

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026



*Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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# Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**

**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in <sup>†</sup> Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## GATHERING SONG *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (ELW 789)

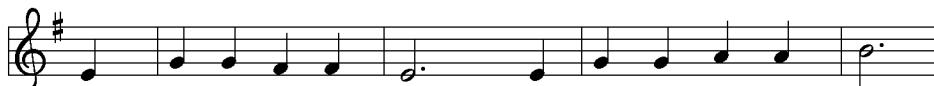
### GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

**And also with you.**

### KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Isaiah.

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

<sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 27:1,4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (*Ps. 27:1*)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon**  
**the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will <sup>1</sup> give me shelter,  
    hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- <sup>1</sup> on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music <sup>1</sup> to the LORD. R**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> when I call;  
    have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— <sup>1</sup> “Seek my face.”**  
**Your face, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

    Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of <sup>1</sup> my salvation. R

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.*

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

<sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

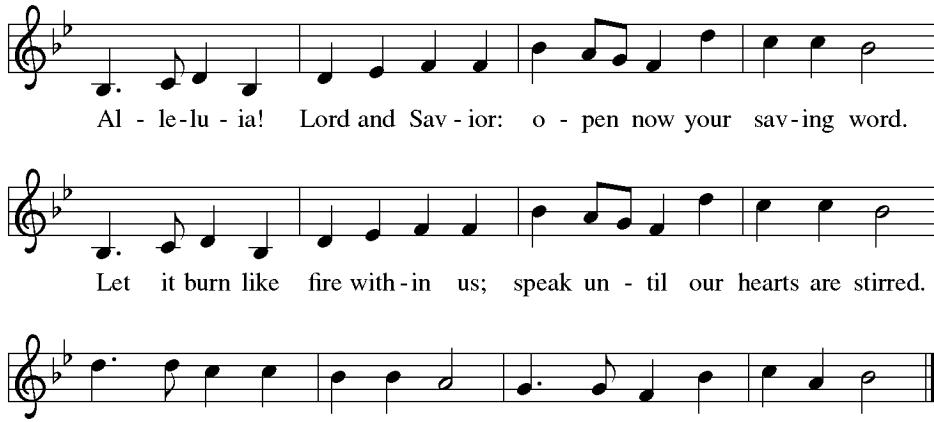
*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James

son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)

### 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,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Creator, you lavish creation with splendor, and we praise you for the gift of life. Teach us to live as wise stewards, sharing the earth's resources with all inhabitants of this garden planet. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority (*local and national officials may be named*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick (*especially*). We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters (*individuals or situations may be named*). Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## OFFERING

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right  
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
 your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet you continue to reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to further your kingdom,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)

### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.  
Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### **DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** *January 25, 2026*

***The Altar Flowers*** are not sponsored today.

***The Bulletins*** are not sponsored today.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2026** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

***Office Hours:***

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM;  
(610)377-4242

***The Week Ahead:***

Today	9:00AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
	12:30PM	Confirmation (D)
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
Sunday	9:00AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY! January 25 to January 31***

01/25 Echo Fardella	01/27 Tanner Schleicher
01/25 Jackie Howard	01/30 Sharon Schell
01/25 Kyle Neff	01/30 Catherine Schleicher
01/26 Molly Kluk	01/31 Daniel Borger
01/26 Marie Reinhart	

**Giant Gift Cards:** If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

**Fundraising:** Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

**Pizza Fundraiser:** Pick up of pizza kits on February 5, 2026 between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

**End of Year Reports:** Please submit your end of year committee reports by Sunday, January 25, 2026 for the congregational meeting on February 8, 2026.

**Lehighton Cold Weather Station:** The LCWS is an important ministry for the homeless in the Lehighton area. When the temperature drops below 25 degrees overnight, the station is open to anyone in need to have a warm place to sleep overnight. Volunteers and donations are always needed.

**St John's Fundraiser:** St John's will be selling donuts on February 17, 2026; order by January 25, 2026. Sign up sheet is in the back of the church.

### ***HOMEBOUND MEMBERS***

Darwin Berger  
Arlene Bisbing  
Sheila Flickinger  
Tess Hinger

Linda Markell  
Debbie Meckel  
Gordon Scherer  
Alice Scitney  
Debra Strohl

### ***MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL***

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Brendan Schleicher 11611 Dyer Street, Apt 1026 El Paso, Texas 79934  
Private Seth Koch Sierra Vista, AZ

### ***SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS***

Faith Beck  
Sherri Bowman  
Robert Coccio  
Rick D  
Lauren Dugan  
Candy Everett  
Louise Everett  
Ann German

Dick German  
Joseph Gorman  
Stephen Hoffman  
Barbara Niehoff Janco  
Doug Keller  
Sandy Keller  
Joe Kluk  
Jim Koch

Deb Lilly  
Emily Persinger  
Kenny Schleicher  
Tom Scott  
Carol Steigerwalt  
Kathy Steigerwalt  
Tanner Schleicher  
Patti Walck

## ***WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

**Ministers:**

The Congregation

**Pastor:**

Reverend Anthony Pagotto

**Musician:**

Bella Moyer

**Greeters:**

Everett

**Acolytes:**

Mason Spitzer

**Lector:**

Elizabeth Matz

Worship Participants for February 1, 2026:

**Greeters:**

Frey

**Acolytes:**

Alexis Keller

Derek Spitzer

**Lector:**

Brad Kuehn

**Communion Assistants:**

Kirsten Frankhouser

Lisa Kercsmar

# 2026 Lent and Easter Schedule

## **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

2:00PM at Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church  
1742 Dinkey Road, Lehighton, PA 18235  
7:00PM at St. Peter's Church  
184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252



## **Midweek Lenten Worship** at 7:00PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at  
St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at  
Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at  
Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960  
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at  
St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at  
Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighton

## **Spring Bazaar** at St. John's LC, Mahoning

Friday, March 27, 2026, 5:00 – 7:30PM  
Saturday, March 28, 2026, 9:00AM – 2:00PM  
Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday at 11:00AM



## **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026**

7:00PM at Ben Salem UCC

## **Good Friday, April 3, 2026**

7:00PM at St. John's, Mahoning



## **Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

6:30AM Sunrise worship in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery  
7:00AM Breakfast at Dinkey Memorial LC  
9:00AM Worship at Dinkey Memorial LC  
10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery  
11:00AM Worship at St. John's LC, Mahoning



## COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

**Come and see what we're doing and why it matters.  
Learn how individuals, churches, and  
organizations can get involved.**

**No commitment. Just a chance to learn, ask questions,  
and tour the shelter.**

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⌚ 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

**Sunday, January 4  
Sunday, January 11  
Sunday, January 18  
Sunday, January 25**

📍 560 Country Club Rd, Lehighton

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**All are welcome. ❤️**



## Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom -ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tress - ed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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## This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev -'ry -where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901  
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

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