



# Proclaiming the Praises of Christ in Prague



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## Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Thine the truly  
Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing  
and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living  
Thine the loving  
evermore, evermore.

Thine the kingdom  
Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory  
Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing  
at Thy feast, at Thy feast.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering  
Lutheran Service Book #680

Art: Albrecht Dürer  
"Revelation series"



## Dale's Ear Surgery - Thanks Be to God! -

We were concerned a little. After all, we were going to a hospital outside of Prague proper. English language skills here drop off quickly once you leave Prague proper. And that was definitely the case in Benešov! While the doctors all spoke English, there was barely any

more of it from nurses, assistants, food servers, and even roommates. It put what little Czech we have learned to the test. But it went amazingly well! In fact, we thank and praise God that He sent us kind and patient people who were a blessing.

The surgery that Dale underwent—a replacement of some of the little bones in the inner ear—can only be described as a success. There was a glitch. The bones were far more brittle than they expected, and they had to replace more in one place and less in another; but the surgery that went longer than expected has already provided amazing results.

They say it can take up to several months before hearing comes along as far as it is going to come. So, we will be patient and continue to pray to the Lord for Dale's ear to be restored. But, even now we can rejoice that a sense of spatial hearing has already returned and that he can now tell when someone on his right (the direction of the bad ear) is speaking to him. We will go with this step by step.

## Pokoj and the Sense of Peace

Language learning continues to be a challenge and a blessing to us. We love our classes and are blessed to have an awesome teacher, who happens to also be a sister in Christ. Recently, we learned about one of the Czech words for peace: pokoj (pronounced *PO-koy*). The English word for peace is usually defined as a negative: the absence of strife and war. The word for that meaning here is mir (pronounced *meer*). Pokoj, on the other hand, has a sense of tranquility and calmness; it is a positive statement of a gift given. It is very similar to the Hebrew word shalom; in fact, it is the word that the Czech Bible uses to translate shalom in Num. 6:26 (*the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace*).

While hospitalized lately, we went out of Dale's room for a walk. As we returned, we looked at the sign by his door and noticed it said POKOJ 4. At first, we thought we had forgotten the exact word for peace. So, as we often do, we went to our Google Translate app on our phone and stuck in the word pokoj. It came back not only with "peace" but also the word "room" or "apartment." This language always has more to give!

We immediately went in our mind to the psalm that states: *He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.* (Ps. 18:19 ESV) Here, as in other places in the Psalms, a sense of peace is described as being in a broad place (Psalms 18:36; 31:8; 37:23); whereas, the Hebrew word for distress comes from the verb "to be hemmed in." Yes, peace, more specifically God's peace, is where He gives us space to hear His Word, to be healed by His Word, and to know that our enemies cannot overcome us, because we have a broad place in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Thank God for lessons learned in odd places!



We thank the Lord for all of the ministries that support us. This month, we especially give thanks for:

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Please, pray for the conversion of many people here in the Czech Republic.

Please, pray for many to come to church during the coming holiday season.

Please, pray for many people to see our advertisements we are placing in news sources.

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### Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

On Sundays, we are holding a Sunday school for all ages. Currently, we have six youth who span from 4 to 14 years of age. Deacon Damašek is teaching on the account of the creation in Genesis. We have also included some hymn singing to teach the faith. Check out our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/kastersinprague](http://www.facebook.com/kastersinprague)) to see a video of it. As for our adult class, we are teaching St. Paul's letter to the Colossians. It is such a beautiful book on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### A Joint Reformation Service

Though Dale was in the hospital, our congregation gathered on the afternoon of October 31st to praise and thank the Lord for the blessing of the Reformation. Pastor David Jurech, a local Czech pastor, brought the Word of God to the congregation, and our own Deacon Damašek helped with the liturgy. This was a joint service including Czechs, Slovaks, and English-speakers. We thank God for our relationship that enabled this.

### A Visit with Our Supporters

Prague is a favorite tourist destination; and, because of that, we often get emails from Lutherans who are planning to visit the city concerning our worship. But, recently, we were able to meet not just LCMS members but people who pray for and support us, Darrell and Lynda Bauman, from Iowa. We were able to share a Czech luncheon with them and to share with them about the town, our work, and how we are doing here. We encourage anyone who is visiting Prague to let us know. We would love to share with you what the Lord is doing here.



### A Look Ahead

Over the next month and a half, we will be very busy here. We have our American Thanksgiving luncheon. We will have Advent midweek worship (Thursdays as they work best for our members!) and of course the Christmas services that every church has. We are also planning a Christmas party for our Sunday School children—pizza and *Red Boots for Christmas!* Dale also continues to help with the Czech service, leading the pastoral parts in a very difficult language to pronounce. The local church body, the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic (ECAVvČR), will also hold their annual meeting, a day and a half event, at the end of this month.

Please, pray for the ECAVvČR as it prepares to meet. And, please, pray for all our team here in the Czech Republic. Know that we pray for your parishes in the States!

We commend you and your witness to Christ!

Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster

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