

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 29, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship Third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 29, 2025

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

** = Please rise*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

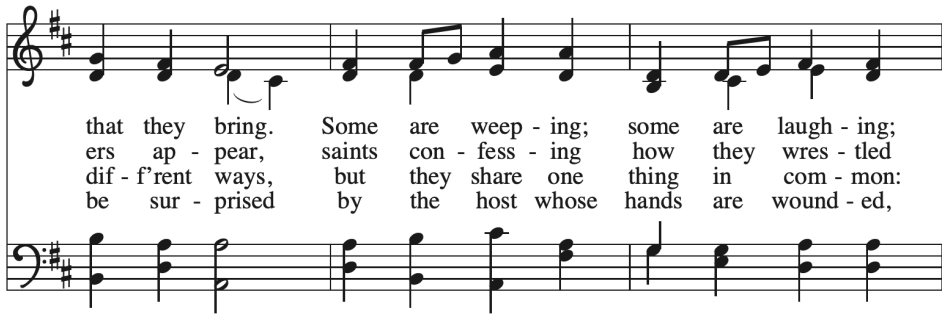
***Gathering Hymn**

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

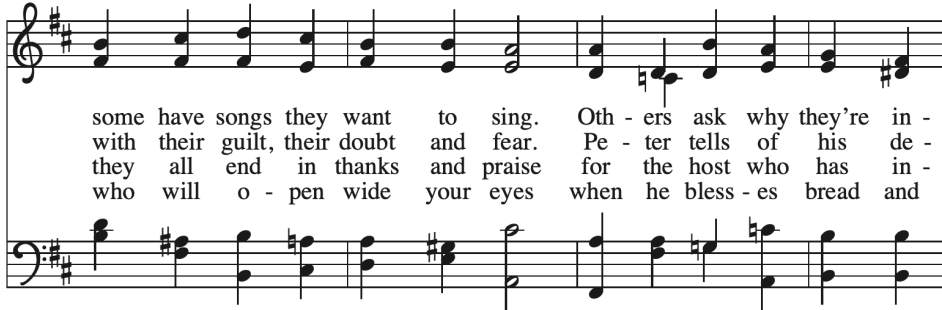
ACS #977

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

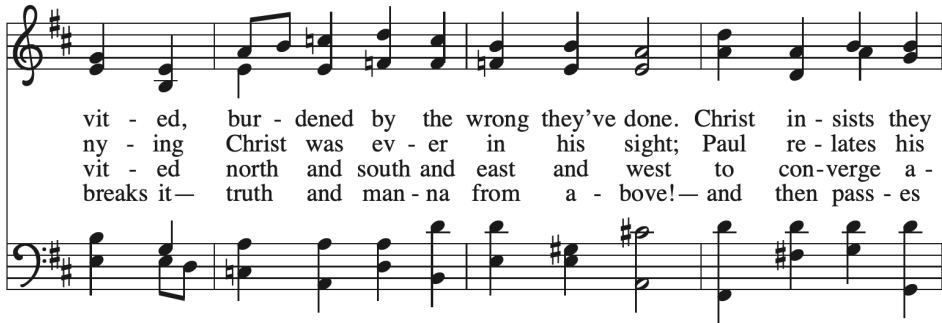
1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



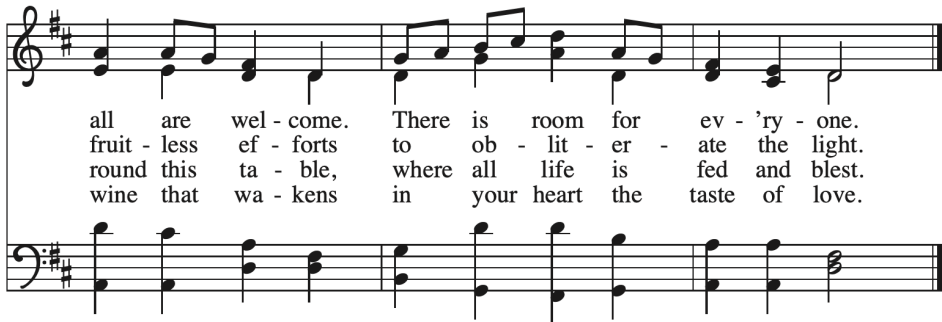
that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

Water is poured into the baptismal font..

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you!
And also with you.

Let us pray... Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,
you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: *Elijah's ministry is finished as he is taken up into heaven, and a new chapter begins as Elisha inherits the mantle and the spirit of his teacher. Like the great prophet Moses before them, both Elijah and Elisha part a body of water through the power of God.*

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they

continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

¹ I will cry aloud to God;

I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.

² **In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;**

my hand was stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

¹¹ I will remember the works of the LORD,
and call to mind your wonders of old.

¹² **I will meditate on all your acts
and ponder your mighty deeds.**

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy;
who is so great a god as our God?

¹⁴ **You are the God who works wonders
and have declared your power among the peoples.**

¹⁵ By your strength you have redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ **The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;
the very depths were shaken.**

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;
your lightning bolts flashed to and fro;

¹⁸ **the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the
world;
the earth trembled and shook.**

¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,

yet your footsteps were not seen.
20 **You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
sing twice

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Gospel: *Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

***Gospel:** Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Wholly Devoted

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living 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.**

***Prayers of the People**

**...God of grace,
 hear our prayer.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.***

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

ELW #181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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***Offering Prayer**

Creator God,
**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer**

**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**



Distribution

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)

If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take an empty cup before approaching the wine station; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

Hymn during Distribution

*Spirit, Open My Heart
In This Feast of Love*

*ACS #1043
ACS #962
(following pages)*

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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In This Feast of Love

The musical score is written for a three-part vocal setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the text. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal parts. The lyrics are in Finnish and English.

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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***Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Mothering God,
**you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

God's Word for the Church Today

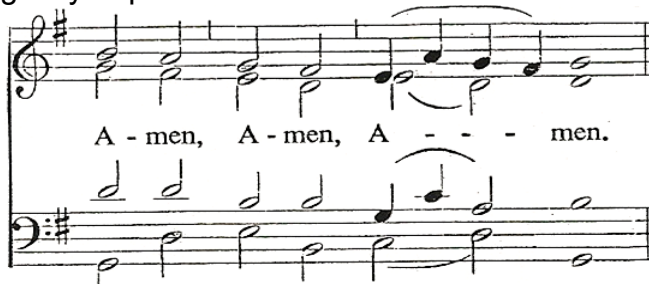
A reading from Galatians 5.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

***Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.



***Sending Hymn**

Here I Am, Lord

ELW #574

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Denice Nelson and Deb Jacobson

Acolyte:

Lector: Wenda Sumrall

Communion Assistants: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Carol Ihle, Sue Jacobson and Denice Nelson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Annabelle Cuppett Family, Jason, Mandy, Olivia and Claire Schuster, Cindy Hughes, Bonnie, Julie and Gregg Ornquist and family, Dave Stroh, Alan Johnson, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Rocky and Barb Ammerman, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Trevor Sorter, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, and Fern Melbye .

Financial stewardship
2025 Budget
\$329,106.00
Needed monthly
\$27,425.50
Needed Weekly
\$6,328.96

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.



There are dates available to purchase Altar Flowers.
Please contact the office.

Week Ending June 22, 2025
\$2,200.07
Offering June 2025
\$13,629.73
Weekly Shortage/Overage
(\$4,128.89)
Yearly Shortage/Overage
(\$49,819.13)

Altar flowers are given by Susan and Barry Froiland in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.



The newsletter will be available on line at redeemertrf.org. the first week of every month. If you do have access to the internet and would like to receive a printed copy in the mail, please let the office know.

Reminder to confirmation students – the books are in the office that you need for summer study. Please use the sign out sheet.

This Week~

Youth Wednesday@6:00pm
NO SWEETS Thursday@5:30pm
Worship Sunday@9:30am

Safety Thursday @ 4:00pm
OFFICE CLOSED Friday, July 4th



June Birthdays

June Birthdays –

1 – 2 - Jacinda Zemcik, Jodie Rondorf, Peter Ihle **3** Cayda Reiersen, Trevor Bergerson **4 – 5** – Nicole Dennis, Maya Johnson **6** - Kiptyn Anderson, Kassidy Mostrom, Dakota Garcia **7** – Melissa Comstock, Dennis Bendickson **8** – Art Anderson, Nathan Carlson, Diedre Hodgson, Kara Skiple **9** – Phyllis Johnson **10** – Corlynne Jorde, Vicki Halsa, Joyce Olson **11** – Kathy Carlson, Laureen Halvorson, Blake Walker, Trevor Thompson **12** – Braylee Weinen, Julie Tjelle, Aundriah Bucholz **13** – Nancy Kirkeide, Julie Olson **14** – Kelsi Wilson **15** – Reid Froiland, Owen McLean, **16** – Dave Ulrich, Jessica Klemetson **17** – Kimberly Ellefson, Ryder Hall **18** – Yvonne Wahlbeck, Michelle Barry **19** – Irvin Larson, David Ulrich, Alison Dennis, Ann Bregier, Keaden Kempert **20** – Kyeser Klaven, Mattea Bugge **21** – Sandy Parker **22** – Maryel Anderson, Mckenzie Hintz, Lane Anderson **23** – Darlene Kelley, Scott Mostrom, Emerson Carlson, David Vigen **24** – Corbyn Nessen **25** – Kathy Barry, Sharon Forsberg, Kallie Houske, Sheyenne Johnson **26** – Brayden Johnson, Jenae Johnson, Kim Heimstra, Brock Brockhardt **27** – Chad Berg **28** – Carol Ihle, Lynn Grahn, Don Hejlik, Mandi Shaaheim **29** – Mary Jo Mugaas **30** – Storm D Camp

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Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

