

## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Gaunt 308-627-7238.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor Gaunt know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

## Prayers of the Church

**Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Zachary Witt + Allen Glathar + Linda Parsons + Mabel Schmidt **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Kay Krueger + Harold Blazer + Paul Fredricks + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Josh Schroetlin + Nickie Shellberg + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Judy Meier + Maria Gomez + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Mr. Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Feb. Ruth A., Ethel S. Mar. Jeanne B., Marge O.  
 Ushers: Feb. Roger Buck, Mike Nissen Mar. Ron Fullerton  
 Elders: 2/09 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472 2/16 Kevin H. 402-984-2182  
 Bus Drivers: 2/09 Mike N. 402-469-4838 2/16 Gary O. 402-469-9797

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

Last Week's Attendance 116  
Last Week's Offering \$ 4,042.00  
Weekly Need \$ 3,475.00  
 OTD II Capital Campaign: Remaining Loan Balance as of 12/31/19 is \$.00 balance

*For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.  
 A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.  
 Contact our Treasurer, Jerry Blazer jblazer@imne.com Office Hours: 9a-12p-1p-4p Monday-Friday*

## 2020 Theme: All In-Being Present in an Age of Distraction

### Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

### Pre-Lent

We do not enter into the holy season of Lent and Easter lightly. Therefore, for three Sundays the church prepares herself in what are sometimes referred to as the "Gesima Sundays." These are the Sundays roughly 70, 60, and 50 days before Easter. The first liturgical change that you'll notice is that we abstain from singing "Alleluia" until the time that we sing it again on that joyful Easter morning. Let us begin praying now that we would be present in body, mind, and heart in our Lenten journey with Jesus.

### From the Catechism:

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

### Take Home Questions:

Listen for the singing of the Offertory after the sermon. What are we asking God to do?

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Is. 55:10-13, 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9, Luke 8:4-15

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, February 9th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	3:00pm	Serve a Meal at Crossroads
Monday, February 10th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	7:00pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday, February 11th	6:00pm	Board-Finance
	7:00pm	Board-Elders and Board-Trustees
Wednesday, February 12th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/11:30a Lunch
	6:00pm	Choir & Kids GSV Activities
Saturday, February 15th	9:00am	United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry
Sunday, February 16th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	12:30pm	Stewardship Committee
	4:00pm	Youth Group

Prelude & Ringing of Bells  
 Hymn #909  
 Confession & Absolution p. 184  
**Service of the Word**  
 Introit *insert*  
 Gloria Patri  
 Kyrie  
 Gloria in Excelsis  
 Salutation and Collect  
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 Gradual  
 Epistle Reading  
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 Preface & Proper Preface  
 Sanctus & Lord's Prayer  
 The Words of Our Lord  
 Pax Domini & Agnus Dei  
 Distribution & Hymns #629 #826 #761 #566  
 Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis  
 Thanksgiving & Collect  
 Salutation & Benedicamus  
 Benediction  
 Hymn #643  
 Postlude  
 Announcements  
 P: *Go In Peace*  
 C: **Thanks Be To God!**

# News and Notes of Interest

*Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!*

**Volunteerism:** During the month of February we are thinking about how we steward God's gifts in service to others. While, we serve our neighbor all year round, the Board of Stewardship is inviting you to think and pray more intentionally about how we serve others in love. See the insert for suggested ideas.

**Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study** is cancelled on Wednesday, February 12th.

**ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH** we will finally recognize the completion of the Capital Campaign.

**Special Bible Class:** Volunteering - how much is too much? How do we navigate all the demands on our time given our different vocations? Join us for a special one shot bible study on Sunday, February 16th. We will debrief the Valentine's Week Challenge, but most importantly we will see how God's Word gives guidance in bringing balance to our lives.

**Heartland Sunday:** Please join us on Sunday, February 23rd during the bible class hour to hear Mr. Timothy Leech talk about what's going on at Heartland Lutheran High School.

**Pre-Lent Game Night!** Join us **Sunday, February 23rd from 6pm - 8pm** in the Parish Hall to enjoy games and fellowship. We will have a pitch tournament for those interested. Otherwise, bring your favorite board game/deck of cards and a snack to share. All ages are invited.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 2/09 Sawyer Blackwell 2/10 Pat Gibson 2/11 Conrad Reutzel 2/14 Shannon Blakley, Kayla Reutzel, Steve Portenier 2/15 Walt Irmer

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 2/12 Doris Reichert, Dustin Russell 2/14 Allie Janssen

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 2/09 Kelvin & Mary Wolzen 2/14 Edd & Ronda Johnson, Jerammie & Nikki Uecker

**PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS** available in the Narthex, copies February 2 - 25, 2020. Study Notes for the Christian Layperson in bulletin.

**High School Youth! Join us February 28-29, 8pm-8am** for the Winter 2020 Youth Lock-in at Zion Lutheran Church, Hastings. Ingathering for Wellspring Pregnancy Center. For more information contact Pastor Micah Gaunt at 308.627.7238 or revgaunt@gmail.com or Pastor Paul Warneke at 402.519.8924 or pastorwarneke@hotmail.com

**Red and Blue**, the Heartland Lutheran High School annual banquet and auction, is Saturday, March 28 at Riverside Country Club in Grand Island. Doors open at 4:30 pm, with silent auction and dinner at 6 pm. This year's theme is **Fire and Ice**. Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased through the school office Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. If you have questions, please call or email Chief School Administrator Tim Leech at 308-385-3900, [principal@heartlandlutheran.org](mailto:principal@heartlandlutheran.org).

**LIFEQUOTE** "Our sexuality can glorify God by demonstrating the beauty of both flourishing and forgiveness. And the good news about this is that every single Christian can express the truth of at least one of those options. If you did not follow God's plan for flourishing, you haven't blown your chance to honor and glorify God with your body. Acknowledging where you rejected His wisdom, accepting His forgiveness, and living in the joy of that peace also points others to the glory of God." *Amy K. Hall, Stand to Reason - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Defending Boyhood, The Academy Awards, The Death of Education, Rebuilding Institutions and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.* -  
*Author Unknown*

Septuagesima

February 9th  
9:00am



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## Family Service Project Ideas

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

1. Pray for people each day from our prayer list.
2. Send a thank you letter to a service member.
3. Draw pictures for and visit residents at a nursing home.
4. Take treats and cards to first responders.
5. Prepare a meal for a homebound neighbor.
6. Box up gently used children's clothes for family shelter.
7. Donate something of value to you such as a loved toy to Crossroads or Good Will or Salvation Army.
8. Clean up litter in your community.
9. Host a hot chocolate and/or hot cider stand. Donate the proceeds to a charity.
10. Sell family items using one of the internet forums. Donate the proceeds to a charity.
11. Buy books or collect your gently used books and donate to a classroom or Headstart program or children's library.
12. Come up with another project and share your idea.

# Septuagesima

9 February 2020 Anno Domini

INTROIT (Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a)



*The cords of Sheol en- / tangled me;\**  
*the snares of death con- / fronted me.*

**In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.\***

**From his temple he | heard my voice.**

*I love you, O | LORD, my strength.\**

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- / liverer,*

**For you save a humble | people,\***

**but the haughty eyes | you bring down.**

*You have equipped / me with strength\**

*and made my way / blameless.*

**For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,\***

**and sing | to your name.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

## GRADUAL (Ps. 9:9-10, 18-19a)

**The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,\***

**a stronghold in times of | trouble.**

**And those who know your name put their | trust in you,\***

**for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.**

**For the needy shall not always be for- / gotten,\***

**and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.**

**A- | rise, O LORD!\***

**Let not | man prevail.**

## TRACT (Ps. 130:1-4)

**Out | of the depths \***

**I cry to you, | O Lord!**

**O Lord, | hear my voice! \***

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my plea for | mercy!**

**If you, O Lord, should mark in- / iquities, \***

**O Lord, | who could stand?**

**But with you there is for- | givenness, \***

**that you | may be feared.**

### Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. <sup>28</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>29</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>30</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>31</sup>and all drank the

same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>32</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, '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.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

# Wednesdays in Lent

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,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.



Service at 7pm  
Supper served from 5:30 – 6:30pm

## WORSHIP

2/26 Ash Wed.

## READINGS

Matthew 6: 5-21

*The Lord's Prayer:  
The Battle Cry of Faith*

## MEALS

L.W.M.L

3/4 Lent 1

John 17: 6-19

*Hallowed Be Thy Name*

Elders

3/11 Lent 2

Luke 11: 5-13

*Thy Kingdom Come*

Youth

3/18 Lent 3

John 6: 40

*Thy Will Be Done on Earth  
as It Is in Heaven*

Alvidrez &  
Education

3/25 Lent 4

Matthew 6: 31-33

*Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread*

Council

4/01 Lent 5

Matthew 6:14-15

*Forgive Us Our Trespasses As We  
Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us*

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active work nor the passive work. They complain of the *equality* of the kingdom of heaven. Yet we are all equal in that no matter how much we do or suffer it isn't enough to earn a speck of sawdust from our Lord. We are all equal in what we receive from Him. And Jesus is the one who did the real work: who planted the vineyard, who sent out the Gospel as a seed to found His Church; He's the one who bore the burden of our sin and the scorching heat of God's wrath on the cross.

- These laborers commit the grave sin of standing before Jesus and saying, "Look what I've done." The proper response is that of the tax collector in the temple: to beat one's breast and say, "God, atone for me, a sinner."

<sup>13</sup> "But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?"

- The entire life of the King who brings the reign of heaven could be summed up with the words He says here: "I want to give." Even though He "hired" laborers for His vineyard, they don't receive because *they earn*, but because *Jesus gives*.

16 "So the last will be first, and the first last."

- Not because they change places, but because Jesus treats them as equals. Having a "first" and "last" requires degrees based on individual accomplishments. Eliminating first and last makes everyone in the vineyard alike a receiver of God's grace in Christ – He's the one who has accomplished it all. The most important thing you do in the Church is not your vocation, it's not bearing your cross: it's receiving grace from the nail-pierced hand of Jesus. We don't boast of our works, but simply say we have done our duty and are just as dependent on Christ as everyone else in the Church, no matter when the Master of the house called them.



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# SEPTUAGESIMA

*70 days before Easter*

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Andrew Richard

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## Collect of the Day:

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Introit:

Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49 (antiphon: Psalm 18:5–6a) – *In my distress I called upon the LORD*

## Psalm:

Psalm 95:1–9 (antiphon: v. 6) – *A reflection on the Old Testament reading*

## Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 17:1–7 – *God's people grumble against Him and despise His salvation*

## Gradual:

Psalm 9:9–10, 18–19a – *Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail*

## Epistle:

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5 – *The Rock in the wilderness is Christ*

## Tract:

Psalm 130:1–4 – <sup>1</sup> *Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!* <sup>2</sup> *O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!* <sup>3</sup> *If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?* <sup>4</sup> *But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared*

## MATTHEW 20:1–16 ESV

### Author and Date:

Matthew Levi the apostle around AD 50. This parable is only found in the Gospel according to Matthew. In context it appears immediately before Jesus foretells his death for the third time, and not long before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus said,] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

- Jesus continues the agricultural parables that he began in Matthew 13. In the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23) Jesus distinguished between types of soil. In the Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) Jesus distinguished between the wheat and the weeds. In the present parable Jesus shows an apparent distinction between the laborers. The owner of the vineyard in this parable is the sower in the previous two: Jesus Himself. The vineyard is the Church as She exists in the world.
- The parable starts with the master of the house who “went out.” The kingdom of heaven doesn’t come to us apart from Jesus coming to us, leaving the heavenly vineyard and coming into the world’s marketplace where we were lost in sin, calling us into His Church.
- “Kingdom” might better be translated “reign.” When we think of a kingdom we think of castle and a moat and banners. A reign, however, is an action: it’s verbal in nature, it’s someone *doing* something – it’s *Jesus* doing something. It’s like the explanation of the Second Petition in the Small Catechism: “God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.” Or in other words, the reign of heaven is nothing else than we confess in the Creed.
- “Hire” implies wages paid for work done; wages are earned. As we’ll see, the reign of heaven is not like a bunch of people who earn their way: the reign of heaven is like the whole parable.

<sup>2</sup> “After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

- A denarius was standard pay for one day’s work.
- “What does laboring in the vineyard of the Lord mean? Nothing other than that each does his duty in his vocation in faith and in love according to God’s Word and instruction, – not what seems good to him, but what is right and Christian. But just as the labor in a physical vineyard consists of various tasks, one hoeing and rooting, another planting, a third watering the vines, a fourth pruning the branches, a fifth doing yet another thing, so in the church also there are many offices and calling.” (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 91)

<sup>3</sup> “And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went.

- The third hour was about 9:00 a.m.
- The owner doesn’t name the wage they’ll be paid, just that it will be “right.”

“Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.

<sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing.

- The sixth hour is about noon; the ninth, about 3:00 p.m.; the eleventh, about 5:00 p.m.

“And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

- Idleness characterizes life in the world. No one loves the neighbor or lifts a finger for anything other than gratifying the sinful flesh.
- “No one has hired us” may be those who had never heard the Gospel of Christ. They may also be those who had hardened their hearts against it previously, but this time the Holy Spirit granted them faith. These had, after all, been standing there all day as the master of the house came with his call of the Gospel, but only now are they given ears to hear.

<sup>8</sup> “And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’

- The foreman could be the angels who gather the wheat into the barn (Matthew 13:30).
- “Beginning with the last” foreshadows the ending of the parable.

<sup>9</sup> “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

- Those who started work at 5:00 p.m. and worked one hour are paid a whole day’s wage.

<sup>10</sup> “Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘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.’

- The first don’t talk about their vocations (the active work in the vineyard) but what they’ve suffered (the passive work). They’ve had the devil at their back, the world tempting them to all sorts of sins and vices and persecuting them without cause, the sinful flesh about their necks with its selfish and unclean desires. They have borne these things, and they don’t complain about the