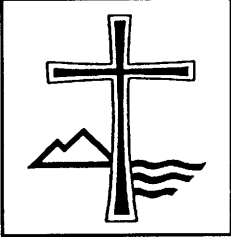


This service will be a hybrid service & will be recorded for YouTube.

We are one community worshipping in multiple places – in person, & live online via Zoom & Facebook. The service will be available for future viewing on YouTube. If you are worshipping online, please use this bulletin as you join us for worship . You may add prayers of your heart into the chat if you are on Zoom. If you are online, you are invited to have wine & bread available so you may join in with communion. You may like to create an intentional sacred space around you. See www.womenofthelca.org for tips on creating your space. Go to resources and search for Sacred Spaces.



Creator Lutheran Church

The Gospel reveals God's astounding grace as an unconditional gift of love for all people, so ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status are not barriers to joining our worship or leading our community. We are committed to racial equality. As an inclusive community grounded in God's love and following Jesus' example, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presiding *Pastor* Emillie Binja



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The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags are also available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child.

Gathering

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

Prelude

WELCOME

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
Let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.**

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

**The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.**

**In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia! 2

Gathering Song: "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Quilt Blessing:

L: God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

L: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

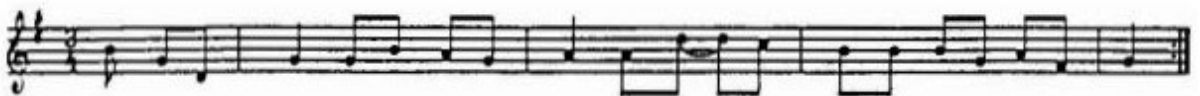
L: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

L: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C: Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast of the Risen Jesus



This is the feast of the ris-en Je-sus! Al- le- lu- ia! Al- le- lu- i- al



1. Wor- thy is Christ who died for us, who set us free on the cross.
2. Pow- er and rich- es, wis- dom, thanks be to our God and the Lamb.
3. Sing to the Lord a glor- ious hymn, and join cre- a- tion's A- men!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together,

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.



Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:25-31

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: For dominion belongs to the LORD,

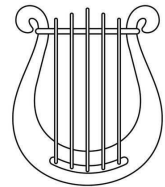
who rules over the nations.

R: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they are dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**C: Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

R: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"



Please stand

Gospel Acclamation ("from African and American Liturgy")

L:

1. Al- le- lu- ial _ Lord, where _ shall we go _ _ ? (Al- le-
2. For _ you have the words of e- ter- nal life _ _ . (For _

lu- ial _ Lord, where _ shall we go _?) Al- le- lu- ial _ Lord, where _
you have the words of e- ter- nal life _.) For _ you have the words of e-

C: shall we go _ _ ? (Al- le- lu- ial _ Lord, where _ shall we go _?) Al-
ter- nal life _ _ . (For _ you have the words of e- ter- nal life _.) For

C: le (Al- le) Al- le- lu- ia _! (Al- le- lu- ial _ Lord, where _
L: you (For you) For **C:** on- ly you _ . (For _ you have the words of e-

shall we go _?) Al- le, (Al- le) Al- le- lu- ia _! (Al- le-
L: ter- nal life _.) For **C:** you (For you) For **L:** on- ly you _ . (For _
C:

L: lu- ial _ Lord, where _ shall we go _?) Al- le-
you have the words of e- ter- nal life _.) For _ ter- nal life.

Gospel: John 15:1-8



[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the words that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please be seated

SERMON: Children Sermon / Pastor Emillie Binja

Please stand

Hymn of the Day: "For the Fruit of All Creation"



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

C : hear our prayers.

A: For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters . Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

A: For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

C: hear our prayers.

A: For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially*) (*Please turn to Prayers list on page 18*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayers.

A: For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayers.

And for those whom we pray silently or out loud

A: With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

C: hear our prayers.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.



Statement of Faith (CREED)



I be- lieve I do be- lieve tru- _ ly I be- lieve it tru- _ ly I be- lieve it tru- _ ly I be- lieve it



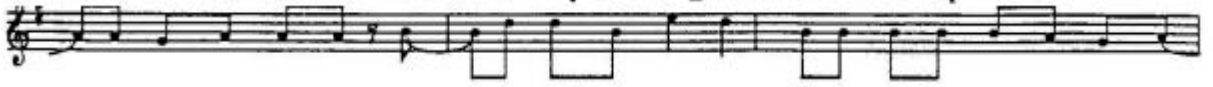
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1. I be- lieve in God the Al- migh- _ ty Lord Cre- a- tor, Migh-

2. I be- lieve in Je- sus the Sa- _ vior of the peo- ple, Sa-

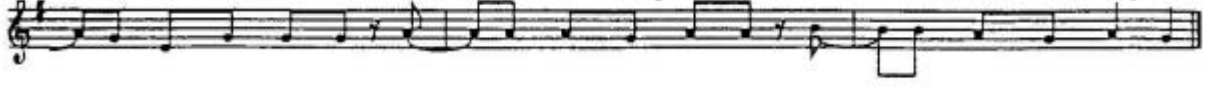
3. And I do be- lieve in the pow- _ er of the Spir- it, Pow-



_ ty Lord Cre- a- tor, Migh- _ ty Lord Cre- a- tor. I be- lieve in God the Al- migh-

_ vior of the peo- ple, Sa- _ vior of the peo- ple. I be- lieve in Je- sus the Sa-

_ er of the Spir- it, Pow- _ er of the Spir- it. And I do be- lieve in the pow-



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_ er of the Spir- it, Pow- _ er of the Spir- it. Pow- _ er of the Spir- it

Peace



P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Please feel free to greet or wave to those attending via ZOOM.

Please be seated

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward.

Offertory Song: "We Praise You, God"



1. We praise you God, the Cre- a- tor of the heav- ens! We
2. We thank you Je- sus, for all that you have giv- en! We
3. We bless the Spir- it, re- stor- ing us to whole- ness! We

praise you God, the Cre- a- tor of the heav- ens! We praise you God, the Cre-
thank you Je- sus, for all that you have giv- en! We thank you Je- sus, for
bless the Spir- it, re- stor- ing us to whole- ness! We bless the Spir- it, re-

a- tor of the heav- ens! We praise you for giv- ing us life!
all that you have giv- en! We thank you for giv- ing us life!
stor- ing us to whole- ness! We bless you for giv- ing us life!

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.



Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

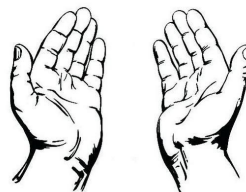
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

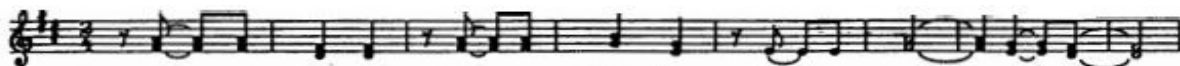
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



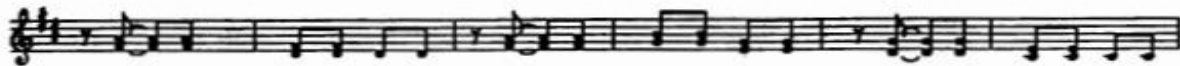
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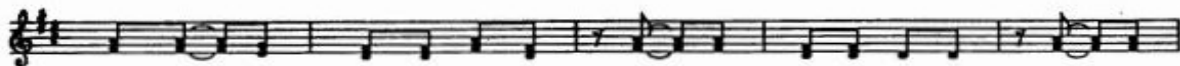
1. Ho- ly, ho- ly, Lord, Al- migh- ty, Glo- ry fills the earth.
2. Sing ho- san- na in the high- est to the Ho- ly Lord.



Ho- ly, ho- ly, Lord, Al- migh- ty, Glo- ry fills the earth. (Ho- ly)
Sing ho- san- na in the high- est to the Ho- ly Lord. (Ho- ly)



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly



Lord God Al- migh- ty (Ho- ly) Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly,



ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord God Al- migh- ty!

Eucharistic Prayer:

P: Blessed are you, Holy God, creator of the universe.

You filled the world with wonders: rivers and rain to water the land, plants and trees for beauty and food, a choir of creatures to sing your praise. You created us in your garden to tend the earth and be at home.

C: To you be glory forevermore.

P: 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 to 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith until he comes again to share the feast that has no end.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send now your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine and all who gather at your table. By your Spirit strengthen and enliven us that we might serve all in hunger and want; and make of us the body of your Son, through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated

Invitation to Communion:

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Communion Song: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y_u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 *Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -*
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
 hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Refrain / Estribillo

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

Post Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

A: Shepherding God,

C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

(For the announcement see the last page on the bulletin)

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
□bless you now and always

Amen.

Sending Song: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

1. Now let your peo-ple de-part in peace. For we've par-ta-ken of the
2. Sing glo-ry to the Cre-a-tor Lord, And to the Spir-it, Com-for-

feast. You are the Sav-ior of all the earth, a light to guide us from our
tor, And un-to Je-sus, the bless-ed Son, for-ev-er three and ev-er

birth. Ev-'ry-time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart I will
one.

pray! Ev-'ry-time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart I will pray!

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace.

Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God.

AMEN!

Prayers List

Please send all prayers and announcement to the office by Wednesday

For Healing ,Comfort, Peace & Strength:

- **Jeremy**-prayers for healing-requested by Eric
- **Jason Barron' son in law** -prayers for healing-requested by Tom and Katie
- **Barb Sovey**-prayers for healing-requested by Chris
- **Bobbi Grey**-prayers for healing- requested by Rosey Fry
- **Betty**- prayers for healing-requested by Rosey Fry
- **Lori**-prayers for healing after surgery-requested by Rin and Victory
- **Shelley Grittith (Susie ' sister)** -prayers for healing –requested by Susie

For Those Grieving:

- **Beth**-prayers for comfort upon the death of her son Josh Shirley
- **Nick Koystuke** – prayers for comfort upon the death of his brother-requested by Susie
- **John Novak family and friends** -prayers for comfort upon his death-requested by Mike Burmester

On Going Concerns

Maryland bridge accident -We mourn the lost of the six worker

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs-Choosing a new Chief-requested **by Jan .M**

Palestine and Israel- We mourn the loss of over 30,000 precious lives in Gaza, 1,200 precious lives in Israel by the actions of Hamas and the trauma for those 250 others who were taken hostage.

UPCOMING

4/26- 4/28: Youth Rummage Sale

5/11 Spanish speaking Families House meeting @ Debi's house

5/18 : American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9am-2pm

5/19 : Council Annual Meeting after service / 8th graders fly up to HS with '**Curiosity Cafe**' @ Moreland Presbyterian (for 8th grade and HS)

5/3 and 5/4: Spring Lutheran World Relief Ingathering .Volunteers are needed to help load the cargo container . May 3 (8 am-4 pm) and May 4 (9 am-noon). Interested in volunteering, please **email Rochelle McIntire.**

MEN OF CREATOR - what a fabulous opportunity coming your way to honor the dedicated women who magically supply us all with coffee and cookies every Sunday. **EXCEPT - MOTHER'S DAY.** [You are up!](#) Tom Cassatt has graciously agreed to be the contact person.

Please let him know what you would be honored to do. Talk to him after service OR give him a call, **503-855-49894-** home or **503-956-6473.**

CREATOR BUDGET REMINDERS

Want an easy way to positively impact Creator's budget?

Fred Meyer Rewards

Select Community Rewards online or in the Fred Meyer App. Search for and select Creator Lutheran Church – Clackamas.

That's it! As you shop, a percentage of the total spent will be gifted back to Creator with no impact on your Rewards points.

Employer Match

Many employers conduct employee charitable giving campaigns, offering to match an employee's gift up to a certain amount. See if your employer does this.

	YTD February 2024		
	Actual	Budget	(under) over Budget
Cash contribution	33,693	40,396	(6,703)
Operating Expenses	41,510	42,339	(829)
General Fund Net Income/Loss	(7,817)	(1,943)	(5,874)

The Catholic Charities housing team is hoping you might help us spread the word about the affordable apartments we have available at Good Shepherd Village in Happy Valley. We're in the process of leasing, and want to reach as many individuals and families who might be interested in this opportunity. We currently have about 10 apartments left that are available for households with incomes at 60% AMI, including studio, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedrooms units. Please consider passing this info along to anyone in your network that might be interested or know of others in need of affordable housing options.

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