

Blessings from Bohumín

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Face to Face

I walked into the church, a sea of smiling eyes came to give me countless elbow bumps. It was our first service in over two months. The power of physical proximity was made so clear to me as I took my seat.

Tears filled my eyes as the organ began, and the congregation sang in unison, “Pan Bůh je přítomen” in English “The Lord God is present”.

I will agree that singing through a mask is difficult, but we didn’t care, the joy was incredible.

Afterwards the group quickly moved outside where we could distance more while continuing our after church fellowship time.

As the last elbow bumps were exchanged, some hand shakes (with gloves) and a couple hugs, we all parted ways, eager for the next Sunday.

What a special experience to remember again the joy of worshiping in God’s house with His people.

Below: Our team of LCMS Missionaries gathered at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in Prague for service and team fellowship.



Czech Word of the Month

Over the past months our team put our *trust* or *důvěra* in God to guide us as we navigated ministry during the pandemic.

On May 25th the law requiring masks outdoors was lifted! Praise God that the Czech Republic is beginning to open up.





Left: Pastor Roman giving the sermon in our first in person church service on May, 17th. This was also our first service in the church building. Because of the lack of heating the congregation meets in the parish house chapel during the winter months, and then moves to the church building in the spring.

Below: Church members gather for the service at a distance. Using disinfectant, and wearing masks are now a part of our Sunday morning routine.



Above: Our youth worship team playing for the online group. All participants are muted while they sing along with us online.

Right: In the top left square of the Zoom call, Niki and Jírka presenting our leader Honza with a birthday cake and a little singing during youth group on May 8th.



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Prayer

Prayer Requests

Pray that God would:

- Keep our youth engaged as the summer months approach us.
- Guide me as I disciple our newest youth team member this summer.
- Lead our team as we plan summer events.
- Provide a volunteer to cover our youth group social media pages as a form of outreach to the community

Prayers of Thanks!

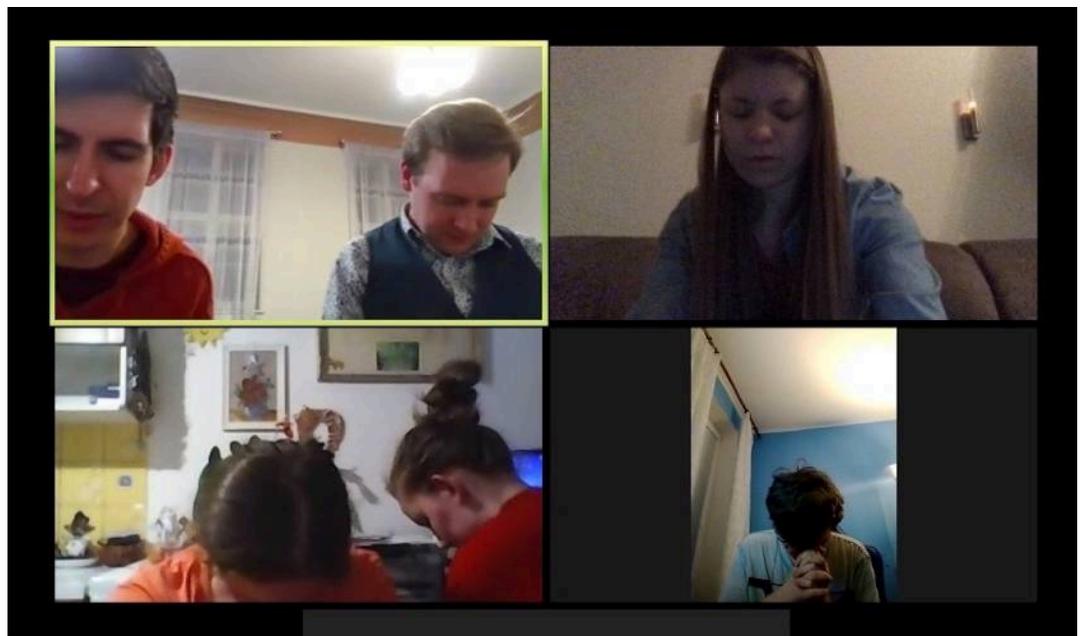
Give thanks for:

- You, my prayer supporters and encouragers.
- The opportunity to begin having church services in person again.
- A blessed time with our LCMS missionary team in Prague.
- A successful first face to face youth meeting.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Th. 5:16-18 ESV)

Our team highly values prayer, and we make time in our schedules weekly to uplift each other in Christ. Each Monday at 7:30p.m. our Czech youth team calls on Skype to pray together. No matter where we are, we stop each week to check in, encourage each other, pray for each other, pray for specific youth as they grow in their faith walks and pray for the ministry in Bohumín.

Below: A group prayer at the end of an online youth meeting.



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