

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Second Sunday in Easter • April 16th, 2023 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Stephanie Seebauer • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson • We are in Setting 3 of the ELW •

PRELUDE

Te Deum

Raymond Weidner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as able and face the back of the church.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 363

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
CAUDEAMUS PARITER

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: p.138

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the lyrics "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff contains the lyrics "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord." The third staff contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

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 worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: p.140

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with

deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips. R**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

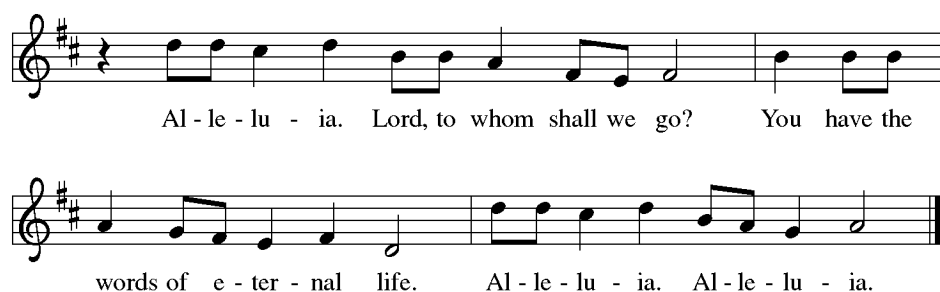
¹¹You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.142**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

Please stand as able.

Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this

book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Seminarian Gina Schaefer

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 386 (v.1, 5-8)

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
O FILII ET FILIAE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as able.

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

Each petition concludes "*Hear us, O God.*" We respond: "**Your mercy is great.**"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.

ANTHEM

Touch That Soothes and Heals

Gregg DeMey

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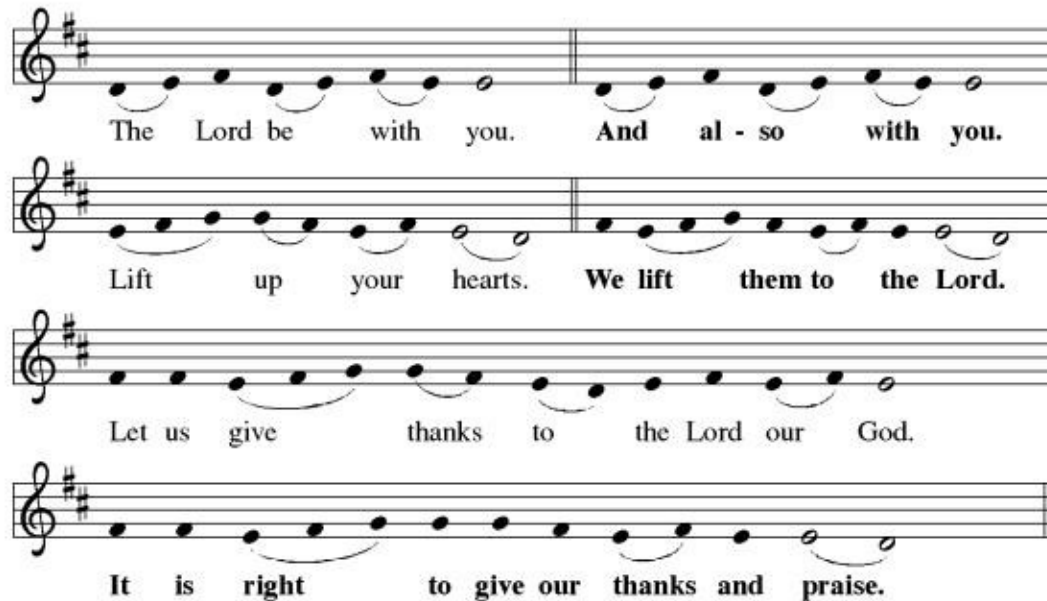
OFFERTORY: ELW 884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord .**Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.108

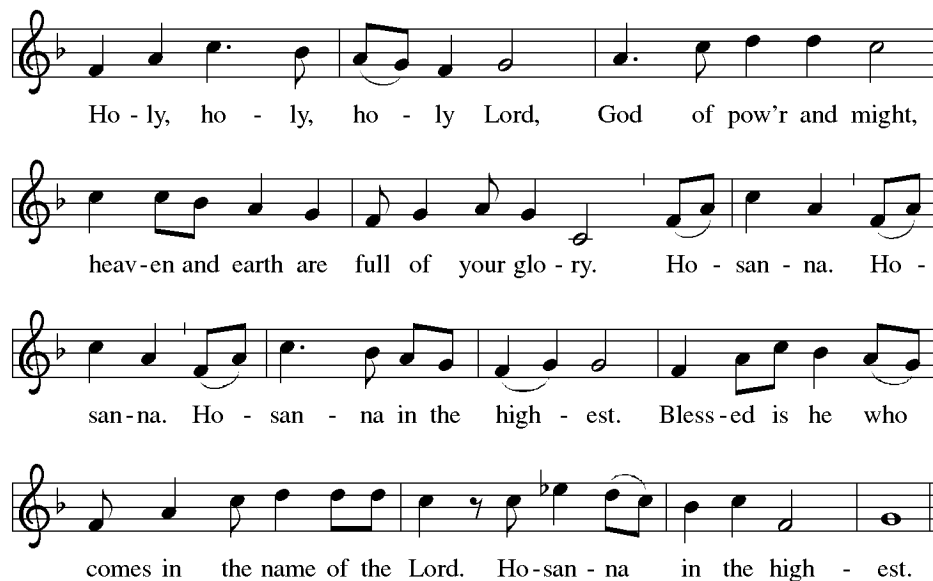


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

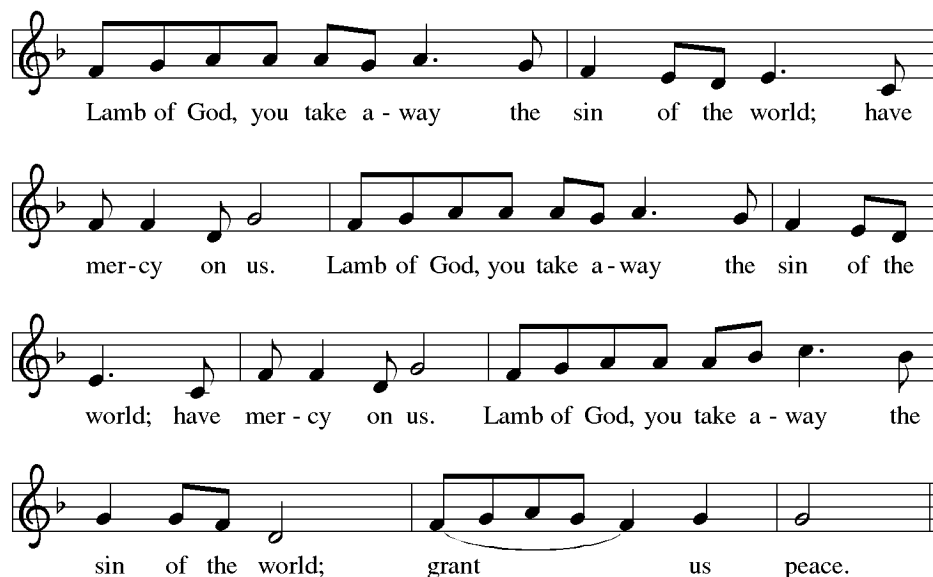
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **Thanks be to God.**
Please be seated.

COMMUNION - We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. The communion cups are in trays at the front of the church. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

LAMB OF GOD: p.208



COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 646

The Peace of the Lord
 LA PAZ DEL SENOR

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 379

Now the Green Blade Rises
 NOEL NOUVELET

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Holy God, at your table we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 635

We Walk by Faith
SHANTI

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Two Easter Chorales

Johann Sebastian Bach

1. *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod uberwand*
2. *Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag*

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for after worship for coffee hour.

Incarnation Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am • Children Sunday School: 9:15 am • Worship: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm M-F

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Prayer List

- Current: The Family of Tom Fryar, The family of Duan Sinclair, Luzie Arnold, Jim Hattler, and all homebound and caregivers.
- Continuing: The family of Ansel Gantt, The family of James Covington Parham, Jr, The family of Susan Kietel, Former President, Jimmy Carter, Porter Kinard, Lawrence Spires, Linda Abel, Elizabeth Johnson, Brandon Faust, Harry Evans, Meredith Schulz, Sandy Richardson, Melissa Corbett, James McArver
- Military: Mike Turner, (Mavis Turner's son), Hilary Compton, (Kim Yerrick's niece), Tyler Owens, (Kim Yerrick's nephew).
- Congratulations: Emmy and Brandon Bickley on the birth of Dalton Wesley Bickley

Financial Update

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Last Week	\$7,056	\$5,000	\$2,056+
April	\$12,670	\$10,000	\$2,670+
Year-to-Date	\$79,536	\$70,000	\$9,536+

Summer Camp

Summer Camp Registration has started for all Lutheridge and Lutherock programs! Register now to get the Early Bird Specials! The Incarnation Foundation will cover half of the cost of camp for any church member.

Synod Assembly

If you're interested in attending this year's synod assembly as a representative of Incarnation, please speak to Pastor Emily. The assembly will be held in Columbia this year at the Marriott, June 8th-10th.

Adult Sunday School - 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

What does it mean to be Lutheran? We will be using the book "Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers" by Martin E. Marty. Bring your questions!

CDC is Hiring!

Immediate openings for full time and part time co-teachers in our faith-based child development centers. Please forward resumes to cdc@incarnationlutheran.com.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 20th 6:00 pm
Oktoberfest Meeting & LMIM BBQ
at the Kinard House
Sunday, April 23rd: New
Member Sunday
Thursday, April 27th: 6:00 Holy
Guacamole at Casa Linda
Sunday, April 30th: CDC Sunday
Sunday, May 7th: 4:00 pm
Choral Evensong and Organ
Recital by Dr. Patrick Hawkins at
ILC

Giving to ILC

Please consider giving to Incarnation Lutheran Church's ministries and projects. We are in need of 2 more credence tables, to match the tables in the chancel, at a cost of \$2500.00. If you are interested in contributing, please make your offering to Alter Guild.



STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

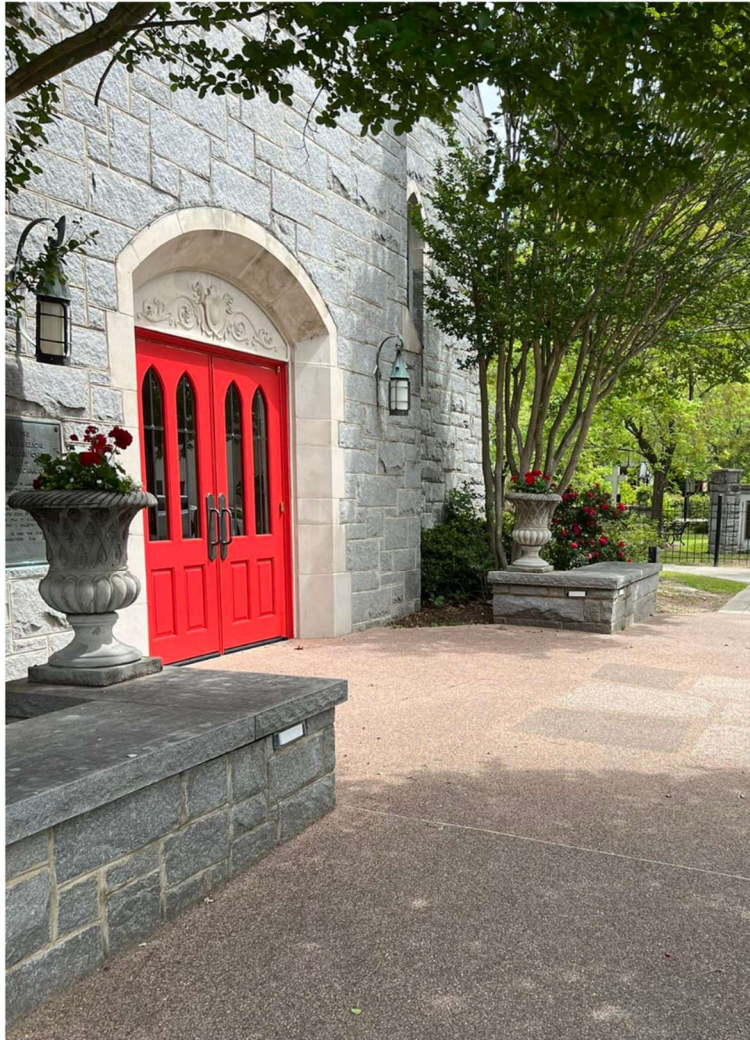
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"STEWARDSHIP IS LEAVING
A SYSTEM BETTER THAN
YOU FOUND IT."



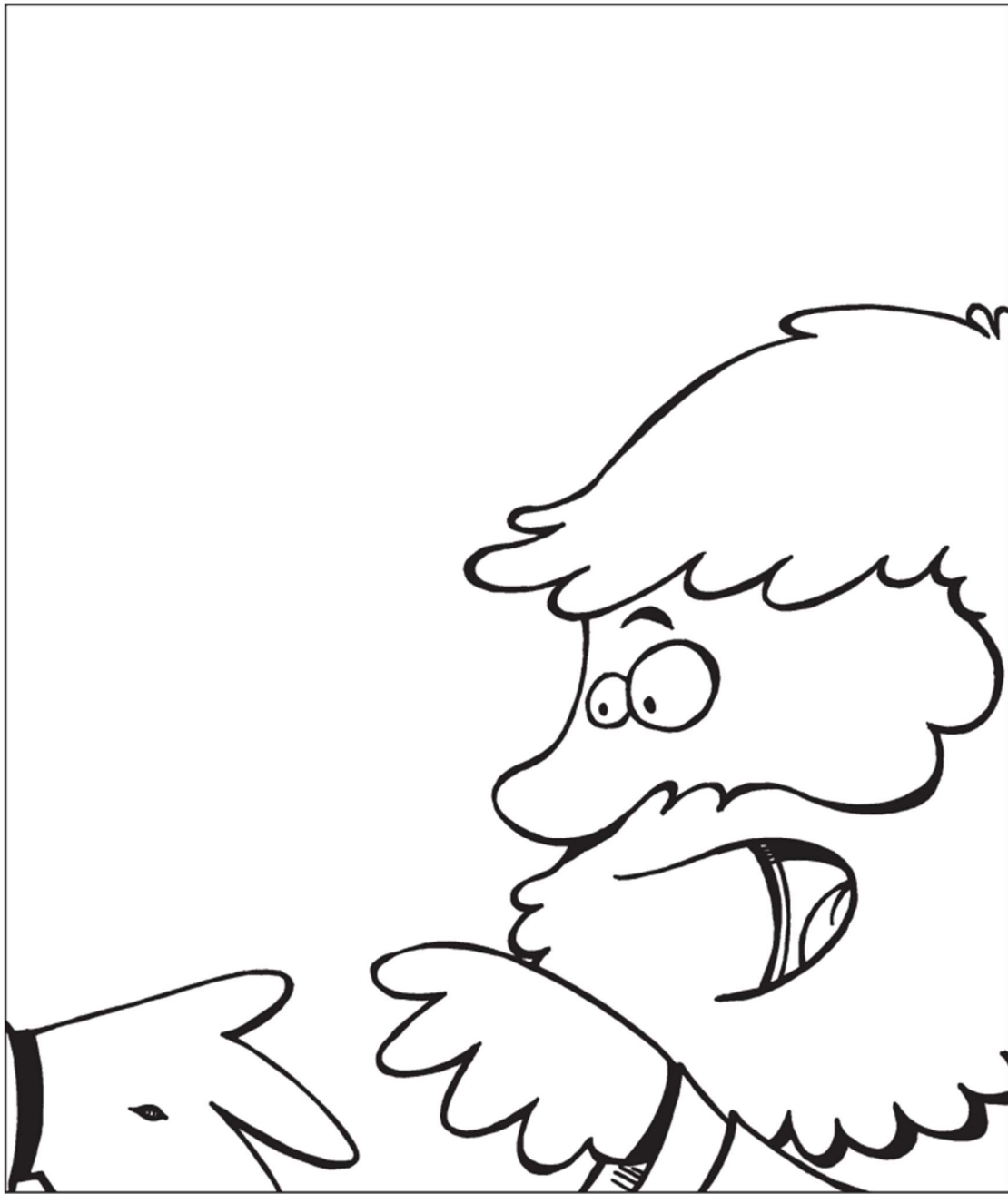
Do you want to join Incarnation? If so, please contact the office at office@incarnationlutheran.com so that we can gather your contact information and reach out to you.

ILC's New Doors!



Thank you to everyone who put in the hard work to make this happen. We will celebrate "Red Door Sunday" on Sunday, May 7th!

Doubting Thomas



Thomas' eyes popped. "My Lord and my God!" he exclaimed.