



Are you envious
because I am
generous?

MATTHEW 20:15

Hope Lutheran Church
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Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art"

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Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible Vrs. 1

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

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Philippians 1:21-30

Alleluia

Gospel

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Sermon

**Hymn of the Day "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
The Apostles' Creed
Offering / Offertory
Prayers of the Church**

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**The Lord's Prayer
Benediction and Dismissal**

Closing Hymn "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

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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, September 27th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ,
6:00 p.m. Confirmation**

**Sunday, October 1st: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Begins again!
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, communion assistant,
Jane Antholz,
2:00 p.m. Crop Walk meets at Hope**

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FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

⁴But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ⁵He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ⁶And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁷And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁸Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁹The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ¹⁰But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ¹¹When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

¹²But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹³Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹⁴And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Psalm 145:1-8**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30 [not printed]****GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."