The easiest and cheapest way to get your service streaming online and is via Facebook live or Youtube Steaming. However, using existing Facebook pages is the best way to reach an established audience and clearly communicate when and how to access the service on Sunday.

**To get started** make sure that you have a smartphone and tripod, as well as a mounting clip if possible, which can be found [here](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=iphone+tripod+mount&crid=382PB6LMU07J5&sprefix=iphone+tripod+%2Caps%2C237&ref=nb_sb_ss_i_1_14). Make sure it is plugged in or charged fully and to set up your phone so it records horizontally, not vertically!

**Set up your recording** in the front row and make sure that there is space around your camera, so when singing, no one person drowns out the audio and that anyone who may be on camera has consented to that.

**Review your copyright** licenses and make sure that your hymns and liturgy are covered for livestreaming, live licensing is touched on in this useful guide from churchwide:

Churchwide Streaming Starter guide: <https://bit.ly/2WagOsHhttps://bit.ly/2WagOsH>

**Communicate** with your congregation about when your service will be and post the direct url to your website and Facebook!

If you have questions about the basics, or want to look into a more intricate option for your specific congregation please contact Colter McCarty in the Montana Synod office. 406-453-1461

**Online Giving:**

If you are wondering about church attendance and even passing the offering plate, there are options for giving that are easily set up and can be implemented on a website or weekly email. The easiest option is probably through tithe.ly as their online giving option is free to setup and use. The only cost is their processing fee, 2.9% + .30 cents per transaction. They provide a giving link and html embed code for your website or newsletter.

Other options are Vanco and PayPal. If you already have one of these accounts set up, look into how to make links available to all across all forms of communication.

**Additional resources:**

<http://hackingchristianity.net/2020/03/covid-19-lockdown-creating-live-streamed-worship-in-3-days.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhnR0hahkD0&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>

One License Gratis through April 15: <https://bit.ly/2QsMfev>