

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 19, 2021

"What's going on" Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight— "we proclaim the Lord's death."

Pastor's Welcome

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



Confession and Absolution

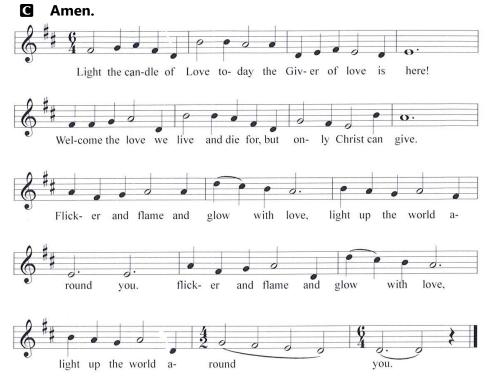
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe. You led your people Israel by the pillar of clouds by day and the pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ this Advent. May His Word be a lamp our feet, and a light to our path. For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation. We your creatures glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

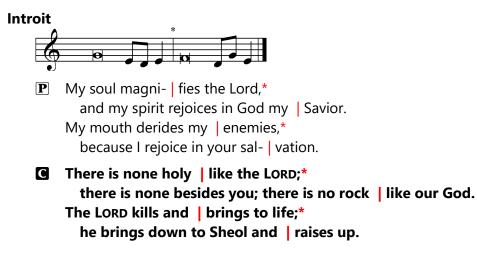
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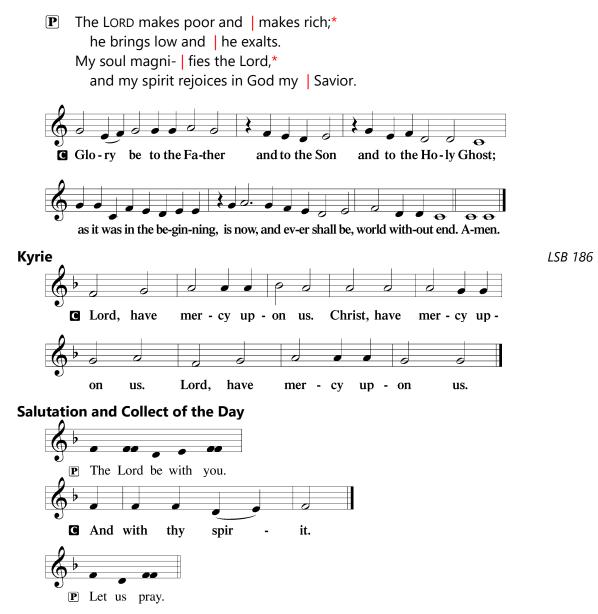
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word





Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2–5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." ⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C 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 worshiped 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.

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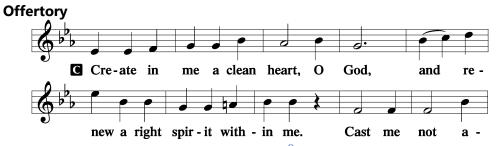


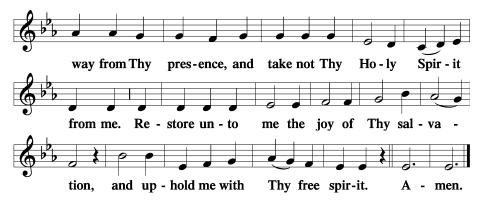




Sermon

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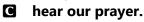
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Prayer of the Church

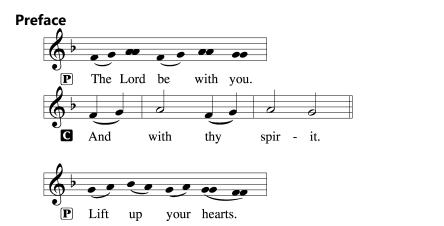
- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- O Lord, mighty God, there is none like You in holiness, constancy and might; yet, You exercise Your power for the salvation of sinners. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

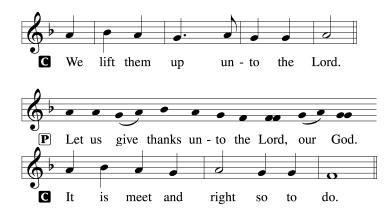


- O Lord, mighty God, Bethlehem was too small to be among the clans of Judah, yet from it came forth the King of kings. Remember the congregations of Your people where numbers are small and resources are scarce. Provide for their needs, and remind them that the Lord of lords dwells among them in His Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, mighty God, You make poor and You make rich. Receive our thanks for Your gifts of daily bread. Give us contentment with what You provide, preserve us from coveting what You do not give and grant that we would be wise stewards of Your blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- O Lord, mighty God, You sent Your Son to shepherd His flock in strength and to be great to the ends of the earth. Grant wisdom to our leaders and peace among the nations, that we may dwell secure. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, mighty God, You helped Your servant Israel, and Your mercy endures forever. Look upon those brought low by illness, injury, grief or other affliction [especially_____]. Have mercy upon them, grant them healing and strength, and maintain in them the certain hope of Your faithfulness to them for Jesus' sake. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, mighty God, You have sanctified us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, once for all, on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who commune this day with penitence and trust in Your promises, and so make us holy with Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, mighty God, You have done great things for us, most of all delivering us from death to life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Mercifully hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament





It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

- L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

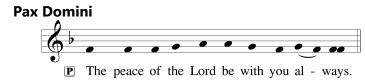
The Words of Our Lord

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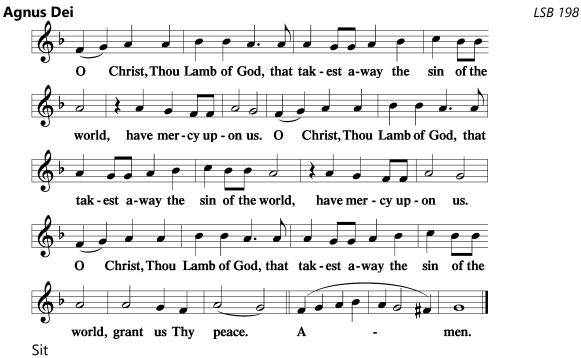
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."







Distribution

Come as King by Dana Mengle sung by the Mixed Choir

Come, O come, holy One, come descend on wings of love. Come and set all Your captive people free. Come as truth, come as life, come as King! Come with grace, come in peace, come to save and redeem. Come in power, come in splendor, come in glory, come as King! As a child, as a lamb, come to bless our land. Come with healing in Your mighty wing. Come as brother and friend. Come the poorest to defend. Come as Savior and Lord, come as King! Come with grace, come in peace, come to save and redeem. Come in power, splendor, come in glory, come as King! Come in power, come in splendor, come in glory, come as King! Come in splendor, O, come in glory come as King!



The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

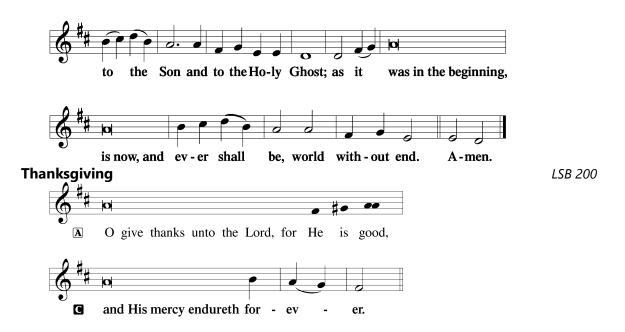
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

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C Amen.

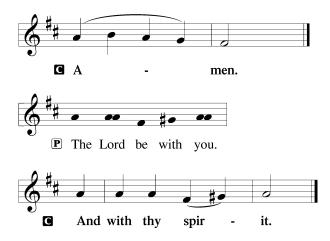
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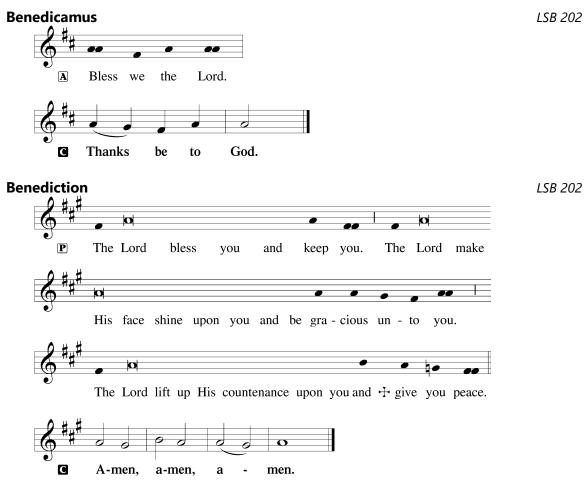




A Let us pray.

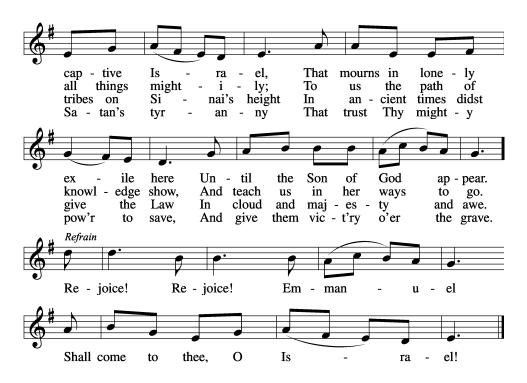
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





Announcements

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 10 come, Em -0 man u - el, And ran - som come, _ on high, 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from Who or - d'rest 30 come, Thou Lord come, 0 of might, Who to Thy 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes se's tree, Free them from -



- O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain
- O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

Dismissal (Acolyte)

- A Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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INTERCESSIONS Tom Christian, Carl Schicki, Nora Clements, Roger Roebke, Carol Matt, Sara Himes, Jeanette Strelau, Al Carter (Debby Piccoli's step father), Michael Mode, Helen Warke, David Groenier (brother of Mary Krock), Eleanor Mode, Kari Roberts, Paul Samson, Jonathan Zawislak, We pray for our nation and its leaders. +++ For those serving in the military. +++ AJ Schrautemyer, Joseph Puzzo, Cameron & Jacob Dyer, Christine Strange, Jared Koch, Vincent Stewart, Jacob Green and Neal Rogers We pray for our missionary Danelle Putnam, serving in the Dominican Republic; For the people and government of Cuba. For Christians undergoing persecution throughout the world, especially in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS Lector: Paul Bacon, Assist Min: Bob Heffley; Usher: Wendy Sass; Greeter: Paul Bacon

ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION CARDS Members/Visitors: Please fill out one of the cards found on the end of the pews and put it in the offering plate on the table at Communion. Parents, please add children's names.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Church office is open, Mon-Fri., 9am-2pm.

Please contact the church office for assistance. Pastor Dan Greg (630-967-4692), Jerry Russell (847-437-0990) and Jerry Jacobson (847-971-3257) are also available to handle any ministry needs.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Faithful giving is our response to God's love for what He has given us. Sun. attendance 36 = \$3800 to meet our weekly need of \$4462.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE" Mite boxes are available on the outer narthex table with donations going toward our Building Fund. You may return your *filled* box to the basket on the outer narthex table. The Bd. Of Human Care/Missions thanks you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance. Mary's faith also gave her the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

HELP THE HUNGRY The EGV Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church requests the following items to distribute to the needy: canned fruits (small individual size), one dish meals (chili, stew), peanut butter, spaghetti, jellies, pork & beans, canned tomatoes, juice boxes, cookies, chicken noodle soup. Place your donations in the Fellowship Hall shopping cart. Thanks for your help **Special need** of chicken soup, tomato soup, pasta sauce and tuna packed in water

USHERS AND LECTORS/ASSISTANTS NEEDED!! Please let Wendy if you are willing to either Usher or be a Lector/ Assistant.

HUMAN CARE/ MISSIONS There will be an offering plate in the back of the Church for Lutheran Child & Family services. They are requesting money this year to provide gifts for the children in foster care.

OUTREACH/ COMMUNICATION The Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, who we support for their food pantry, has opened up a Community Clothing Ministry that will assist the needy and homeless in the area. They are looking for gently used men's and women's winter clothing, coats, shoes, boots, coats, gloves and hand warmers, sweat shirts, heavy socks warm hats and scarves. Of course donations of gift cards for gas and pharmacy are always appreciated. There will be a large box in fellowship hall for the collection.



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OUR MISSION

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN 12/19	4th Sunday of Advent	9:00am
	Fellowship Coffee Hour -Education/Worship	10:00am
	Education Hour	10:30am
WED 12/22	Confirmation	2:00pm
	Choir practice	7:00pm
THUR <i>12/23</i>	A.A. Meeting	7:30pm
FRI 12/24	Christmas Eve Service	4:00pm
	Christmas Eve Service	7:00pm
SAT 12/25	Christmas Day Service	10:00am
SUN 12/26	1 st Sunday after Christmas	9:00am
	Fellowship Coffee Hour – Human Care/Missions	10:00am
	Education Hour	10:30am

WELCOME! & COMMUNION STATEMENT

The people of The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit greet you in peace and with blessing. In this blessed sacrament of the altar, we celebrate our Lord's communion with us as he gives us his true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. Because we believe this is also a public confession of faith, we invite all baptized and catechized believers in fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to come and receive these gifts.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to commune regardless of confession, please speak with Pastor before service or during the week.

Please speak with Pastor or an usher if you may need Communion brought to you.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays – 9:00AM Communion Service Wednesdays in Advent and Lent - 7:00p.m. Special Festival and Holiday Services as posted

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM (Sept.-May) Sunday School, age 3 thru Gr. 5, Youth Class 6th- 12th Gr. 2 Adult Studies

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