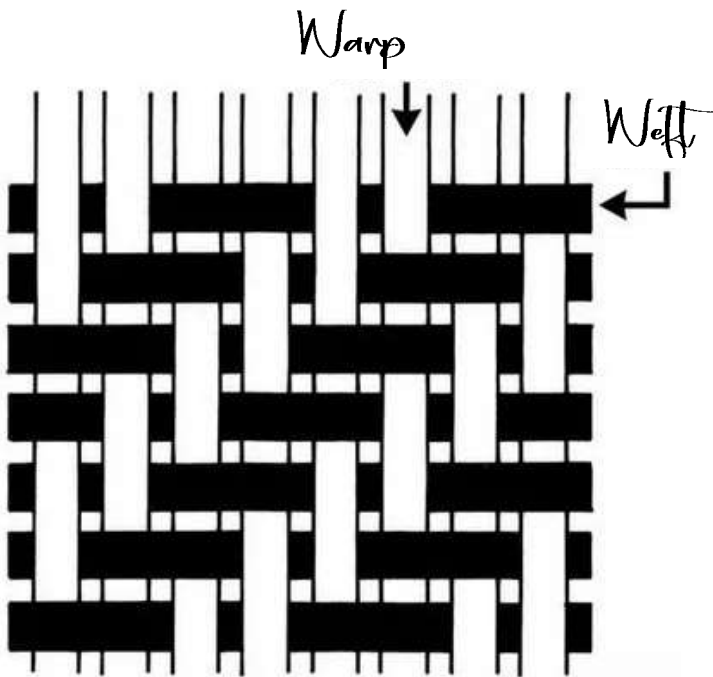


Woven Together

O Spinner, Weaver, your loom is love.
May we who are gathered here be empowered by that love
to weave new patterns of Truth and Justice
into a fabric that is warm and strong,
beautiful and everlasting.



Holy Baptism

St. John's Church
Powell, WY
October 22, 2023

Welcome

We are so happy you are with us. All you need to worship with us is in this bulletin. Please greet the person near you, stand and sit as you are comfortable, and bring your voice and heart to the service.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Michael, Kenny, Izaiah, Noah and Andre Allen. **We welcome their friends, family and the Godparents**, Nathaniel and Chauntel Barella, and Lee and Kelly Allen. We will continue our time together with a lunch reception after the service. Please come be with us and the newly baptized.

At St. John's, **your baptism means full inclusion** into the Christian community – the tent flap is wide open, the welcome rug is laid out, and the tablecloth is spread.

Weaving is a method of textile production in which two distinct sets of yarns or threads are interlaced at right angles to form a fabric or cloth. The longitudinal threads are called the **warp** and the lateral threads are the **weft, woof, or filling**. Cloth is usually woven on a loom, a device that holds the warp threads taught and in place while weft threads are woven through them.

The art of weaving is a profound metaphor for understanding the workings of the universe and our place in it. It is the essential art of creating the unified one out of opposites for the benefit of something larger.

Dario Valcarengi, in *Kilim History and Symbols*, sums it up in these words: “To produce the textile it is necessary for these two threads to be bound, otherwise each will remain a fragile and fluttering potentiality...if the meeting of opposites does not take place, nothing is created, for each element is defined by its opposite and takes its meaning from it.”

Weaving is ubiquitous in our lives. Clothes, sheets, towels, furniture coverings, flags and rugs are all woven products. Weaving permeates our language. How many times have you used the phrase “woven together” or “weaves through” to imply an integration of elements? How about that familiar warning from Walter Scott – “Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.”

We are bound to our bodies with fragile threads. Our skeleton is a loom on which every system is strung and woven with our blood. The meeting of opposite elements woven into a whole is the quest of every spiritual seeker.

It is a beautiful metaphor about how we embody Baptismal life.

As beloved, gifted people, we wrap ourselves like fibers in and out of the demands and responsibilities of our Baptisms to create a community that is warm and durable, beautiful and holy.

Ministers

Altar Guild	Jane Woods
Sound	Steve Nickles
Hospitality Greeter	Megan Nickles
Liturgy Greeter	Jim Morales
Worship Leader	Tim Glatzer
Reader	Rob Koelling
Preacher	Diana Anderson
Intercessor	Charlotte Patrick
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Server	Kim Dillivan
Communion Server	Mary Dillivan
Communion Bread	Laurel McKeen

Prayers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity Church, Lander; Diocesan Standing Committee;
Diocesan Staff

<p>Carolyn & Family; Laurel & Rusty; Hugh B. & Marge; Richmond & Rich; Lee & Kelly; Hunter, Charlotte & Mike; Shirley & Deb; Richard & Jennifer; Tim & Lynnae; Robin & Mark; Margie & Josey; Bobbi & Bentley; Tim & Alex; Bob & Charlotte; Brandon & Diedre; Carra, Deb S., Rob R., Kathy E., Martha, Tammy, Rob K., Bobby B., Larry, Irene, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron and Jane</p>	<p>Justin, Jacob, Patrick, Reece, Coleman, Bryce and Nathan who are serving in the military. Ann, Josephine and Don who reside in care centers.</p>
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Celebrations

Birthday: Grant Nickles—23rd, Barb Morales—27th

Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River?” Room 217.

Hymn

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, Where your
2. We who bring them long for nur - ture; By your
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i -

cleans - ing wa - ters flow. Num - ber them a - mong your
milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, par -
mag - ined, all your ways! To your name be glo - ry,

peo - ple; Bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them
tak - ing Cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re -
hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise! We your

gar - ments bright and spar - kling; Com - pass
new us, guide our foot - steps; Free from
peo - ple stand be - fore you, Wa - ter -

them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
 sin and all its snares, One with Christ in
 washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

send your Spir - it, Ho - ly dove and heart's de - light,
 liv - ing, dy - ing, By your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

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Gathering

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us.
 One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Creator of all.

Let us pray.

All praise and thanks to you, weaver of all creation,
 for adopting us as your own children,
 for entwining us into your holy Church,
 and for binding us together in unity and love.
Amen.

Hymn

We repeat the chorus after the last verse.



Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth-er in un-i-ty and



lo - ve. Weave, weave, weave us to - geth-er. Weave us to - geth-er, to-



geth-er in love.

1. We are man-y te-xt-tures. We are man-y

2. We are different in-stru-ments, play - ing our own

3. Mo - ments a - go we did not



co- lors. Each one dif'rent from the o - ther. ___ But we are ent-

melodies, Each one tuned to a different key. ___ But we are all

know our unity only diver- si - ty. ___ Now the Christ in me



wined with one an- othe - er, in one great tap - es - try.

play - ing in har - mo - ny, in one great sym - pho-ny.

greet the Christ in you in one great fam - i - ly.

Scripture

We sit.

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission
the heavens opened in a flash of glory, as a vision and voice blazed upon the waters.

May your spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and
follow Jesus in patterns of justice, right relationship, and peace.

A reading from _____.

After the Reading

Word of God, Word of covenant.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers

Holy God, at Jesus baptism in the Jordan, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation.

By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. We pray to you, God of covenant, saying, bind us together, O God, and bless us with peace.

The intercessor continues, concluding with

In the waters of Baptism, God's Holy Spirit comes to us and binds us to the body of Christ. Let us pray thanksgiving for this miracle that makes wider and deeper the companionship we have with each other, through Jesus, our Savior.

Amen.

Blessing of Family

In Baptism, the Spirit takes us to be part of God's household and we are adopted into God's family forever.

Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with the Kenny, Michael, Izaiah, Noah and Andre, who have come today to give thanks for God's blessing upon their family, and to affirm their commitment to their marriage, their parenthood, and their sonship.

Michael and Kenneth, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourself in holy matrimony, and when you bound yourself to one another other through adoption?

We do!

We thank you, most gracious God, for blessing this family in Christ's Name and presence. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. Cover them with the grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen them all their days, and bring them to that holy table where, with those we love, we will feast for ever in a heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Family and godparents and all children gather at the font.

The Candidates will now be presented.

Godparents I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the leader asks the following questions of the candidates and godparents

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Baptismal Covenant

Let us, the baptized, affirm our vows and commit our lives to Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead.

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and
integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

Blessing Over the Water

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.
Amen.

The Baptism

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us pray.
As the community of faith, we rejoice at this baptism
and will share with Michael, Kenny, Izaiah, Noah, and Andre
what we ourselves have received:
a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God,
a desire to follow the way of Christ, and food for the journey.
God of love,
we thank you for our calling to be disciples of Christ.
Help us to nurture this family in the faith we share.
May they grow to love, worship and serve you,
and bring life to the world. Amen.

Gifts

A blanket is presented to each of the newly baptized.
May the warmth and durability of this blanket keep you bound to God
and to this community.
A lighted baptismal candle is presented to the newly baptized.
Let your light so shine that others, seeing your goodness, may glorify your holy Creator.

Peace

We stand.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offering

As people who have passed through the waters of baptism,
let us make our grateful offering to God.

Music

“Looms,” Liu Ju.

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.

God of hope, in your Holy Spirit you hovered over the face of the waters in creation,
and in your pillar of fire you led your people to liberation across the Red Sea.

Through the waters you brought your people into the life and land of promise.

In your son's baptism at the Jordan we see your creative and liberating purpose at work
amid our human flaws, and we hear anew with hope the promise of your voice.

In our own baptism you number us among your people, bound together for
redemption and glory. Through baptism you bury us in death with Christ,
yet raise us to new life with him forever.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and archangels, and all the
company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

We remember when Jesus was sitting at supper with his disciples, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

This is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Blessing God, who sent down your Holy Spirit like a dove upon your beloved, send your spirit among us now to sanctify us by your grace. By the power of that same spirit, make these gifts of bread and wine before us the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ.

Master weaver, you have opened the tent of heaven and come among us. Bless all who long to be called beloved, by sibling or parent or spouse or friend or child, and any who are searching for the love that only you can bring, until all stand in your presence and sing your name, wrapped in the white garments of joy and enfolded by your embrace.

AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

We pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 for ever.**

Amen.

Breaking Bread

The leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We are all one body, for we all share in the one bread.

God's gifts for God's people.

Communion

Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.

Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right.

You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust.

If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.

Music

"Come to the Water," Jaime Thietten.

"Threads of Love," Lorie Line.

Gratitude

We stand.

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life

and cup of salvation,

you have united us with Christ and one another,

and you have made us one with all your people

in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

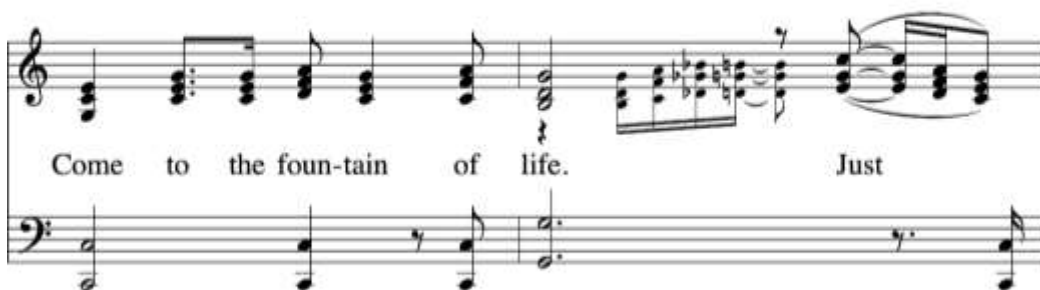
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Hymn We sing three times.



Come to the foun-tain. Come to the foun-tain.



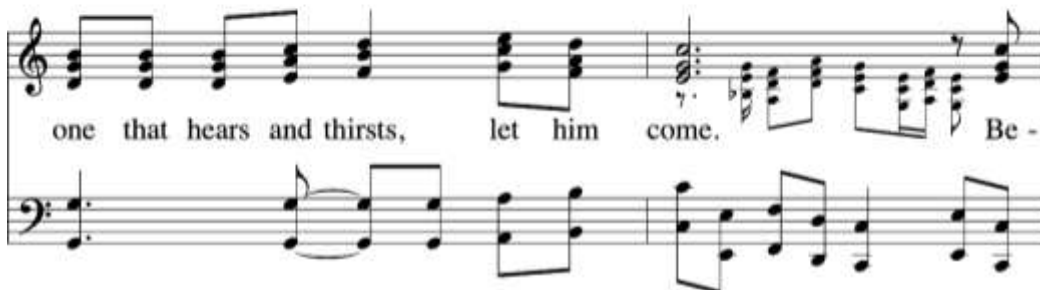
Come to the foun-tain of life. Just



drink from the foun-tain that shall nev-er run dry. You just



come to the foun-tain of life. Ev-'ry -



one that hears and thirsts, let him come. Be -



lieve and re - ceive the pre - cious gift for ev - 'ry - one.



Fresh, cleans - ing wa - ter that gives new life to your soul. Give



thanks to the One that made you whole.

Last time, 3 times through



Come to the foun - tain.

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Sending

At the weaving of creation, all our lives were intertwined:
every tiny thread an offering to joyous variation.

Go now, bound to one another, bound to God.

We go in the name of Jesus.

Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

“Jesus, Lead Me to Your Healing Waters,” David Crowder Band.