

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Joel Pancoast

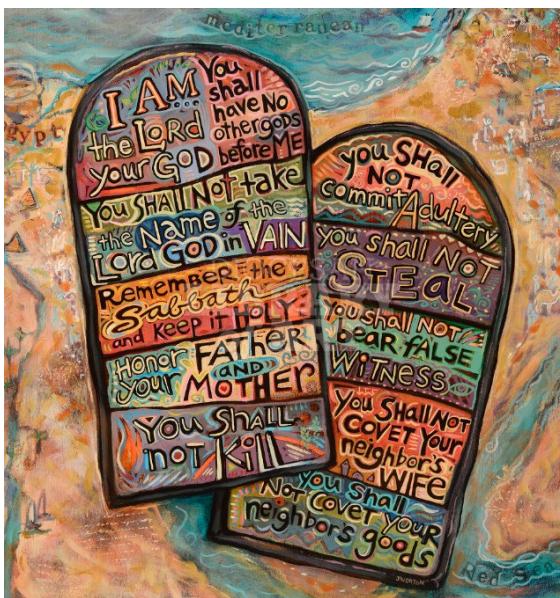
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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors



October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

TRREX 26—Trail Ridge Reverend Exchange

Julie Varilek, Accompanist

Prelude: "Change My Heart, O God" arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome, Friends in Christ,

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service. Please note: The bags contain a treat.

Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.

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Welcome: Pastor Joel Pancoast

Call to Worship: "Awesome God" by Rich Mullins

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

(Brief silence for reflection)

Compassionate God,
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.

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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: “Making Their Way” ACS Hymn 979

1 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have
3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney

heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,
till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,

Je-sus' dis-ci-ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of-fer-ing thanks,
car-ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,

the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
to-geth-er we will come to our e-ter-nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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Greeting

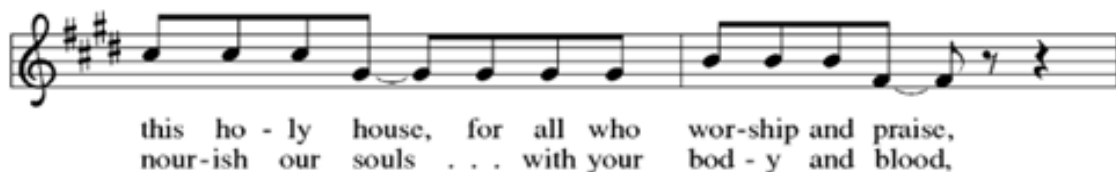
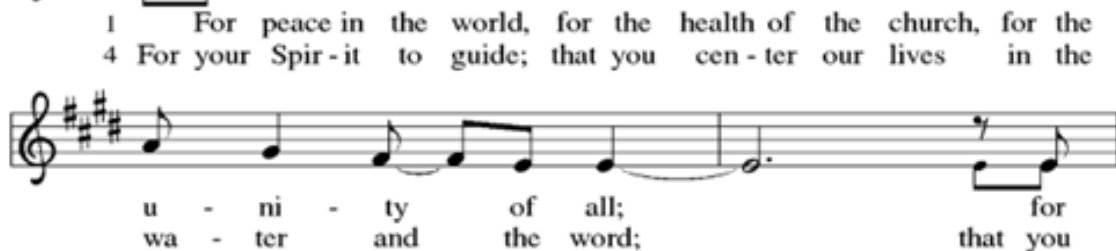
The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Refrain, Congregation



Leader



Canticle of Praise

Congregation

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

God of the commandments, you gave the Israelites laws so that they might live in harmony with one another. Show us how to live in peace, so that all may know of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17

³Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

^{20:1}Then God spoke all these words,

²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 19:7-14

*(Congregation reads **bold print**)*

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
⁸**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**
⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can detect one's own errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 1: 14-17

The holy gospel according to John Chapter 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who

comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Joel Pancoast

Sermon Notes:

Sermon Hymn: “On Eagle’s Wings” Hymn 787



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!”



And he will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God’s wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



And he will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE’S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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Apostle's 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.

Intercessory Prayer

After each petition : "Hear us O God"
Congregation Response is **"your mercy is great."**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Choir Anthem: "On Eagle's Wings" *by Michael Jonas*

Receiving of Gifts

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Offering Prayer

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.

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.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your
light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God
incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from
the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.

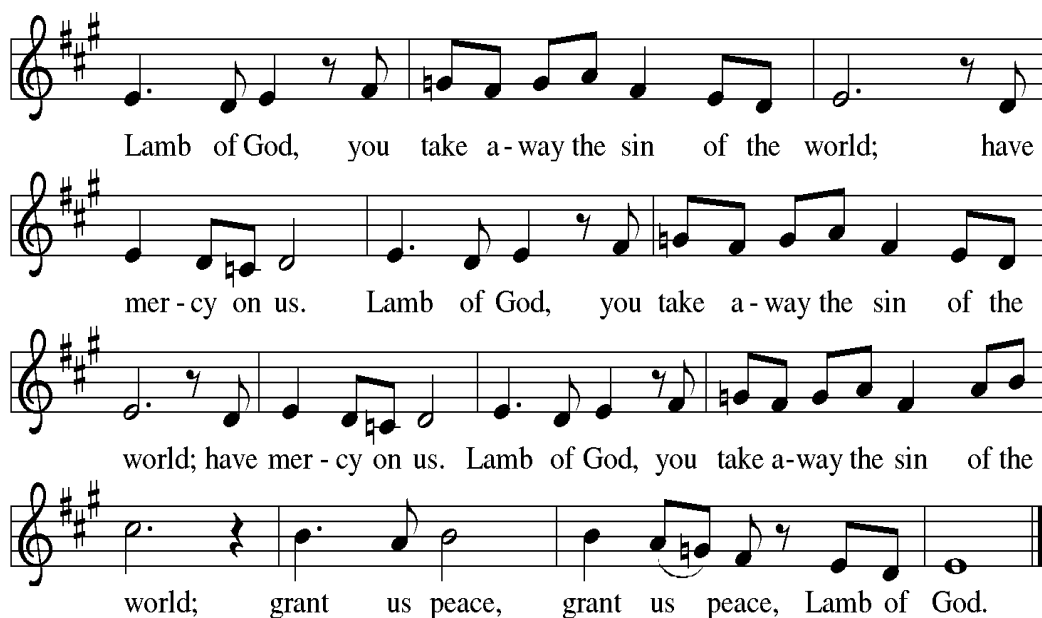
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.

*We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



Communion Hymn: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" *Hymn 619*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood
 strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Ministry Calendar

October 11—Sunday:

Welcome Pastor Joel! Pastor Joel Pancoast from Lord of the Valley Lutheran in Granby is with us today. This is a 'swap' of Pastor Todd to Granby and Pastor Joel to us. The beginning of a new tradition: TRREX 26 (Trail Ridge Reverend Exchange)

9:00 a.m.: Worship—*Pastor Joel Pancoast—guest pastor*

October 12—Monday:

9:00-1:30: PEO IU

10:30 a.m.: Piano Tuning

October 14—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

4:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

October 15—Thursday:

9:30 p.m.: Council Meeting

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

October 16—Friday:

10:00 a.m.: Tuttle Family setting up for Memorial

October 17—Saturday:

Tuttle Memorial

October 18—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—*Pastor Todd*

October 19—Monday:

8:00-Noon: Boiler Inspection

October 20—Tuesday:

9:00-1:30: PEO HF Meeting

October 21—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

4:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

October 22—Thursday:

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

October 23—Friday:

11:00 a.m.: Good Sam Service

October 24—Saturday:

Peak to Peak Concert

Blessing

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

Amen.

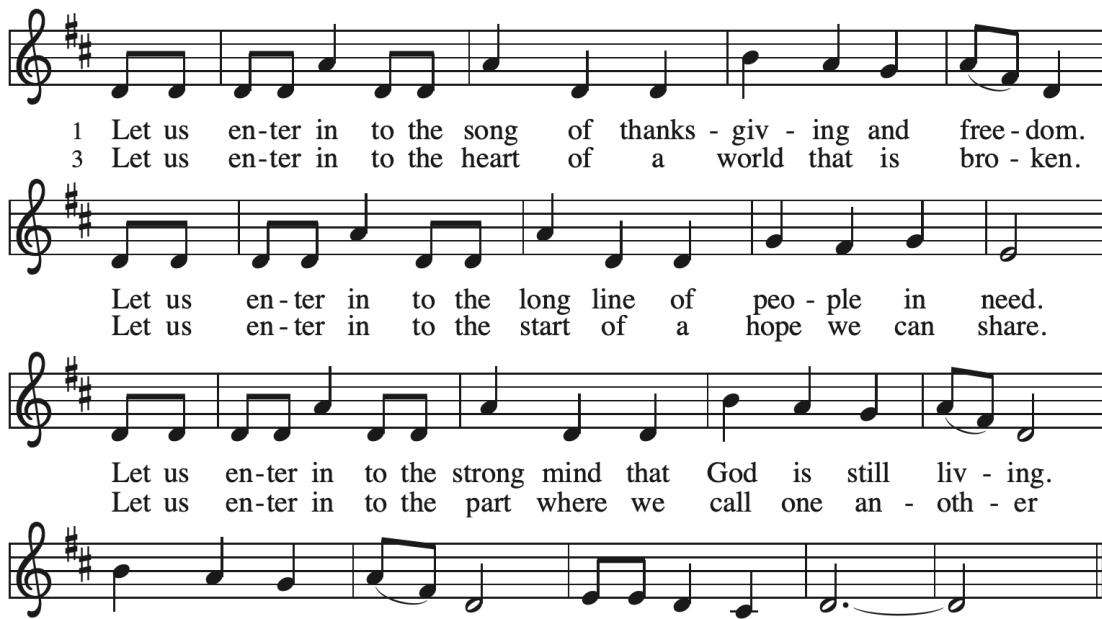
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Let us Enter In” *ACS Hymn 985*



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.

Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.

Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er.

Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Shine, Jesus Shine” *Graham Kendrick*

Thank you for serving!

	<i>October 11</i>	<i>October 18</i>
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Julie Varilek	Julie Varilek
<i>Choir Director:</i>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<i>Lector:</i>	Susan Anderson	Paula Stensvaag
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jan Kilgore Larry Kilgore	Randy Huber Mike Wold
<i>Tellers:</i>	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Tara McConnell	OPEN
<i>Communion Asst:</i>	Jill Johnson Sallie Brackman Tara McConnell	Paula Stensvaag OPEN OPEN
<i>AV Engineer:</i>	Steve Peter	Robbi Telfer
<i>Fellowship Hosts:</i> <i>See Fellowship Host Calendar</i>	Larry & Jean Anderson Janet Keller	Roxy Hause
<i>Flower Sponsor:</i>	Paula Stensvaag	Roxy Hause <i>In memory of family</i>
<i>Flower Arranger:</i>	Susan Anderson	Susan Anderson

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace*

1 Peter 4:10