

January 7th, 2024

## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10 A.M. WORSHIP



## **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** Lifting Up, Reaching Out

#### WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

We are so glad you are joining in our worship. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular participant, we are happy to welcome you today.

#### **Breath of God**

Breath figures frequently in Scripture. God's breath or Spirit hovers over the chaos in creation in Genesis. Breath or Spirit enters the nostrils of the created in the story. Breath and Spirit is breathed onto the disciples by Jesus when he appears to them after his resurrection. In the gospel text, as Jesus rises from the waters, the Spirit, the breath of God, descends like a dove. Jesus, having held his breath under the water, rises as a model of death and life for us, breathing in the life of the Spirit. He is a risen and claimed by God as the beloved with whom God is pleased.

Of course, breathing is two things, breathing in and breathing out. You can hold your breath, but there is no way to hold it forever. Consider how this reflects the Spirit's power in Jesus and then in our baptism. In baptism, the gift is not just one of repentance and forgiveness, but, as the Acts text emphasizes, also involves the Spirit living and acting in the baptized. While it is a gift for our own lives, like the gift of breathing in, it is also encouragement and life, a breathing out of the Spirit into the world. Baptism is both for our own sake and for the world. In our baptism, we breathe in forgiveness and reconciliation and breathe out the Spirit in our life and works. That's the full life of the baptized disciple.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **GATHERING**

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

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, 中 one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.
- P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to

#### AL CONGREGARSE

El Espíritu Santo nos llama como el pueblo de Dios.

## ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS POR EL BAU-**TISMO**

La asamblea se pone de pie. Todos pueden hacer la señal de la cruz, el signo con el que somos marcados en el bautismo, mientras que quien preside comienza.

- P Bendita sea la Santísima Trin de agua viva, la roca que nos dio vida, nuestra luz y nuestra salvación.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amén.
- Unidos a Cristo en las aguas Р del bautismo, estamos re vestidos con la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. Demos gracias por el don del bautismo.
- Р Te damos gracias, oh Dios, porque en el principio tú nos creaste a tu imagen, y nos colo caste en un jardín con corrientes de agua. En el desierto, tú prometiste agua abundante para

still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

el sediento, y nos diste agua de la roca. Cuando no sabíamos el camino, tú nos enviaste al Buen Pastor para que nos llevara a aguas de reposo. En la cruz, tú nos lavaste desde el costado herido de Jesús, y en este día, tú nos riegas nuevamente con el agua de vida.

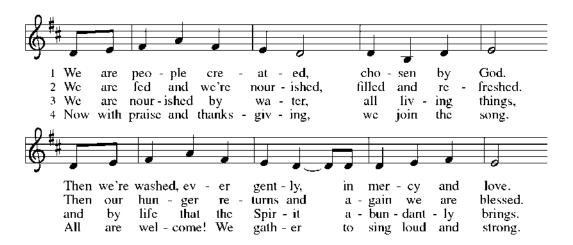
Te alabamos por tu salvación por medio del agua, por el agua en esta fuente, y por todas las aguas en todas partes.

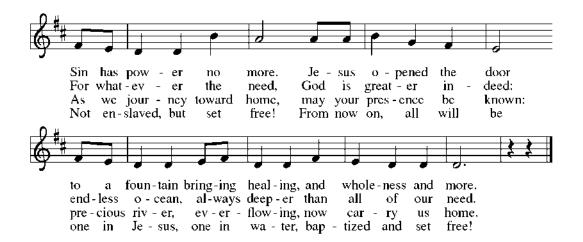
Lávanos en tu perdón, gracia, y amor. Satisface al sediento, y danos la vida que sólo tú puedes dar.

A ti sea dado el honor y la alabanza por Jesucristo, nuestra agua viviente, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, ahora y siempre.

C Amén.

### **GATHERING SONG**





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#### **GREETING**

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- $\mathbf{C}$ And also with you.

#### **SALUDO**

- P La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios, y la comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con todos ustedes.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Y también contigo.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Р Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

After the reading:

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God

#### **ANTHEM**

#### **SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7**

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

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While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

After the reading:

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God









God wants us to do. To share our love and share our gifts, to be di-sci-ples true.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE......Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman



Please stand as you are able

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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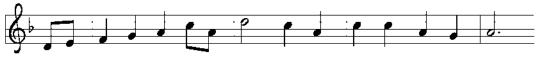
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

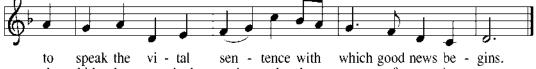
SERMON......Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman

#### HYMN OF THE DAY





He came to share repen - tance with all who mourn their sins, So when the dove de scend - ed him, the Son of on Man. Come, give our lives di rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to

age of grace be - gan. leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000 Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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## 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.

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.

## Credo Apostólico

Creo en Dios Padre todopoderoso, creador del cielo y de la tierra.

Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo, nuestro Señor.

> Fue concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo

y nació de la Virgen María. Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio Pilato,

fue crucificado, muerto, y sepultado.
Descendió a los muertos.
Al tercer día resucitó,
subió a los cielos,
y está sentado a la diestra del Padre.
Volverá para juzgar a los vivos y a los
muertos.

Creo el Espíritu Santo, la santa iglesia católica, la comunión de los santos, el perdón de los pecados, la resurrección del cuerpo, y la vida eterna. Amén.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

## A brief silence

- A Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders (*church leaders may be named*) to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.

A Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

A Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

A Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength.

Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships.

Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering (especially). God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

A Watch over our military and members of agencies serving to keep us safe and free. Bless, strengthen, and defend them with your heavenly grace, give them courage in the face of peril, and grant them a sense of your abiding love and presence wherever they may be throughout the world. God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

A Watch over all your children, Lord, including any who have not felt welcomed by the members of your church. Help us to truly be a Reconciling in Christ congregation: a welcoming and safe community for all. God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

A Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,

## C receive our prayer.

A Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### C Amen.

#### DEDICATION OF HOLY TRINITY LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

#### **PEACE**

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and then be seated. Please also sign the Friendship Register and pass it to the next person in your pew.

#### LA PAZ

- P La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
- C Y también contigo.

Your offering can be received in many ways. You may use the offering plate in the Sanctuary, sign-up for online giving at <u>www.holytrinityfallschurch.org/giving</u>, mail your offering to the church, or drop your offering in the mail slot by the office door.

#### **OFFERING HYMN**

Lord of Light......ELW 688 (Verse 1)





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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

A Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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 open ness 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,

**ORACIÓN** 

Oremos.

A Dios Santo, lleno de gracia y misericordia, tú nos brindas los frutos de la tierra y alimentas toda tu creación. Vuelve nuestros corazones hacia aquellos que sufren hambre de diferentes formas, para que todos conozcan de tus cuidados; y prepáranos ahora para participar del banquete del pan de vida, Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

C Amén

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#### PLEGARIA EUCARISTICA

Santo Dios, principio y fin, dador de toda vida:
Bendito eres tú por toda la creación.
Bendito eres tú en la oscuridad y en la luz.
Bendito eres tú por tu promesa a tu pueblo.
Bendito eres tú en los sueños y en las esperanzasde tus profetas.
Bendito eres tú por la apertura de María a tu voluntad.
Bendito eres tú por tu Hijo Jesús,la Palabra hecha carne.

La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partióy lo dio a sus discípulos,diciendo: Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, 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.

- P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died.
  Christ is risen.
  Christ will come again.
- P 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.
- C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P 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.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, Dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdó delpecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

- P Proclamemos ahora el misterio de nuestra fe:
- C Cristo ha muerto.
  Cristo ha resucitado.
  Cristo vendrá de nuevo.
- P Con este pan y esta copa recordamos tu Palabra viviendo entre nosotros, llena de gracia y verdad. Recordamos nuestro nuevo nacimiento en su muerte y resurrección,y anticipamos con esperanza su venida.
- C Ven, Señor Jesús.
- P Santo Dios, anhelamos tu
  Espíritu.Ven entre nosotros.
  Bendice esta cena.Que tu Palabra se
  encarne en nosotros. Despierta a tu
  pueblo. Llénanos con tu luz.
  Trae a la tierra el regalo de la paz.
- C Ven, Espíritu Santo.
- P Tuya es toda alabanza y gloria, Sant de Israel, Palabra de Dios encarnada, Poder del Altísimo, un Dios, ahora y siempre.
- C Amén.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C 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.

#### PADRE NUESTRO

- P Unidos en el Espíritu Santo, oremos como Jesús nos enseñó
- C Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino.
  Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

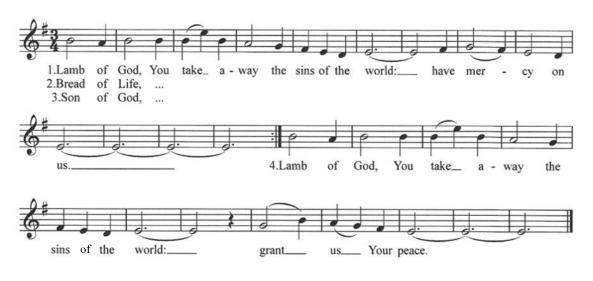
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Taste and see that the Lord is good
- C Amen.

## INVITACIÓN A LA COMUNIÓN

- P Prueben y vean que el Señor es Bueno
- C Amen.



## **COMMUNION**

- P The body of Christ, given for you.
- C Amen.
- P The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

## **COMUNIÓN**

- P El cuerpo de Cristo, dado por ti.
- C Amén.
- P La sangre de Cristo, derramada por ti.
- C Amén.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE. Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956.

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#### **COMMUNION SONG**

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup.....ELW 492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love,

we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up on the Lord, be ra diant, nev er turn a way.
- 3 An gels fold their wings a round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor ship, bless the ho ly name.



God will save in ev - 'ry af - flie - tion, hear us when we pray.

Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.

Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro-claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; With One Voice, stanzas, based on Ps. 34 Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

### **BLESSING**

- P The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and 中 grant you peace.
- C Amen.

# ORACIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA COMUNIÓN Oremos.

- A Te damos gracias, Dios todopoderoso, porque tú nos has renovado con el poder sanador de este don de vida; y te suplicamos que, en tu misericordia, nos fortalezcas por este don, en fe hacia ti y en ferviente amor mutuo; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
- C Amén

## **BENDICIÓN**

- P Que la Santísima Trinidad, el Santo Dios aumente tu esperanza, fortalezca tu fe, profundice tu amor, y 🕂 te conceda su paz.
- C Amén.

#### SENDING SONG



Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker Text and music © 1990 John C. Ylvisaker.

#### **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

A Thanks be to God

#### **DESPEDIDA**

P Vayan en paz. Cristo está con ustedes.

C Demos gracias a Dios

POSTLUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star......Traditional
Performed in 1950's doo-wop style

## **PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

Presiding Minister Pastor Mike Gutzler

Preaching Minister Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman

Tech Team Ben French and Jeff Taylor

Musicians Josh Brown, Director of Music & Cantor

The Praise Project:

Greg Bloy, Piano;

Bill Merkel, Guitar;

Caleb Merkel, Guitar;

Brent Stone, Bass;

Bill Richards, Percussion;

Jonathan Hill, Saxophone;

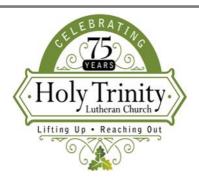
Mark Shoun, Trombone and Piano

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Piscataway, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** – Prayers of peace and comfort for Sandy Lee and family on the passing of her sister, Barbara.. Prayers are also appreciated for Joe Anderson, recovering from surgery.

Prayers of healing and strength for Kathy Chelsen. (Kathy would appreciate phone calls from HT members. Please contact the HT office for details.).

Prayers also for Alfie Rulis; Joel and Donna Cook (health concerns); Anne Simmon's husband, Rich (liver transplant); and Rita Juhasz (ongoing health concerns).



In 2024, Holy Trinity celebrates our 75th Anniversary! Each month we will be celebrating a different decade of our history.

## January: Launch and 50s

**Our Celebration Team:** Beth Search, Troy Martin, Mark Kerr & Eric Chancellor

#### TODAY: LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DEDICATION

As one of the first events of Holy Trinity's 75th Anniversary Celebration, and due to the generosity of the Tedesco family, we have installed near our Fellowship Hall entrance a Little Food Pantry. Pastor Mike will unveil and dedicate our Little Food Pantry during our worship service today.



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