



19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Hope Lutheran Church in Rossmoor

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The Rev. Andreas Pielhoop, Pastor

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Prelude

Instrumental Music

Helen Pereira

Welcome & Introduction

Pastor Tim Philips

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

All: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. *[pause for reflection]*
Compassionate God,

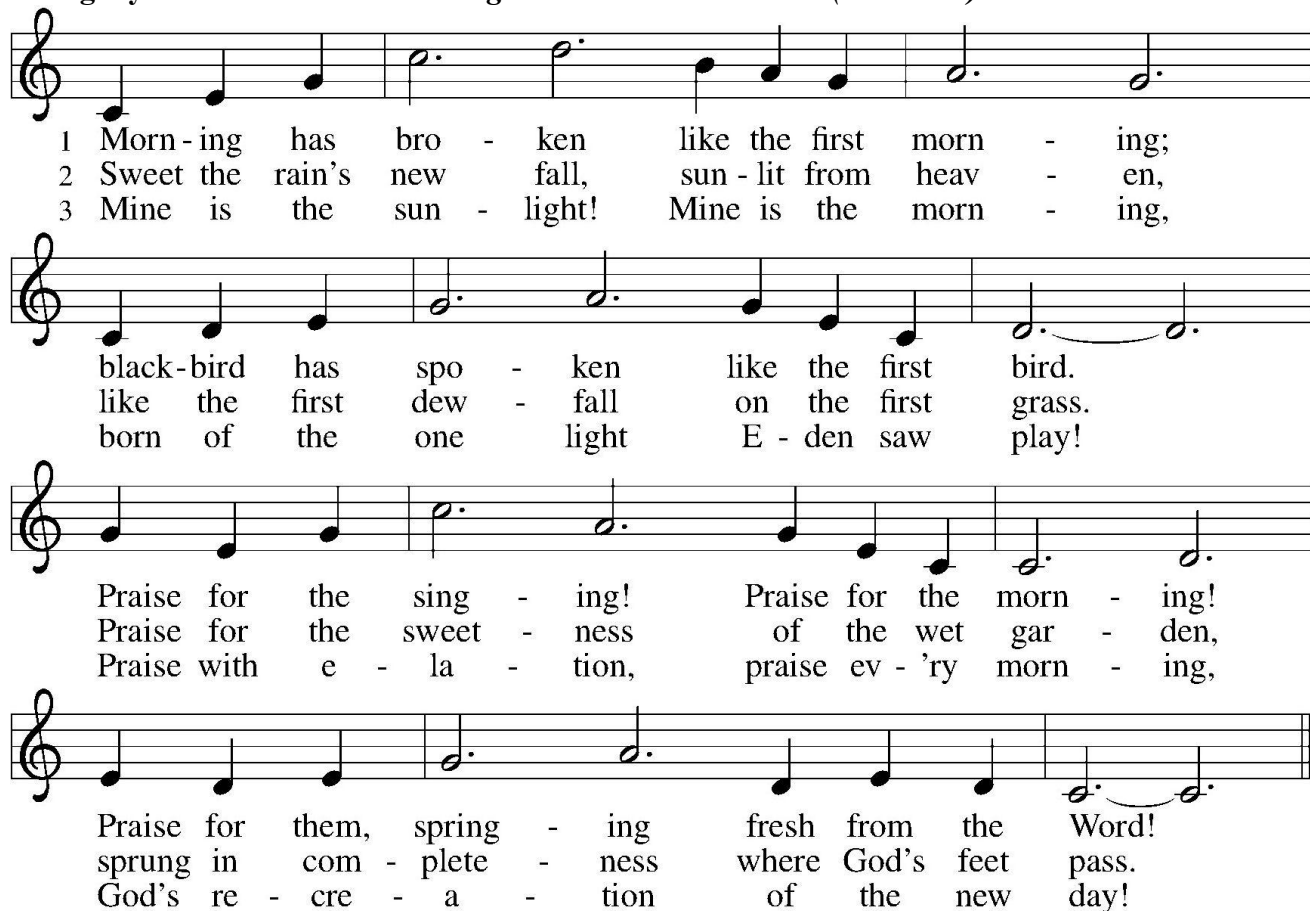
All: **We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

All: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Morning Has Broken - ELW 556 (All verses)



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

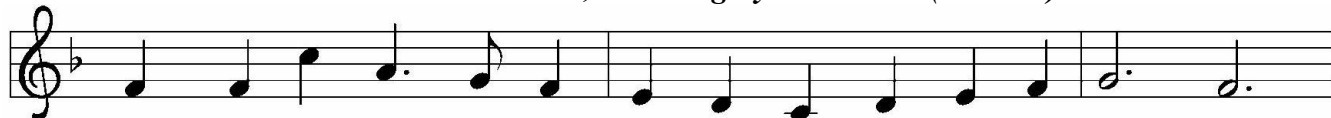
All: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - ELW 858 (vs 1 & 4)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



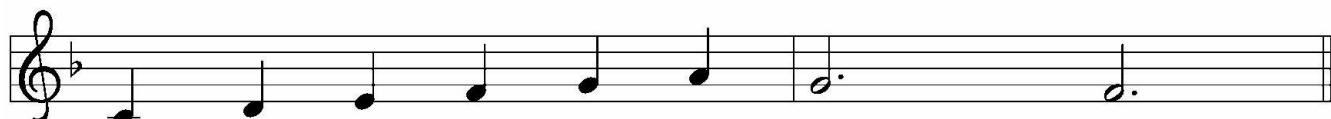
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!

All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,

Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Tim Philips

P: Let us all pray together.

All: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Bill Kuhnsman

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Psalm 80:7-15**Bill Kuhnsman & Congregation**

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**Bill Kuhnsman**

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter**Pastor Tim Philips**

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this

stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Special Music

Gift of Music

Sebastian Kim

Message

Pastor Tim Philips

Hymn of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light - ELW 715 (vs 1, 2, & 5)

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.
Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Apostles' Creed

Pastor Tim Philips

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Intercession

Pastor Tim Philips

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God, **Response: Your mercy is great.**

Offering

*We invite you to place your **Offering** in the offering plate as it is passed.*

Special Music

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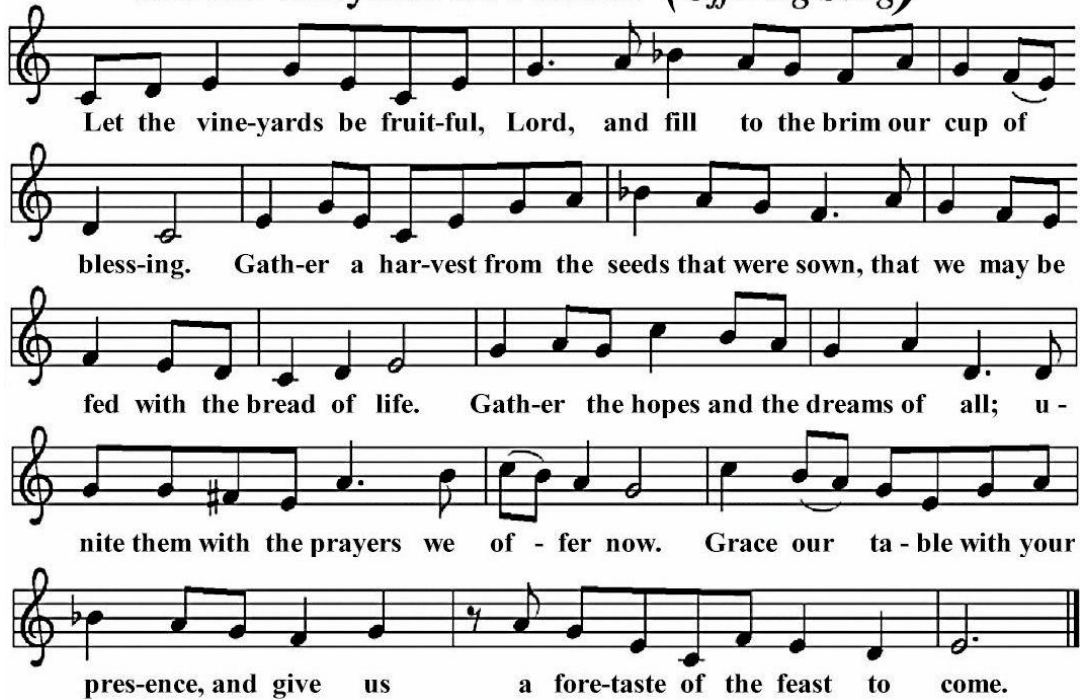
Sebastian Kim

Offering Prayer

P: As we lift up our offerings to the Lord, let us pray.

All: **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (*Offering Song*)



Holy Communion: Words of Institution

Pastor Tim Philips

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

At Hope we practice Open Communion. We believe the invitation to the table comes from Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, you do not need to be a member of this or any other congregation to join in the meal. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the pastor know you prefer one when your turn comes. To preserve the solemnity as guests at Christ's table, please return silently to your seat and refrain from talking while others receive Holy Communion. There will be plenty of opportunities afterwards at our coffee hour.

Prayer after Communion

Pastor Tim Philips

P: Let us pray.

All: **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Blessing (*Please stand as you are able*)

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Peace I Leave With You

***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth,
give I unto you; Not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled; Neither let it be afraid.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Amen.***

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Announcements

A warm welcome to all who are here for the first time! We are delighted to have you join us for worship.

Thank you to **Pastor Tim Philips** for being our presider and homilist this week while Pastor Andreas is on vacation.

Pastoral Needs –While Pastor Andreas is on vacation October 2-9, please call Margaret Anderson or Robin Kanno if you need pastoral care. They will call St. Matthew to provide coverage.

Meet with Pastor Andreas – Pastor Andreas will have office hours on October 15 from 1pm-3pm in Card Room 1 upstairs at Stanley Dollar Clubhouse. You can make an appointment but walk-ins are welcome too.

Birthday Blessings go out to **Pamela Arnold** who celebrates her birthday on Oct 8.

Thank you to **Sebastian Kim** for providing special music for today's worship!

Today is Stewardship Sunday. Today is the day to think about your financial giving for 2027. A yellow stewardship form is included with your bulletin this morning. After prayerful consideration, please fill in your giving estimate. The forms may be placed in the offering plate during worship or given to Robin. You make a positive difference in the life of Hope!

Hope's 61st Anniversary – Hope celebrated its first worship service in Rossmoor on Oct 10, 1965. On Sunday, Oct 11, 2026, we will celebrate Hope's 61st anniversary. There will be cupcakes! The Rossmoor Community is welcome to join the celebration at our worship service.

Women of Hope – The women's Bible study group will be meeting on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00-11:30am in the Mulligan Room at Creekside. We will learn how God provides for Ruth as she follows her mother-in-law, Naomi. It is the second session of the three-part fall series in Gather magazine on three women and their wilderness experience. You are invited to join the discussion as we nibble on snacks. Please see Priscilla Mah if you have questions.

Hope Choir - Our **Hope Choir** rehearses AND sings at worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Join us on **October 11 & 25** at 9:15am for rehearsal and then singing at worship. All are welcome.

SOCK-tober is here! This is one way Hope supports Trinity Center. Trinity distributes socks to the homeless population in Walnut Creek. Each \$20 donation will buy 10 pairs of socks. Checks should be made out to Hope Lutheran Church with "SOCKTOBER" in the memo line and placed in the collection basket. Socktober envelopes are available on the greeting table. Thank you for caring and sharing!

Helpers & Worship Assistants for:

Today – October 4	Next Sunday – October 11
Altar Priscilla, Sara	Altar Priscilla, Sara
Greeters Barrie Christensen, Jacqui Ewing, Robin	Greeters Forest & Diane Borene, Robin
Lay Reader Bill Kuhnsman	Lay Reader Kathy Odne
Communion Assistants John Moilan, Sara Wood	Communion Assistants Nancy Conrad, Robin
Ushers Gerda Peterson, Todd Thaning	Ushers Bill Kuhnsman, Ingrid Wood
Livestream Chase	Livestream Alyssa
Special Music Sebastian Kim	Special Music Hope Choir

Readings for next Sunday, Oct 11: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 23; Acts 8:14-25; Matt 22:1-14

Anchor Newsletter – If you are not currently receiving Hope's Anchor newsletter and would like to, please give Robin your email address so you can be added to the distribution list.

Fellowship – Immediately following worship, please join us for a time of sharing coffee, goodies and great fellowship. Thank you to those helping with the set-up and clean-up. We ask one person from each table to bring their tray up to the counter at 12:15pm. This helps the clean-up tremendously. You are welcome to stay, socialize and drink coffee beyond that but we must have the clean-up completed by 1pm.

Rides to Church – Our volunteer drivers to worship are Sally Lionetti, Nancy Conrad (3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays only). If you need a ride to church, please contact them for the possibility of a ride.

Our Worship Service is available to live-stream and view online each week on our website. The link to the live-stream worship service is <https://bit.ly/3v6JTXm> The bulletin is available on the Hope website under the tab "Worship". Select "Worship Bulletin" and click on the desired week.

Your Offering – If you would like to mail us your offering (including QCDs), please send it to: Hope Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek CA 94598 (This is Hope's mailing address, not our worship location).

Please remember in prayer: Lina & Wally Hale, Brent Granado (Padley's son-in-law), Thom Faulkner (Jacqui Ewing's son), Carol Guillebeaux, Cheryl Murphy (Everett Arnold's sister), Bill Kuhnsman, Sigrid Beach, Jason Niemi, Sharon Lubkeman, Michael Bess (Barrie's son-in-law), Nancy Pierce (Margaret's friend), the family of Sue Puska, the family of Wayne Anderson, Steve Peterson