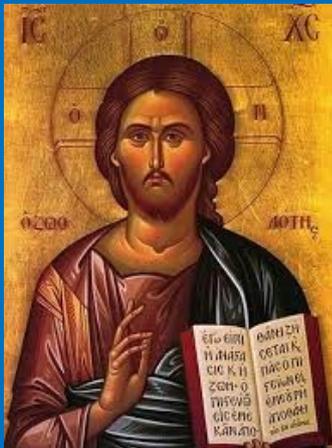




# Proclaiming the Praises of Christ in Prague



April  
2020



Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,  
Let Your Word to me come near;  
New born life and spirit give me  
Let each promise still my fear.  
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,  
Wars against Your Word of life;  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor  
That I cling to You forever.

Oh, what blessing to be near You  
And to listen to Your voice;  
Let me ever love and hear You,  
Let Your Word be now my choice!  
Many hardened sinners, Lord,  
Flee in terror at Your Word;  
But to all who feel sin's burden  
You give words of peace and pardon.

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;  
Let Your words in me take root.  
May Your Spirit e'er be near me  
That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing Your praise,  
From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given  
In the endless joy of heaven.

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”  
Lutheran Service Book #589



The Huber family joins in on a live-streamed worship service.

## God's Grace in the Time of Coronavirus

Lutherans are a people of the printed page, always have been and always will be. That is true historically. It was because of the printing press that the Lutheran reformation could be spread about and claim the hearts of people. But it is also true theologically. We have an emphasis on the Word of God because we take seriously words spoken through the prophet Isaiah: *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever* (Isa. 40:8 ESV.)

With the whole world trying to avoid the novel coronavirus, we have come to rely even more so on the printed Word of God as our comfort and encouragement. Like churches around the world, we have been live-streaming our Sunday worship services. (If you want to see them, just [click here](#).) And as we have done this, it has moved us to meditate on just how full is the grace of God towards us. God could have given us one way to receive His grace, and it still would have been generous. But God has given us the Word, the Holy Supper of our Lord, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and Holy Absolution. On top of those, He has given us the mutual conversation and consolation of the saints. Now we are in a time wherein we cannot use all these gifts. But it is not that we need to put all these together so that, like a jigsaw puzzle, we only get the whole thing as a sum of all the parts. Rather, each part is a whole gift of God's grace and mercy. That is what on which we have come to rely.

The Word has been read through computers, tablets, and smartphones. The Word has been preached and taught through online services. In other words, nothing can stop this Word of God—not even a global pandemic! We are so pleased that not only have our members found consolation in our videos, but also people from literally all around the world have watched and sent to us their greetings.

What a gracious God have we! Our Father, as our Lord bids us to call Him, is a nurturing and gracious Father. We commend ourselves to His keeping, asking Him to give us good health, and at the same time pray that this pandemic would pass us by and finally come to its end. Then will Christians the world over come together to receive God's gifts and to respond in kind, glorifying the One who gave Himself for us.

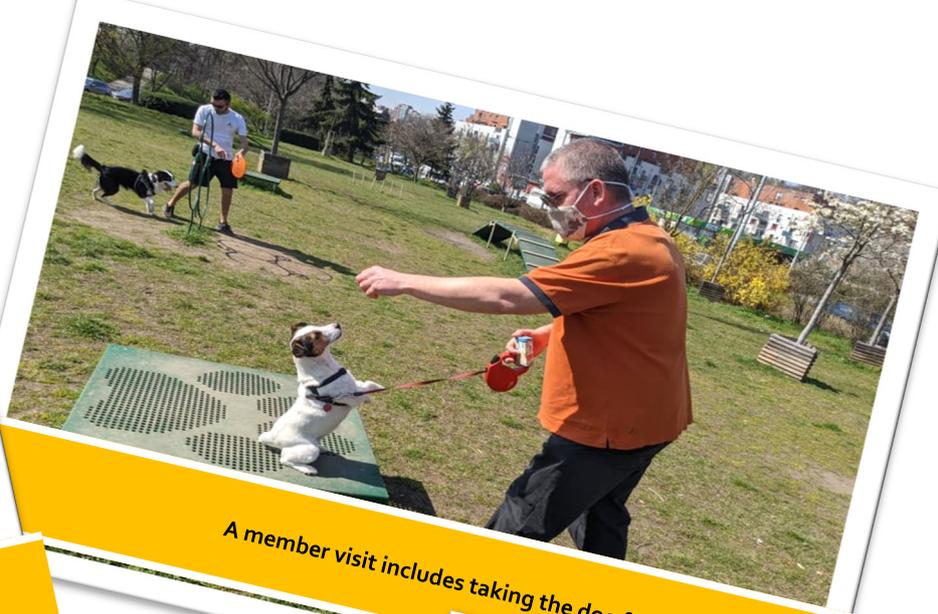
God go with you and keep you safe! And may God soon bring this time of isolation to an end.



Dale leads the liturgy.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service



A member visit includes taking the dog for a walk.

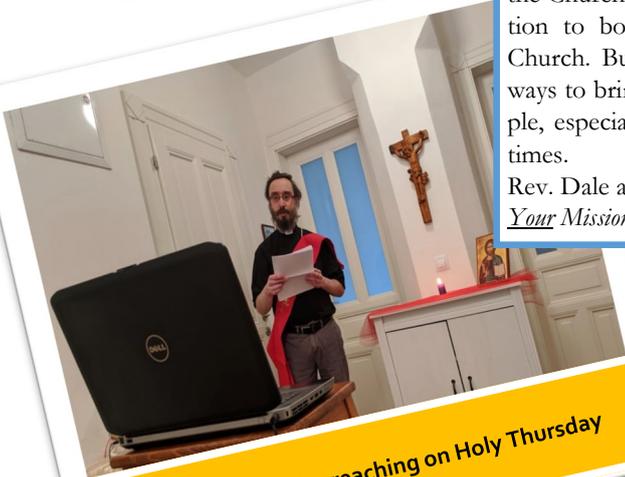
### Everything Old Is New Again

The message of the Church is eternal, proclaiming the crucified and risen Savior. The work of the Church is tireless, preaching peace and salvation to both those inside and outside of the Church. But we are always trying to learn new ways to bring that message and work to the people, especially during these strange and stressful times.

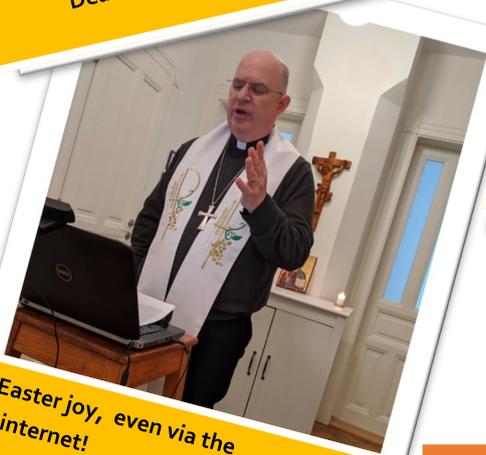
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The Lord's Supper is celebrated with a family.



Deacon Damašek preaching on Holy Thursday



Easter joy, even via the internet!



The Lord's Supper celebrated before the quarantine.

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