

An abstract background featuring a mix of vibrant colors including yellow, blue, purple, and green. The texture is layered and painterly, with visible brushstrokes and some darker, more saturated areas. A prominent vertical blue streak runs down the left side, while a large, swirling yellow and orange shape is in the upper right. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and artistic expression.

Who  
do you say that  
I am?

MATTHEW 16:13

**Hope Lutheran Church**  
**May 28, 2023**

**Jim Helgren**  
**Sheri Moss**

**Pastor**  
**Organist**

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**Prelude, Welcome, Announcements**

**Opening Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" LBW # 439**

**Brief Order of Confession pg. 56**

**Greeting & Kyrie pg. 57**

**Hymn of Praise "I Love To Tell the Story" Vrs. 1 LBW # 390**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**The Lessons**  
**Isaiah 51:1-6**  
**Psalm 138 pg. 283**  
**Romans 12:1-8**

**Alleluia pg. 62**  
**Gospel**  
**Matthew 16:13-20**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day "How Great Thou Art" LBW # 532**

The Apostles' Creed  
Offering / Offertory "Jesus Loves Me"  
Prayers of the Church  
The Lord's Prayer  
Benediction and Dismissal  
Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LBW # 65

LBW # 551

In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guestbook in the entry.

Wednesday, August 30th: 7:00 p.m. Parent/Student Confirmation meeting at Grace.

Sunday, September 3rd: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship  
Ruth Hietbrink, communion assistant.

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**REMEMBER TO GO AND**

**SHARE YOUR STORY!**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue  
righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were  
hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you  
were dug.  
"Look to Abraham your Father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him  
many.  
"For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the  
LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

"Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the  
peoples.

"I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

"Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like  
grain;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be  
ended.

**Psalms 138**

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and  
sisters, by the mercies of God, to pres-  
ent your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy

and acceptable to God, which is your  
spiritual worship. "Do not be conformed  
to this world, but be transformed by the  
renewing of your minds, so that you may  
discern what is the will of God—what is  
good and acceptable and perfect.

"For by the grace given to me I say to  
everyone among you not to think of your-  
self more highly than you ought to think,  
but to think with sober judgment, each ac-  
cording to the measure of faith that God  
has assigned. "For as in one body we have  
many members, and not all the members  
have the same function, <sup>3</sup>so we, who are  
many, are one body in Christ, and indi-  
vidually we are members one of another.  
"We have gifts that differ according to the  
grace given to us: prophecy, in propor-  
tion to faith; <sup>4</sup>ministry, in ministering;  
the teacher, in teaching; <sup>5</sup>the exhorter, in  
exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the  
leader, in diligence; the compassionate,  
in cheerfulness.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of  
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
"Who do people say that the Son of Man  
is?" "And they said, "Some say John the  
Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others  
Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "He  
said to them, "But who do you say that  
I am?" "Simon Peter answered, "You are  
the Messiah, the Son of the living God."  
"And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are  
you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and  
blood has not revealed this to you, but  
my Father in heaven. "And I tell you, you  
are Peter, and on this rock I will build  
my church, and the gates of Hades will  
not prevail against it. "I will give you the  
keys of the kingdom of heaven, and what-  
ever you bind on earth will be bound in  
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth  
will be loosed in heaven." "Then he  
sternly ordered the disciples not to tell  
anyone that he was the Messiah.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 18:18-21; Psalms 28:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 18:21-28.

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