"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Reign of Christ Sunday
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ *"Behold, Bless Ye the Lord"*

Welcome

****Opening Hymn~*** *"Blessed be the Name" - #299 AAHH*

Opening Prayer

****Offering***
Doxology~ *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"~#650 AAHH*

Prayer of Illumination: Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened, and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***
First Reading**:** *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24: For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the*

Mark your Calendar

Annual Christmas Party on December 12th at noon *at Lighthouse Restaurant & Dock Bar. Tickets are $60.*

Lessons and Carols on December 18th at 7 pm at Zion*. Join us for an evening of reflection on the coming of Christ in the world with Zion, Peter Calver, St. Cecilia, and St. Mary's Parish. There will be a reception after the service.*

Announcements? *If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.*

Ready to Join Zion? *Please text 301-997-3328. Pastor Cummings-Wratee will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and schedule a Sunday to join Zion.*

mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

The word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God****.*

****Psalter****~ #814, Psalm 95:1-11, Response #2*

****Second Reading*****:** *Ephesians 1:15-23: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above*

every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Song of Preparation~ *"Oh Jesus"*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."*

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Proclamation~ *Lay Minister Kevin Harris*

****Affirmation of Faith:*** *(881 UMH)****: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)***

Prayers of the People: *Lord, in your mercy****, hear our prayer.***

****Benediction***