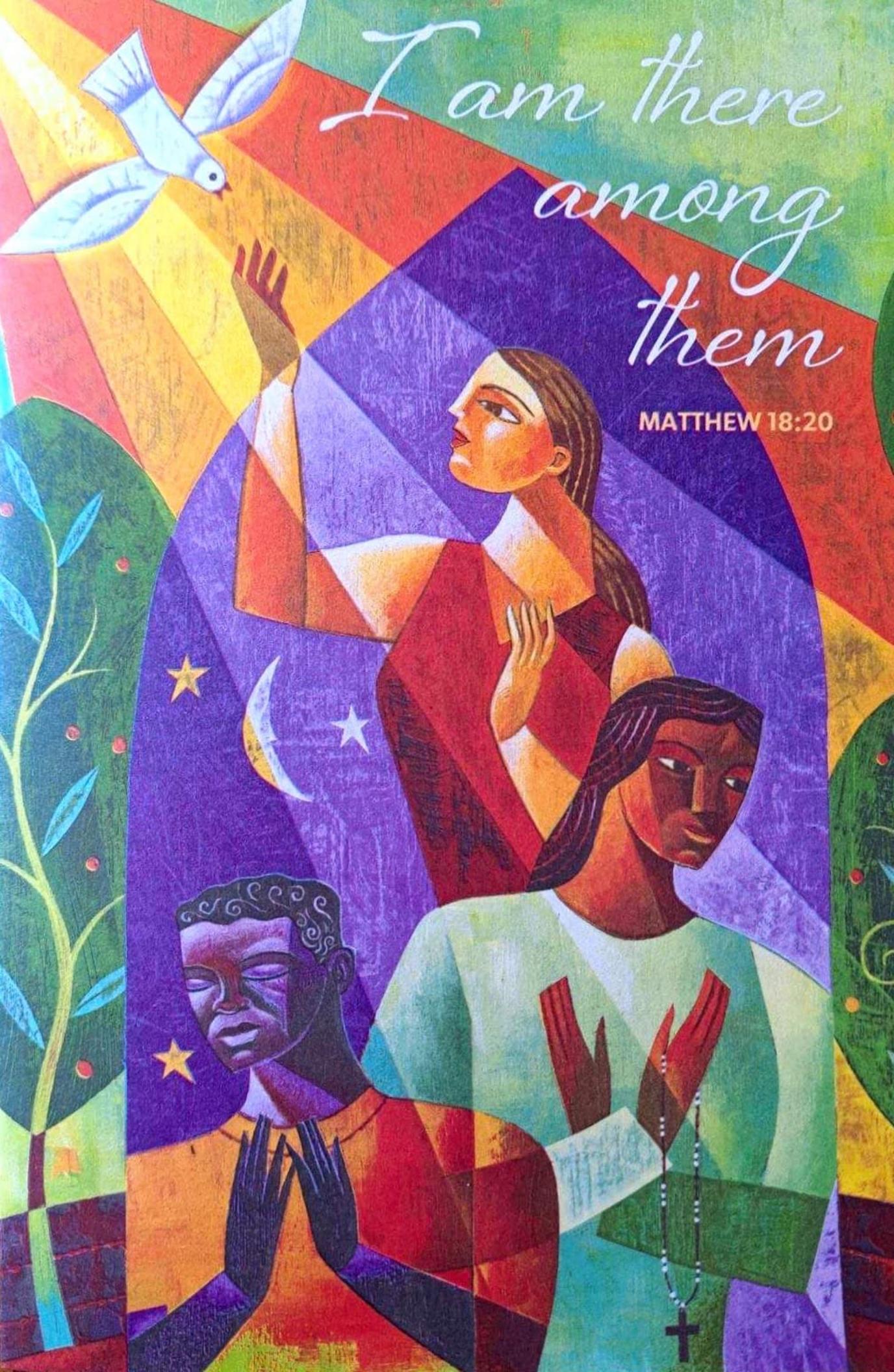


*I am there
among
them*

MATTHEW 18:20



Hope Lutheran Church

September 10, 2023

Jim Helgren

Pastor

Alberta Block

Organist

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" FOG # 399

P: O God, early in the morning do I cry unto Thee.

C: Help me to pray. And to think only of Thee. I cannot pray alone.

P: In me there is darkness, but with Thee there is light.

C: I am lonely, but Thou leavest me not.

P: I am feeble in heart, but Thou leavest me not.

C: I am restless, but with Thee there is peace.

P: In me there is bitterness, but with Thee there is patience;

All: Thy ways are past understanding, but Thou knowest the way for me. —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Hymn of Praise "His Name is Wonderful"

FOG # 230

Prayer of the Day (in unison) O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

LBW pg. 274

Romans 13:8-14

Gospel **Matthew 18:15-20**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" FOG # 21

Apostles' Creed FOG pg. 137

Offering/Offertory "For the Fruit of All Creation" Vrs. 2 WOV # 760

Prayers of the Church—The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” FOG # 466

In Our Prayers: Bruce Gerking.

We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the entry.

Monday, Sept. 11th: Patriot Day

Wednesday, Sept. 13th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 8:00 p.m. Church Council.

Thursday, Sept. 14th: 1:30 p.m. General Meeting & Bible Study
Marilyn is hostess & Bible Study leader.

Sunday Sept. 17th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, communion assistant, Alberta Block.

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September is Serve with your Neighbor Month!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40**SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."