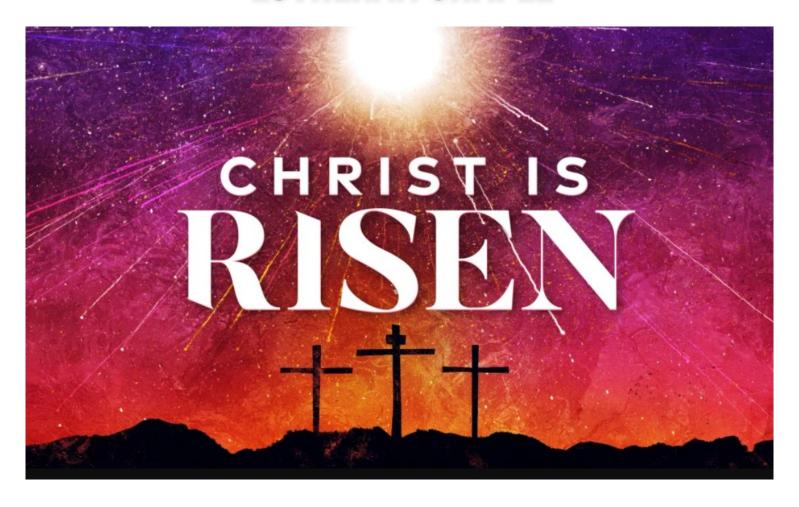
LUTHERAN CHAPEL



2 SAMUEL 7:1-17 AND JOHN 12:1-18

"The Resurrection of Jesus 2025"

HOLY COMMUNION EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025

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BOLD indicates congregational responses -* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

Instrument Ensemble

"Easter Quodlibet"

Charles W. Schramm, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13

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

C: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE ELW pg. 147

*GLORY TO GOD ELW pg. 148

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

2 SAMUEL 7:1-17

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" 8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your

throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

L: The Word of the Lord.

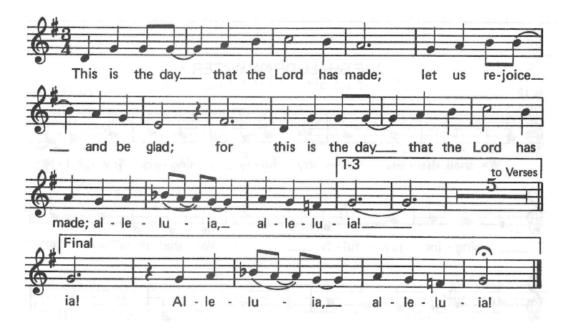
C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. The memory verse is in bold.

Creation: Fall: Promise: Exodus: Conquest: Judges: + **Kings and Prophets**: Exile: Restoration: 2nd Temple: JESUS: +Apostles: Last Day: New Creation

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24



Give thanks to God; the Lord is good. God's mercy endure for ever.

Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures for ever."

Refrain

The Lord's right hand is lifted up; the hand of the Lord is mighty.

I shall not die, but live to tell the marvelous works of God.

Refrain

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the work of the Lord; how wonderful, how wonderful in our eyes!

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every

authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

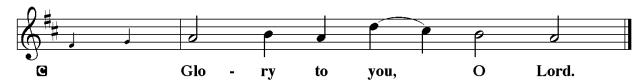
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL JOHN 20:1-18

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



The Son of David Who Rules Forever Life After Death

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus' saving power: Do I believe the resurrection is just an idle tale?

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus is risen for us, the hope of all humankind, now and forever.

So What?: Share the good news of faith, hope, and love in Jesus. Rejoice in the risen Lord Jesus! Celebrate. Feast. Sing. Laugh. Then take a good nap.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Signs and Wonders"

ELW #672

*THE NICENE CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

Chancel Choir and Chapel Ringers

"On Earth Has Dawned"

Arr. By Hal H. Hopson

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

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.

*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW# 153

Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

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 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.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

*LAMB OF GOD ELW# 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). You may request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard it in the trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Chapel Ringers

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives"
"O Sons and Daughters"
"Come Ye, This Day of Resurrection"
"Jesus is Lord of All the Earth"

Chancel Choir

SENDING

*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

ELW #366

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Easter Prelude on 'Victory'"

Arr. by Denis Eliot

OUR ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Given to the Glory of the Risen Christ in memory of Mary Brown Robinson, Ed Robinson and Jerry Fogle by Cathy Robinson and Sylvia Fogle.

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THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

Ministers	
Pastor	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant	Susan Hibsch
Director of Music Ministries	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte	Cameron Bell
Lector	Jason Sanders
Crucifer	
Head Ushers	
First Aid/AED/CPR	Perry Linkous
Council Members of the Month	David Zibell and Rob Andrews



GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the "Easy Tithe" page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.

LOVE OFFERING FOR APRIL: Our love offering for April is the Lutheran Services Carolinas, a faith-based health and human resources organization serving children, families and seniors in the Carolinas. They serve in **Gaston County** through foster care, providing services to people with developmental disabilities, and partners with the Senior TLC program and Dallas High School Apartments.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES: Please remember that we have our <u>major food drive for Crisis Assistance Ministry</u> during the month of April. This ensures that CAM has adequate food supplies for our neighbors in need. Of course, we collect food all year long, but let's make this month even better by shopping for food items on sale or bulk sales. You can place food items in the blue box in the Sunday School hallway or in the basket in the narthex. Always make sure to check the expiration date on all food items. Keep our Social Ministry team busy! As always, thanks for your generosity.

THE CHOSEN: Beginning on **Wednesday, April 30** the Evening Suffrages will be prayed at 7:00 pm and then an episode of The Chosen will be watched with discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel. This will replace the Wednesday Evening Prayer Service.

CHURCH PICNIC: Save the Date - The Congregation Picnic will be held on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm.



Sunday, April 20 7:00 am **Sunrise Service Easter Fellowship Breakfast EASTER** 9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary) Monday, April 21 8:30 am Preschool Closed **Church Office Closed** 8:30 am Preschool Closed Tuesday, April 22 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday 8:30 am Preschool Closed Wednesday, April 23 Thursday, April 24 8:30 am Preschool Closed Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am Friday, April 25 Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:00 am

Saturday, April 26

9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1, 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 17 April 20 to April 27, 2025

04/20 Morning Reading: Luke 15:11-32—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 9, 10, 11

04/21 Morning Reading: Luke 16—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 12, 13

04/22 Morning Reading: Luke 17:1-19—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 14, 15

04/23 Morning Reading: Luke 17:20-37—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 16, 17, 18

04/24 Morning Reading: Luke 18:1-23—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 19, 20

04/25 Morning Reading: Luke 18:24-43—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 21, 22

04/26 Morning Reading: Luke 19:1-27—Evening Reading: 2 Samuel 23, 24

04/27 Morning Reading: Luke 19:28-48—Evening Reading: 1 Kings 1, 2



This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Larea Falls, Jameson Franklin, Jerry Green, Kirk Jordan, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Rita Pasour, Parks Peak, Bill Riddle, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, "Spike" Stevens, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, Jimmy Watlington, Virgil Welch and recovery in the North Carolina mountains.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Thursday, May 1 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Sunday, May 4 ~ Antecommunion

2 Samuel 11 and John 20:19-31

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

Signs and Wonders



- 1 Signs and won ders lead the danc ing from the heart God frees from fear:
- 2 Hope and free dom join the cir cle: Mar y to the gar den came,
- 3 Cast a side all fear and hid ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell-ing here; saw the ra-diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name; God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



our hands, bow bold - ly may we lift the head, and voice A - men: bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, be-yond the gar - den wall: step Called by God - li - ness, ho let us bold - ly serve and bless; to



thus does glo - ry shine at mid-night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light. beau - ti - ful the feet pro-ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing. and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, Trente quatre pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551

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The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889