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Luke 15:20

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI
(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)
IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 15 & 19, 2020

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

WORSHIP FOCUS: The repentant sinner rejoices at being found in the loving embrace of the Father's full, free, and "foolish" forgiveness.

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OPENING HYMN: *CW 402*

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

FAITH

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a -
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me
faint - ing heart; My zeal in - spire! As thou hast
round me spread, Be thou my guide. Bid dark - ness
sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior,



while I pray; Take all my guilt a - way;
died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
turn to day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
then, in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move;



Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side,
Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹In that day you will say: I will give thanks to you, Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. ²Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. ³Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴In that day you will say: Give thanks to the Lord! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done. Proclaim that his name is exalted! ⁵Sing to the Lord, for he has done amazing things! Let this be known in all the earth! ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you! (EHV)



Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives*

and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,*

the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened*

and heard my voice in prayer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. ¹⁹In fact, it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will bring to nothing. ²⁰Where is the wise man? Where is the expert in the Jewish law? Where is the probing thinker of the present age? Has God not shown that the wisdom of this world is foolish? ²¹Indeed, since the world through its wisdom did not know God, God in his wisdom decided to save those who believe, through the foolishness of the preached message. ²²Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15 cf. RSV)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

JUSTIFICATION

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Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.
 Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.

Sermon text and theme

Luke 15:11-31

¹¹ Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired

servants.”²⁰ “He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him.²¹ The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate,²⁴ because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’ Then they began to celebrate.²⁵ “His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing.²⁶ He called one of the servants and asked what was going on.²⁷ The servant told him, ‘Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’²⁸ The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.²⁹ “He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I’ve been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends.³⁰ But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’³¹ “The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. (EHV)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDNG TO ST. LUKE

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

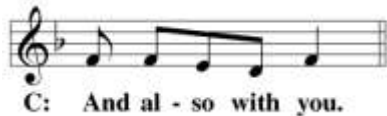
LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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
forever and ever. Amen.

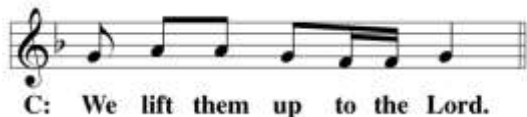
THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 349*
CW 312

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”
“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est
 2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my
 5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of

plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long
 lest me Can - not reach me here. Though the earth
 cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt
 plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love

in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,
 be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,
 not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me
 ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry
 the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,

Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O
 Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And
 While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards
 Told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss Or
 Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I

Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to
 thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -
 ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -
 shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior
 here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est

hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.
 sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.
 move me Since he deigns to love me.
 plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1–2, 4–5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3.

Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE (665 665 34 86) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

312 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this



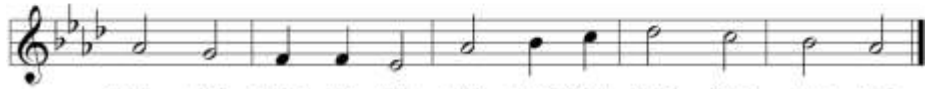
our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion, But you are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y
truth em - brac - es; Your bod - y, Lord, is



and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
ev - 'ry - where And with your con - gre - ga - tion.
and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
ev - 'ry - where At once in man - y plac - es.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word a -



you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing.
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.
lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

THANKSGIVING



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Benediction

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSE OF SERVICE

319 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures Have no
pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my
hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.
Tune: DER AM KREUZ (87 87 77 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.



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HEALTH CONCERNS: Please keep the following in your prayers for physical recovery and strength of faith: Ralph Fuehr recovering from heart surgery, George Hoppert recovering from back surgery, Tom Norman recovering from hip surgery, Kathy Vanisacker recovering from knee surgery, and Drake Post recovering from kidney and liver problems. James 5:13-15

OPEN FORUM: We are having an Open Forum between services on Sunday, July 19 @ 9:30 a.m.

VOTER'S MEETING: Next week on Sunday, July 26 @ noon.

ZION GRADUATION: Zion will be holding an Invitation Only graduation for our 8th graders on Thursday, July 23rd. We wanted to let them end their 8th grade year with some annual traditions. So please understand due to COVID-19 restrictions we had to restrict the number of attendees. Please say a prayer for God's continued blessings on the graduates. Thank you.

SCRIP PROGRAM: What is Scrip? It is "in lieu of cash", basically, it is a gift card! There are hundreds of gift card options! **Why should I buy?** Scrip purchases the cards at a discounted price. When you purchase them at face value Zion earns money. This money can improve the school/church or even be used towards tuition. **When and How?** Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser which is ACTIVE again since having to take a COVID-19 break. If you have been purchasing already, great! We appreciate your participation. If you are new to the program then you have a couple options. You can pick up a form in the school hallway. Then, follow the instructions on the bulletin board and once you are registered you will be able to purchase gift cards online or continue to fill out the forms manually.

Please note that if you want more rebates to use for the 2020-2021 school year, you have until the end of July. Starting August 1, order rebates will start going toward the 2021-2022 school year.

Order forms need to be in the school office or to Kathie Robinson on Sundays, she then places the orders on Mondays and they usually arrive back on Friday to be picked up the following Sunday. If you would like to register yourself to get started now. Go to: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login/Enroll> and enter LC3EFD7E341L and follow the steps to set up your account. If you have any questions please contact Kathie Robinson at jrobinson_2@charter.net or our office 734-242-1378. Thank you for Supporting Zion!!

Offerings for Week Ending 07/12/20

	General Fund		Missions	
Weekly	Budgeted	\$8,733	Budgeted	\$782
	Received	\$7,178	Received	\$532
		(\$1,555)		(\$250)
Year to Date	Budgeted	\$244,525	Budgeted	\$21,903
	Received	\$209,363	Received	\$17,613
		(\$35,162)		(\$4,290)

Would you like to help “feed some lambs”?

Our congregation is accepting donations to Zion's two "Zion School Tuition Assistance" funds. These funds are set up to specifically assist families in need within the congregation and the community with tuition assistance scholarships for their child attending Zion Lutheran



School. With recent events, there is a particular need due to the financial challenges facing several of our families this year.

There are two funds, one designated to help any family in our community wishing to attend Zion Lutheran School, and one designated for Zion congregation member families.

We have already used most of the funds available to us for member families for the new school year, and our general fund (open to all school families) already does not meet our needs for the next school year.

If you are interested in making a donation to either of these funds, please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church". Please write in the check memo line which fund you wish the donation to go to:

“ZLS Tuition Assistance – General” or

“ZLS Tuition Assistance – Zion Member”.

Donations not designated to a specific fund will be applied to the funds as needed at the discretion of the school board and church council.

Thank you for helping Zion Lutheran School to do all we can to answer Christ's call to “feed his lambs and sheep”.

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” – John 21:15b

Zion Lutheran Church Annual Camp-out at



Friday, July 31st – Sunday, August 2nd

**Camping is FREE! If you want to camp please call
Mark Fuerstenberg at 734-654-3736.**

**If you are not a camper please come Saturday for food,
fellowship, swimming, fishing, or just relaxing at the beach!**

**A group supper is planned for Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at the beach
pavilion. Service and Fellowship will provide the hot dogs and
Brats. We ask that campers / visitors bring a dish to pass and
table settings. A short church service will follow the supper.**

