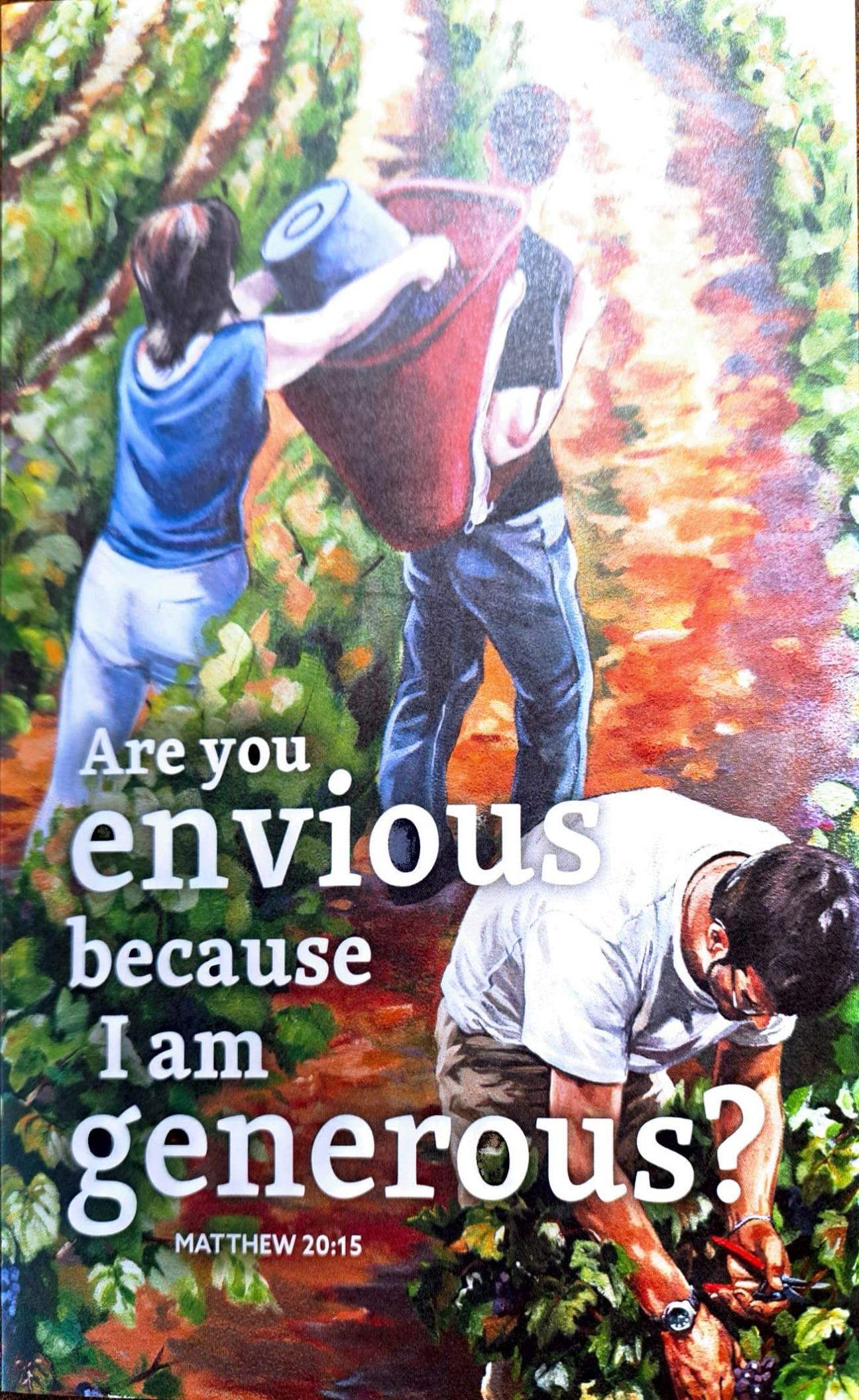




Are you
envious
because
I am
generous?

MATTHEW 20:15

**Hope Lutheran Church
September 20, 2026**

**Pastor
Organist**

**Kate Woolf
Ruth Neeman**

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness (*stand in body or spirit*) pg. 94

Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ELW # 733

Greeting and Kyrie pg. 138

Hymn of Praise "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" ELW # 848

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness 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.

Response after readings: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregation: Thanks be to God

The Lessons Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Acclamation-Alleluia (*stand in body or spirit*) pg. 142

P: Holy Gospel according to... **C:** Glory to you O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" ELW # 588

Apostles' Creed on the sheet in your pew

**Prayers of Intercession: Carol Speth, Pastor: Lord in your mercy,
Congregation: Hear our prayer**

Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering / Offering Hymn

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all
creatures here below. Praise him above the heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Thanksgiving For the Word

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**The Lord's Prayer on the sheet in your pew. (*stand in body or
spirit*)**

Blessing

Dismissal: P: Go forth into the world...power of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Thanks be to God

Sending Song "On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW # 537

**We welcome you to Hope Lutheran Church. If you are a visitor
please sign the guest book in the entry. We are so happy to have
you worship with us today.**

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd: Autumn begins

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

**Sunday, Sept. 27th: NO WORSHIP AT HOPE, 8:00 a.m. Worship
at Faith, 10:00 a.m. Worship at Grace; or stream a service.**

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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.

⁴¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He 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 and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then 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.

⁶The 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. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When 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."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹And 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 a denarius for the day, 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 a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 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 a denarius? 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

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