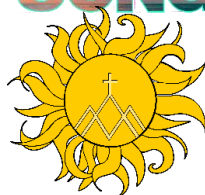




# SUMMER SONGS

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AUGUST 24, 2025 • 11:00 AM • ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
TRUTH MEANT TO HEAL

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**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

**Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

**As We Gather:** The word *discipline* is derived from the Latin word *discipulus*, which means "learner." One of the most interesting documents found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, is called *The Manual of Discipline*. It outlined the expectations for new members joining the group. As part of the of their community's discipline, they were to have evidence in their lives of faithfulness to God, to show justice toward all people, and to love truth and hate falsehood. As our God's beloved sons and daughters, may we continue that blessed learning through all the seasons of our lives!

## Worship and Sunday Study @ Zion Lutheran:

Classic Services: 8:30am • Contemporary: 11:00am

9:45am Study/ Sunday School

Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Classic Services; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Contemporary

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome**

**Opening Worship**

*God So Loved  
Revelation Song*

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Sentences / Confession and Absolution**

**Children's Message**

**God's Word** *(see opposite or screens)*

*Psalm 50:1-15  
Hebrews 12:4-24  
Luke 13:22-30*

*(Children excused for Children's Church.)*

**Offering** *(Thanks for your support of God's mission here.)*

**Today's Message**

*(Children return from Children's Church.)*

**What We Believe**

*Second Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Our Lord/ Reception/Song**

*In Christ Alone*

**Blessing / Song**

**Dismissal**

*Great Things*

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 50:1-15*  
(*God Himself is Judge.*)

50 The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. <sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. <sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. <sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: <sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" <sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah* <sup>7</sup> "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. <sup>8</sup> Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. <sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. <sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. <sup>12</sup> "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. <sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? <sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, <sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 12:4-24*  
(*An exhortation to faithful, peaceful living.*)

<sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who

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## **EPISTLE** (cont.)

disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup> For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. <sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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*(Holy Gospel – See Insert)*

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