUNT: The Quittapahilla Audubon Society invites you to their 7th annual Lebanon County Butterfly Count. The event takes place on Saturday, August 15 at 10 a.m. Please meet at the Speedway Gas Station off State Drive. Questions? Please contact Terry Weaver at 717-272-3491.

EGG CARTONS: Cartons are needed for various non-profits. Please bring them in and place them in the bin in The Giving Place.

MISSION TRIP HELP NEEDED: The Northern Lancaster Conference ELCA, Disaster Response group is making plans for another trip to North Carolina to assist with Hurricane Helene cleanup and recovery. This, their third trip to NC, (twenty seventh trip overall) is slated for November 15-21, 2026. Sign-up deadline is August 30. If you have an interest in participating or questions about the trip or the work involved contact Neal Galbraith.



CASH PRIZES!

*Supporting Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's
Hunger Initiative and Pastoral Care Programs.*

SEPTEMBER 26

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
723 Lehman Street: Please use parking lot entrance.

Doors Open for Food &

Drink: 11:30 a.m.

Games Start: 1 p.m.

Regular Games Payout \$50

Special Games Payout \$100

Tickets: \$20 Advance

\$25 at Door

Seating is LIMITED!

Tickets available online at:

www.trinityleb.org

or by calling

717-273-8567.



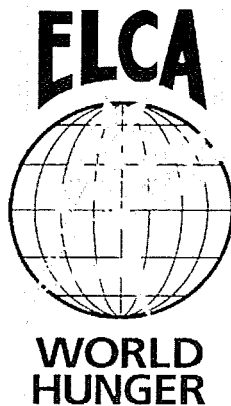
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ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran World Relief

ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief minister together to give hope and life changing aid to people in need around the Globe. Examples of the crucial work can be found in the August edition of *Trinity Tidings*.

Special Offering envelopes can be found at either Welcome Table or in the pews (green envelopes.) You can also mark your donation "ELCA World Hunger," "Lutheran Disaster Response," and/or "Lutheran World Relief." Thank you!

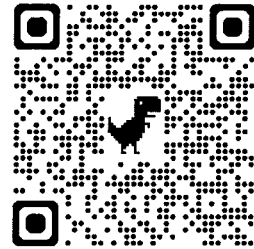


**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

There are many ways that we, as a congregation and as individuals, give back to the Lord. Many of us share our gifts, talents, and money in order to have our many ministries flourish. Your support, in whatever ways it is shared, is always appreciated.

Scan to donate online:



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - June 2026

	Month of June	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$19,101	\$130,758	\$164,878
Expenses	(\$23,124)	(\$167,680)	(\$175,256)
Net Income	(\$4,023)	(\$36,922)	(\$10,378)



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