



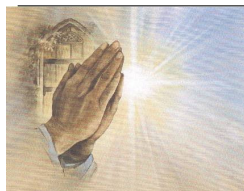
This morning we welcome **Viktor Graham Wesley M.** into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Viktor is the newborn son of Timo M. and Helena F. and a younger brother to Erik.

Viktor's sponsors are *Gary B.* and *Cheryl K.*

Also this morning we welcome

Barbara B. and Candace S. into congregational membership.

Barbara is a pharmacist and **Candace** is a student at BCIT studying prosthetics (artificial limbs).



Our prayers for a full and swift recovery are with Cherie D. who underwent major surgery on Friday.



We mourn with Russell on the unexpected death of his brother. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

You are invited to Our Saviour Lutheran Church's **Evening of Music** featuring the Surrey Children's Choir Surrey Youth Chorus Surrey Youth Chamber choir

Sunday, December 13, 7:00 pm
Tickets \$10.00

*Our Saviour is located at
6340 No. 4 Road Richmond, BC
Phone: 604 270-0085*

An Invitation from
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

Love for LUMS
a fundraising concert for the
Lutheran Urban Mission Society
featuring the North Shore
Concert Band

Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 pm
Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
1700 Mountain Highway
North Vancouver

Admission by Donation

Dessert Potluck

Please don't forget our annual dessert potluck on **December 20** after the service.

This is the time of the year when everyone is invited to bring a favourite dessert to share.

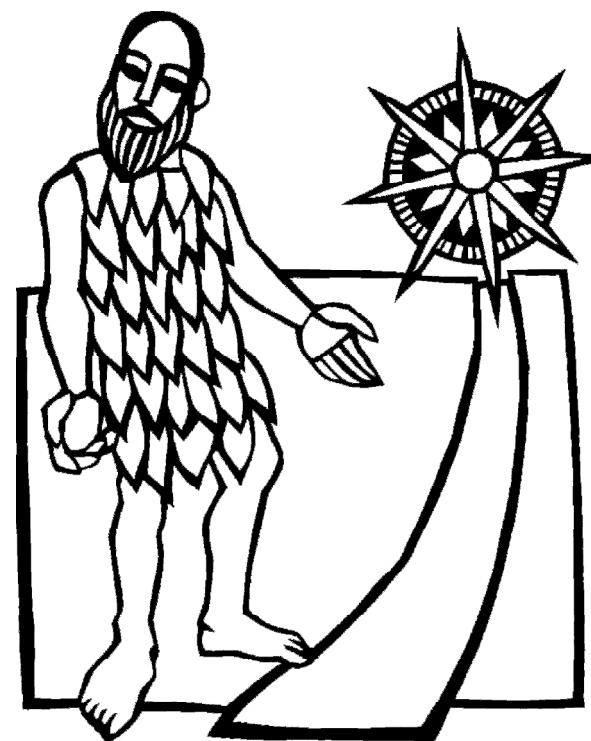
Homestay

Anyone interested in hosting Japanese students from UBC, please contact the church office at 604 435-6020. About 7 students are waiting for families to welcome them in their homes during the Christmas break to help them practice their English while school is not in session.



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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2009**

Forgiving God, your presence is known among us in the breaking of the bread and in prayer. Energize those who pray faithfully for this congregation, that their intercessions will further empower this community for witness and service.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uniting God, in you we are held together in communion with all the living of every time and place. We remember before you this day all who have died *especially Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, whom we commemorate this day and ...* Help us and look to the day when in your love we shall walk together again in the light of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Alert and on guard for the coming of the Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting all things to your never-failing love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (Flute Solo) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Anne Krantz Organ

OFFERTORY PRAYER (All rise) p. 107

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING (The three-fold exchange is sung unaccompanied)

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” p. 108

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Prayer over the gifts) p. 110

FRACTION The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

“LAMB OF GOD” p. 112



It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. During Advent, the wafer is received in the open palm. All may drink from the first (common) cup or, instinct (dip) the wafer into the second (pouring) cup. Those who desire prayer and anointing for the healing of any illness or brokenness in mind, body or spirit are invited to receive these blessings after communing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#259 “Fling Wide the Door”
Prelude on ‘Divinum Mysterium’

John Watkinson

WORD

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1–4

The Lord announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) shall prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God's people, as silver and gold are refined.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

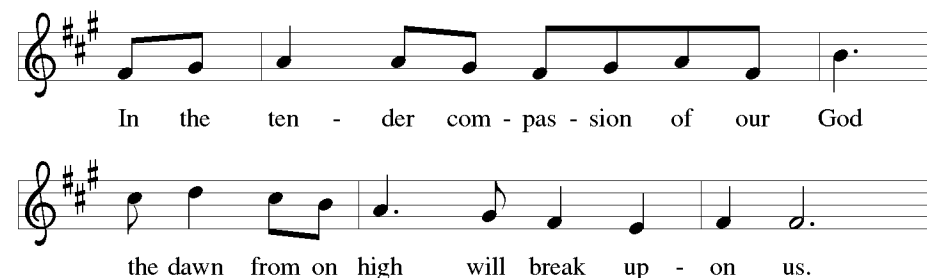
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Luke 1:68–79

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. (Luke 1:78)

Refrain:



⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the ¹God of Israel,
you have come to your people and ¹set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a ¹mighty Savior,
born of the house of your ¹servant David. R**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us ¹from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of ¹all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy ¹to our forebears,
and to remember your ¹holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our ¹father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our ¹enemies,

**free to worship you ¹without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days ¹of our life. R**

