

# Worship Guide for May 31, 2026

## Holy Trinity Sunday



### Welcome and Announcements

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

Gracious God, *have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. *Amen.*

### Gathering Hymn

### Come, All You People



*U - ya - i - mo - se,                      ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 1 Come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Most High;  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Spir - it;



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 come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Most High;  
 come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Sav - ior;  
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 come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 come, all you peo - ple,                      come and praise the Spir - it;



*u - ya - i - mo - se                      Zvi - no.*  
 come now and wor - ship                      the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship                      the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship                      the Lord.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray: *Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **Reading of the Word**

### **First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, 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.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> 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.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> 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.” <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, Word of Life. *Thanks be to God.*

**RAIN OR SHINE - June 14 BBQ & Potluck Picnic: Mark your calendars and help kick off summer at New Salem with a BBQ and Potluck Picnic following worship on Sunday, June 14. Keep an eye on future worship guides/emails for more details!**

### **Psalm: Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Children's Message**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (sing 3X)**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**June 7 is Noisy Offering Sunday - get your change ready!**

**Funds collected are used to support projects selected by church youth, such as The Cow Project, Food Shelf, ELCA Good Gifts and others.**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Sermon****Hymn of the Day****God, Whose Almighty Word**

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

**Prayers of the People**

Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

**Sharing the Peace****Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory Hymn

## Come to the Table



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.

Offering Prayer

Together we pray: *Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Words of InstitutionLord's Prayer

Together we pray: *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.*

Sharing Christ's Meal

Communion Hymn #1

## Womb of Life and Source of Being



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less  
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond  
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our  
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have  
 birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing  
 friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we  
 Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er  
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man  
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the  
 Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing  
 strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en  
 birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of  
 pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Communion Hymn #2

## Listen, God is Calling

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Communion BlessingPost Communion Prayer

Together we pray: Life-giving God, *in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.*

*Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*

**Benediction****Sending Hymn****Holy, Holy, Holy**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

**Upcoming @ New Salem**

Wed, 6/3	BACM Recital @ St. Bart's	12 noon
	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 6/4	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Wed, 6/10	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 6/11	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun, 6/14	BBQ/Potluck Picnic following worship	

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen      Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies  
 Ushers: Carol and Graig Gilbertson              Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft  
 Reader: Stu Rosselet                                  Pianist: Cheryl Durant  
 Communion Assistant:                              Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke  
 Fellowship Hosts:

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April Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total General Fund Income: \$18,653

Total Expenses: \$15,898

SURPLUS for April \$2,775

5.24 General Fund Offering: \$483

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 5.28.26)

Sunday, May 24 (in person/online): 62/34

Facebook reach: 50,658

YouTube Views: 1,023

YouTube Subscribers: 142

Announcements for the Week of May 31, 2026

**Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!** If you are looking for a church home, please contact Pastor Terry or Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at [newsalem@paulbunyan.net](mailto:newsalem@paulbunyan.net). If you are a visitor, please stay for coffee fellowship after church, and sign our guest book outside the church office!

Website: [newsalemlutheran.org](http://newsalemlutheran.org)

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN

**Make a Joyful Noise – Join the Choir!** If you like to sing, join the New Salem Choir!

We are a fun, friendly, supportive group, and the ability to read music is not necessary! The choir sings for worship on the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as presenting special music at Christmas and Easter, and participating in the summer Bemidji Area Church Musicians recital. Rehearsals are at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays – come join us!

**Worship Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed to assist with various Sunday ministries here at New Salem! Ushers, readers/Communion assistants, helpers to set up Communion before the worship service and tidy up afterward, offering counters (we will train you!), and hosts for our coffee fellowship after worship. Sign up as a family or team up with a friend or two! **Signup sheets are available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Remember: If no one signs up to host coffee fellowship, there is NO coffee fellowship.**

**Memorial Flowers:** The roses in front of the lectern are from Traci and James Schanke in memory of Traci's mother, Dolores Guest Djonne, who passed away in 1988. Today would have been her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Offering Reminder:** Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked “general” go toward New Salem’s annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions and good works of New Salem!

## New Salem’s Food Shelf Volunteer Shifts for June



**Monday, June 8**

**9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon–3:30 p.m.**

**Friday, June 12 – 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**For more information or to volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at [ksnortland5@gmail.com](mailto:ksnortland5@gmail.com) or 612-940-7312.**

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**Make a joyful  
noise!**

## New Salem's May Mission Partner



**Evergreen**  
 Youth & Family Services  
*Strengthening Youth. Preserving Families.*

*New Salem's  
 Highlighted  
 Mission Partner  
 May 2026*



### OUR MISSION

Evergreen Youth & Family Services is a community-based organization committed to strengthening youth, preserving families and building relationships with an emphasis on those living in Northern Minnesota.

### OUR VALUES

Evergreen believes that communities are strongest when every individual is treated with dignity and respect and has support to achieve his/her full human potential. Evergreen chooses to remain client-centered with an emphasis on being responsive to each individual and families' needs while maintaining a high level of professionalism, compassion and empathy. We operate from a position of hope, faith and support. Our services and perspective are often grassroots in nature and it is because of our strong relationships and resources that Evergreen Youth & Family Services remains a catalyst in the region for proactive services, education and advocacy.

- ◆ Evergreen Youth & Family Services is a private, non-profit youth and family service provider.
- ◆ In the past 49 years, Evergreen has developed a safety net of services to strengthen youth, preserve families, and help support successful transitions to adulthood.
- ◆ Every year, over 1,000 children, youth, and young families come to us for emergency food and shelter, crisis intervention, mental health, and the skills and tools necessary to live a safe and healthy life.
- ◆ Youth and families of all backgrounds and walks of life are welcome. Approximately 60% of the youth we serve each year are Native American or mixed race, 30% are Caucasian, and 10% are African-American, Asian, Hispanic, or mixed race.

The Evergreen Youth & Family Services Shelter provides free shelter, coaching, and support services for **youth ages 9-17** who are experiencing an immediate personal or family crisis. The shelter can house up to 10 youth at a time and is **open 24 hours a day, 365 days per year**. Youth, their families, and other caregivers are also eligible to receive free drop-in counseling and/or family counseling services. All services are free.

### **God's Work, Our Treasure - May 2026**

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of Evergreen Youth & Family Services and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable resource in our community. Please remember to indicate on your check or envelope that your gift is for Evergreen YFS. [evergreenyfs.org](http://evergreenyfs.org)

## The Bemidji Area Church Musicians

present

**The 2026 Summer Recital Series - Our 39<sup>th</sup> Season!**  
**Wednesdays, 12 - 12:30 p.m. Followed by a Luncheon**  
*This season's performances are dedicated  
to the memory of Kenneth J. Wold*

June 3	First City Handbell Choir, Carol L. Johnson and Vicki L. Stenerson,	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 1800 Irvine Ave. NW
June 10	Trinity Musicians	Trinity Lutheran Church 123 29 <sup>th</sup> St.
June 17	Ring Jubilant Praise, handbells; Kay Sue Eriksson, Laura Engelstad, piano; Taumi Wilson, Mary Larson, flute, piano	Evangelical Free Church 115 Carr Lake Rd. SW
June 24	Calvatyrian Bell Choir collaborating with Young Musicians of St. Phillip's Church	First Presbyterian Church 501 Minnesota Ave. NW
July 1	St. Mark's Musicians	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 2220 Anne St. NW
July 8	Wade Martin, vocalist, Jenn Ellis, piano Amanda Willis-Martin, piano; Mathison Martin, piano; Shar Paquette, piano	First Baptist Church 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW
July 15	Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute Sanna Gustafson, saxophone Janet Pederson, violin	Bemidji Covenant Church 5405 Hart Ln. NW (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 22	Glenn Seibel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano	United Methodist Church 924 Beltrami Ave. NW
July 29	Samantha Melberg, flute; Sarah Leach, piano Ben Bartholomew, saxophone	Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave. SE
August 5	The New Salem Choir; Denise Laaveg, piano Cheryl Durant, piano; Sonja Kraft, flute Traci Djonne Schanke, soprano	New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NE (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)
August 12	Wayne Hoff, Carol L Johnson, Piano and Organ recital, Jennifer L. Johnson, vocalist	Aardahl Lutheran Church 2920 Van Buran Ave. SE
August 19	Sarah Carlson, organ, piano Claire Carlson, violin; Bob Madeson, euphonium Josh Grosvold, clarinet	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Ave.
August 26	Emily Mathew, piano; Mike Locke, guitar Amy Williams, flute; Elaine Kleinsasser	Church of Christ 692 Mag Seven Ct. SW

Free will offering supports the BACM Music Scholarship Fund.

*Luncheon prices are determined by each venue.*

## **The Readings on This Day - The Holy Trinity (First Sunday after Pentecost)**

Pentecost is a day, not a season. Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday following Pentecost, has been kept since the tenth century as a special celebration of the mystery of the triune God, as in a similar way the Baptism of Our Lord follows the Christmas season with its trinitarian focus.

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

Called the Great Commission, the church proclaims this text on Trinity Sunday, affirming that even after the observance of the Ascension, the triune God is always present in the church. The conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew includes the trinitarian words that most Christians use at baptism: “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

### **Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

According to Christian doctrine, God is and has always been triune. The church has seen in the ancient Genesis cosmogony the everlasting Trinity at work in creation: God speaks the Word and breathes the divine Spirit over creation.

### **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Many Christians over the centuries use this passage from 2 Corinthians as an opening invocation or a closing benediction. Especially beloved is Paul’s description of the attributes of the triune God as grace, love, and communion.

### **Images in the Readings**

If by Matthew’s language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we imagine two males and a mist, the biblical imagery is failing us. God is beyond all things, dead and alive in Jesus Christ, and experienced in the assembly. Many contemporary hymns add to the doctrinal language other imagery in hopes of opening up the mystery of God. In Genesis 1, God is creator, word, and breath. In Paul, God is love, grace, and communion.

The rhetorically magnificent story of creation in Genesis 1 poetically describes the entire universe as originally perfect and formed by God to focus on human need. According to biblical scholars, Genesis 1 was written as praise of the God of Israel, rather than as revealed science, and according to Christian theology, God’s creating continues throughout time, rather than being a single prehistoric event. Creation by God through the Word in the Spirit happens today. The post-exilic authors sought also to ground the Jewish Sabbath in God’s resting on the seventh day. Christians have moved their holy day from Saturday rest to Sunday assembly so as to meet the Risen Christ on the day of the resurrection.

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