

Libertyville Covenant Church

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Libertyville, IL 60048

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www.libcov.org

LIBERTYVILLE COVENANT CHURCH

September 13, 2020

Indoor, Outdoor, Streaming

10:30 a.m.

Prelude *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* (Keeney) Su-Yi Su

Welcome

Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!"

Let us celebrate our New Creation as we worship God today.

Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Take a moment and pass the peace to those around you or through the chat bar.

Songs of Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Congregation in Prayer (debts, debtors)

Giving our Offerings to God

Doxology and Prayer

Hymn #258, vs. 1,2,4

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Scripture Reading

Kajsa Hawkinson

Ephesians 2:1-10

Revelation 2:1-7

Message

Once Dead, Now Alive

Pastor Steve Larson

Hymn #590, vs. 1,3,4

We Are a New Creation

Benediction

Join us for BYOC Coffee Hour on church zoom or the front lawn

Postlude

O Sons and Daughters (Smith)

Su-Yi Su

Welcome to Libertyville Covenant Church! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. We invite you to refer to our website libcov.org for more information about the life and ministries of LCC. It is encouraging to know that many of you are worshipping with us from distant places as we join together virtually during this time.

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. Virtual Adult Sunday School This week we will be discussing “Authentic Community”, as modeled in the early Church. As “Community” is our theme for the coming year, please also come with related ideas / areas for exploration together as we seek to deepen authentic Community at LCC. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87027127416> Meeting ID: 870 2712 7416
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Sunday School (in person & zoom) Meeting ID: 8473623308
- 10:30 a.m. Worship—INDOOR (reserve a spot) . . . OUTDOOR (weather permitting) or STREAMING (libcov.org)
- 11:45 a.m. LCC BYOC Hour or outdoors or via ZOOM (8473623308)
- 1-2 p.m. Children’s Ministry MEET UP @ The Freeze in Grayslake (mlongnec@yahoo.com)
- 5-6 p.m. Confirmation (steve@libcov.org)
- 5-7 p.m. Senior High Youth Group @ LCC

LCC Virtual Coffee Hour (BYOC) 10:45am in the LCC Private Zoom Room

Join us every Sunday after worship for the LCC BYOC Coffee Hour. After we're finished worshipping together, log in to our LCC Virtual Zoom Room and connect with friends, split off into smaller groups just to catch up, and maybe even meet some new faces. Just go to zoom.us, click "join a meeting" and use the church's phone number (8473623308) for the Meeting ID. Sponsored by our Deacons, we hope this is another way to connect with our church family each week.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those families in our congregation who are experiencing loss and uncertainty . . . Bill & Marti Anderson and extended family on the recent death of their niece, Heather. . . Those with health concerns: Tricia Sorensen, Deb Lindahl, Pat Pearson, Kay Johnson, Marcia Junas, Kristen Bethancourt, Pastor Bruce . . . Our many ministry partners (i.e. FMSC, PADS, Love INC, Food Pantry, Jill’s House, Covenant World Relief, etc.) . . . All of our students, parents and teachers navigating a different look to the educational experience this year. . . Our church as we begin the new season together.

COVENANT HOME ALTAR: The new issue (October, November, December) of our denomination’s devotional book, The Covenant Home Altar, is available at the Information Desk. If you would like a copy, please call the church office or email marti@libcov.org and we will see that you get one.



We want to remind you to join one of our virtual small groups. Each week, people meet in Virtual Small Groups to grow as disciples. It is within these small communities that men and women build relationships, explore Truth, support each other through prayer, and Christian practices. We all know that God created us for a community, especially a Christian community! You will agree with me that such a need became acute due to the Stay-at-home order. Our small groups provide you with the space to do life together with other children of God. A new sign up for Fall will be available soon that will include opportunities for both in person and virtual small group involvement.

We hope that everyone who attends LCC will be involved in a Virtual Small Group. If you have any questions, please contact Zachs Gaiya - zzgaiya@tiu.edu

Smile.amazon.com donates to LCC! If you shop through Amazon.com, use Smile.Amazon.com instead and designate LCC as the charity on the opening screen. Then, at no extra cost to you, a small percentage of all you spend will be donated back to LCC to support our youth!



Our Mission is...

to grow disciples, grow the church, and grow the Kingdom of God

Our Vision is...

We grow disciples as we praise and learn together
We grow the church as we love and give together
We grow the Kingdom of God as we serve and share together

Our Core Values are...

Community: everyone is welcome to join us on the journey
Authenticity: being real people with real issues before our real God
Relationships: with God, each other, and the world around us
Engagement: all are gifted, all are called, all have a place in the ministry



To contact Pastor Steve: Phone or Text: 815-508-4450 Email: steve@libcov.org
To contact Pastor Paul: Phone or Text: 847-331-3640 Email: paul@libcov.org



Let's MeetUp!

THE FREEZE
131 Hawley St. Grayslake

Sunday, September 13
1:00p - 2:00p

WE MISS YOU!! DROP BY THE FREEZE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th AND SAY A SOCIALLY DISTANCED HELLO! WE WILL BE THERE FROM 1:00p-2:00p. COME GRAB AN ICE CREAM CONE AND JOIN US! CAN'T MAKE IT? THAT'S OK TOO!! ENJOY SOME ICE CREAM ON US ANOTHER DAY!

MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

Children's Ministry invites you to **MeetUP**. A **MeetUp** is an informal, socially distanced (and masked) casual gathering - created merely for the opportunity to connect safely with others. The Freeze was chosen for our first **MeetUp** because it has a large outdoor area where everyone can stay 6 feet apart. The added benefit?? There is **ICE CREAM!!** It doesn't get better than that! If you are available and would like to stop by, we would love to see you **TODAY!!!** Drop by anytime between 1p and 2p! **EVERYONE** is welcome - not just kids!!

THIS WEEK AT LCC

Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministries Team Meeting
Wednesday	6-7:15 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group with Parents invited to join for the evening at church (paul@libcov.org)
	7:00 p.m.	Small Group @ Larson's (steve@libcov.org)
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Racial Righteousness Group at church or via zoom (8473623308) (zzgaiya@tiu.edu) or (Teresa.deer1@gmail.com)
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Virtual Men's Bible Study (chris@beckercrew.com)

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LCC - Weekly Giving Summary - 2020							
2020 Weekly Averages by Month				Most Recent 2 Months			
				August		September	
Jan	6,959	July	9,310	8/2/2020	4,560	9/6/2020	9,140
Feb	10,467	Aug	6,052	8/9/2020	6,459	9/13/2020	
Mar	9,807	Sept		8/16/2020	11,925	9/20/2020	
Apr	10,491	Oct		8/23/2020	3,737	9/27/2020	
May	9,384	Nov		8/30/2020	3,080		
June	8,749	Dec					
Jan-June	9,310	YTD	8,995	Weekly Avg	6,052	Weekly Avg	9,140

Thank you for your faithful and generous Giving. The chart above shows our weekly giving - we need to average \$10,000 per Sunday to meet our budgeted commitments. Please consider using our Online Giving link for your gifts, simply go to the LCC website (libcov.org) and click the “give” on the menu. Thank you for your ongoing support! For those wishing to contribute to a particular ministry through LCC, please mark in the memo (either on personal checks or online) the area you wish your gift to be applied (i.e. food pantry, PADS, Love INC., FMSC, World Relief, Camps, Benevolent Fund, etc.) We have been able to send some significant checks to these groups as we support their ministries together.

COMING EVENTS

September 22	Deacons meet at 7 p.m.
September 24	Women’s Thursday morning Bible Study resumes. 9:15 a.m. See Bruce Thorson for details.
September 24	Racial Righteousness Group meets at 6:30 p.m.
October 23	Sensible Ladies Book Club virtual meeting at 7 p.m. The next book being read is “Can’t Wait to get to Heaven” by Fannie Flagg. RSVP to Tricia R4Sorensen@yahoo.com and she will send you the zoom invitation.

Pastor Steve’s Blog: Just a reminder Pastor Steve is putting out a blog and/or video blog to help us with a short devotional thought about life in a COVID-19 world. There will be a new devo periodically with scripture, a thought, and questions to answer. You can use this for personal devotions, family time together, or in an online group setting. Click here: <https://libcov.org/pastor-steves-blog/>

Thank you to the pastors and volunteers for the significant work they are doing to make our worship options (OUTDOOR, INDOOR, STREAMING) possible each week. We greatly appreciate each of you for sharing your time and talents as you help us all to stay connected.



Under the CALM plan, you'll recall that we've committed to longer-term online streaming for those who will not be able to join "in-person" anytime soon. Our incredible Sunday ministry team and setup / equipment (some of which is new) can best accomplish high-quality streaming when inside the sanctuary – away from the wind and elements. As you know, up to 50 registered friends are now welcome to be present inside for Worship, with appropriate protocols in place.

We now offer those who wish to join us outside on the grounds of LCC to participate in worship together. We will have a tent setup to reduce glare, with a TV monitor and projection / speaker which will simply stream the service from inside. We will likely be in front of Church where some greater shade is present at that time of day – a wonderful way to also show the Community our visible presence in Worship together. We hope that some of you (who are not yet comfortable being inside) might find this an encouraging option to be together in Worship and fellowship. The rules will be slightly different than indoors, and so we would ask the following:

- Ask yourself the same "safety/precautionary" questions, and come only if you are well
- We ask that everyone wear masks, and maintain social distancing of 6 feet between family units
- Bring your own chairs / blankets. Even if the screen is not fully visible to you, the sound projection will be audible, so cars might even desire to come park nearby to be present in Worship.
- We'll have bulletins available, but no outdoor hymnals or bibles (you can use your phones with upgraded WiFi we are currently implementing)
- There will NOT be a temperature check required for outside viewing, nor will there be a requirement for advance registration or a formal limit on attendance
- We will have access to the lower level LCC bathrooms via the patio door in order to keep separate from indoor traffic / protocols
- Lastly, for now we will not sing together – simply out of a desire to keep consistency between gathered indoor and outdoor groups at LCC.

The Love INC store asks that we **please keep them in our prayers that God will send forth servants to cover the volunteer shifts.** Sign up on the genius as soon as you know availability or just show up. They love surprise help. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4aaba2da1f85-loved>

Our own Claudia Nauman recently suited up to clean the outside areas of the store to make it a welcoming and safe environment for the guests who appreciate it being available to them. Ask her how volunteering works at Loved Twice and consider becoming a regular volunteer. You can also contact the coordinator of the store for details. **Lynn Tylkowski** lynnt@loveinlakecounty.org



Location: [3621 Grand Avenue, Gurnee IL 60031](#)

Phone: 224-637-8211

Hours: Wednesday 10am – 8pm Thursday & Friday 10am – 6pm Saturday 10am – 4pm

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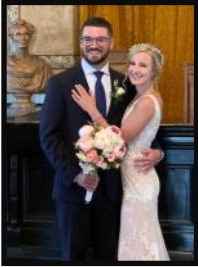
IN APPRECIATION

Dear Libertyville Covenant Church family,

You are all so kind! Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, texts, treats, and delicious meals provided for us during my recovery from my recent fall. The compassion, thoughtfulness, and generosity shown by our LCC family is truly overwhelming. The meals were especially helpful (and yummy!), as I had very limited use of my arms. I'm getting stronger every day, and am looking forward to my upcoming wrist surgery to remove all the hardware from my arm.

Your love is appreciated greatly. It is a privilege to be part of this amazing church family.

Love in Christ, Kristen Bethancourt (for John and Caitlin too)



Dear Libertyville Covenant family,

What a wonderful surprise—thank you very much for thinking of Jordan and I. All of the beautiful Crate and Barrel housewares will be put to good use. We hope everyone is staying safe during these times.

Thank you again — Jenna (Tranel) and Jordan Bradford

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for your generous contribution for our wedding gifts! We were able to purchase several bedding and bath items for our new home in Indianapolis. We had a beautiful, intimate ceremony and reception this past weekend and were so grateful to spend quality time with our families.



Thanks again for thinking of us! Sarah (Frost) and Kevin Monahan

Have you ever wished you could participate in worship but don't love speaking in public? We need people to participate in worship with us from home! We are looking for people willing to read scripture, share their testimony, or even do special music (vocal or instrumental) . . . All from home. If you are willing to record yourself doing any of these to be shown on the screen during our streaming worship, you can either send in the video or email/call Pastor Steve or Kris Nikkel for more details.