St. Francis, October 4, 2026
Prayer, Readings, Ministers, News, Music

Entrance Hymn: Hymnal **365**
Come thou almighty king
Song of Praise: Hymnal **S-278**

The Creation Collect of the Day
Most present, loving, good Creator, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of the human world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in shared life with your whole Creation in perfectness of joy; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Testament: The Sixth & Seventh Day
A reading from the Book of Genesis.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.
Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."
So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
Thus, the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.
These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm
(8AM) Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse, up to the asterisk, alternating between reader, first, and then the community.
(10AM)



1 I lift up my eyes to the **/ hills; ***
from where is my help to **/ come?**
2 My help comes from the **/ LORD, ***
the maker of heaven and **/ earth.**
3 The LORD will not let your foot be **/ moved ***
and the One who watches over you will not fall a- **/ sleep.**
4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over **/ Israel ***
shall neither slumber nor **/ sleep;**
5 The LORD watches over **/ you; ***
the LORD is your shade at your right **/ hand,**
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by **/ day, ***
nor the moon by **/ night.**
7 The LORD shall preserve you from all **/ evil; ***
the LORD shall keep you **/ safe.**
8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming **/ in, ***
from this time forth for ever- **/ more.**

Book of Creation
A reading from the Book of Creation.

After a long journey of over 3.5 billion years, the miracle of life eventually turned into the miracle of humans. Over 2 million years ago, in Eastern Africa, the Homo lineage began.

About 300,000 years ago, the first Homo Sapiens emerged, with a radically expanded consciousness. About 40,000 years ago, human language began, artistic expressions as painting and music emerged, and the first rituals took place to connect with the divine mystery.
About 12,000 years ago, the revolution of agriculture began. Humans learned how to grow food from plants and animals, allowing them to settle down in villages and towns. Creativity explodes on all fronts. Increasingly sophisticated cultural expressions: storytelling, all sorts of artistic endeavors, and, eventually, writing. And much more.
About 2,000 years ago, the Creator became a creature. The womb of a young Jewish woman was the setting for the incredible mystery of the Incarnation. A few decades later, that Creator-and-creature was nailed to a cross, redeeming the whole cosmos.
Now, more than ever, we uplift the sacredness of all Creation. Now, more than ever, we honor God as Creator. Now, more than ever, we celebrate the cosmos' web of matter and the planet's web of life.

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Sequence Hymn: Hymnal **506**
Praise the spirit of creation

Gospel: *Please stand as you are able*
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Offertory Anthem: The Lord is my Light
Sanctus: Hymnal **S-128**
Fraction: Hymnal **S-165**
Communion Hymn: Hymnal **302**
Father we thank thee
Mission Hymn: Hymnal **20**
Now Holy Spirit, ever one
Postlude: Little Fugue in D Minor Bach

Today's Ministers
Preacher: Benjamin F
Readers: (8AM) Cheri C, Larry S
(10AM) Alma Z, Moli T, Paul T
Eucharistic Ministers:(8AM) Dean B
(10AM) John F, Craig G
Digital Ministry: (10AM) Kay A, Bob M
Altar Guild: Ann P, Sola O, John F
Sextons: (8AM) Larry & Bively S
(10AM) Paul S
Hospitality: EB & Paul S
Ablution Guild: Vicki L

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Season of Creation: Genesis 1:26—2:4a; Book of Creation, Via Creationis
St. Francis: Psalm 121; Luke 12:13-21

Good News
Caring for Earth Film Series: Sun, 9AM, Rm 16
Pet Prayers & Vegetarian Potluck, Oct 4
Lawn Renovations begin Oct 12
Climate Ambassador Training, Oct 17, 9-1PM
Book Club, Oct 17, 10 AM
Shake Out Sunday, Oct 18
Organ Concert, Oct 18, 3PM
Trunk or Treat, Oct 24, 4-7PM
Blessing of Costumes, Oct 25
Blessing of Pledges, Nov 1
Blessing of Thanksgiving Baskets, Nov 8
Bible Study: Tues, 9AM, Room 16
Centering Prayer, Weds, 7PM, Chapel