



Streaming Service Providers

[ChurchStreaming.TV](#)- \$99/month (Note: there is a current offer for a free 90-day trial due to the Covid-19 outbreak.)

The service is rock solid and includes 20 hours per month of live streaming and an unlimited number of views. Its service will allow you to stream to Roku and Apple TV, which is a great benefit to people who might have a smart TV but not a computer. There is a \$40 per month upcharge if you want to have a branded channel on Apple or Roku. Another perk of ChurchStreaming.TV is that it includes a free hardware encoder.

[StreamingChurch.TV](#)- \$79 and \$127/month

Unlike most of the other services, there are no bandwidth or storage restrictions with the service. The more expensive option includes an online video editor. The software tracks the location of attendees and provides interaction, like prayer requests, for those in attendance. For an additional one-time fee of \$299, your congregation can have its own branded AppleTV or Roku channel. Both plans include a free hardware encoder. You can view the different packages at <https://streamingchurch.tv/sctv/index.html#packages>.

[Dacast.com](#)- \$19/month

Without a doubt, the price is what makes the Dacast platform very attractive. Unlike higher-end platforms, there is a limited number of viewer hours allowed in the least expensive plan. The website contains a calculator to determine the plan that best suits your congregation. A congregation with 75 people watching four, one-hour services a month will just fit into the \$19 plan. The plan is bare-bones, with a scant 20 Gb of storage and no Roku or Apple TV integration. A comparison of plans can be found at https://www.dacast.com/live-streaming-pricing-plans/#tab_annual.

[Live Stream with Vimeo](#)- \$75/month

Vimeo has expanded its video hosting services to include live streaming. The Premium plan provides for seven terabytes of storage per month and an unlimited number of views. It supports polling, analytics, live Q&A, and chat. It supports 4K and HDR video. While it doesn't support a custom Apple TV or Roku channel, it does allow participants to view the video on either device through Vimeo's Roku and AppleTV channel.

[Vimeo](#)- \$7 or \$20/month

Vimeo is most widely known for hosting videos, which is another low-cost option for congregations. Most churches do not actually do live streaming. Instead, they stream services by recording a sermon or the worship service and releasing it at a future date to be viewed by their membership. Streaming video is easier and less costly than live streaming. If streaming sounds more like what your congregation wants to do, we encourage you to consider Vimeo. You could also use YouTube, as there are few restrictions on uploaded videos and the service is free. However, a paid account on Vimeo eliminates ads. It allows you to create a custom streaming environment that matches your congregation's culture. Members can catch up on the service through their mobile device, desktop, or on Roku or Apple TV. You can see the benefits of its plans by visiting <https://vimeo.com/upgrade>.