

church blanket licenses

What is a church blanket license?

A blanket license allows licensees to use a catalog of copyrighted works for one fee. Several blanket licenses have been created to meet the need of churches and ministries. The best known of these are:

- CCLI church copyright license
- CCLI church streaming and podcast license
- CVLI
- LicenseSing
- OneLicense
- PERFORMmusic
- WORSHIPcast
- LifeWay Worship Track Streaming License

These licenses provide a mosaic of coverage, with very little overlap between their coverage. The first step in determining which of these licenses to purchase is understanding what they cover and what they do not cover.

CCLI Church Copyright License [website](#)

The CCLI church copyright license was the first church blanket license and it is the best known. Uses revolve around providing lyrics for congregational singing and limited CD & DVD production.

What you CAN DO:

- ✓ Print songs, hymns and lyrics in bulletins for congregational singing.
- ✓ Create custom songbooks for congregational singing.
- ✓ Create visual format for projection of lyrics for congregational singing.
- ✓ Arrange, print and copy your own arrangements for songs used for congregational singing where no published version is available.
- ✓ Record your worship services (provided you only record live music and do not reproduce accompaniment tracks) and sell for up to \$4 each for cassette tapes and CDs and \$12 each for videotapes and DVDs. (number of copies are limited to 15% of the church's congregation size)

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Photocopy or duplicate octavos, cantatas, musicals, handbell music, keyboard arrangements, vocal scores, orchestrations or other instrumental works.
- ✗ Reproduce or make practice or rehearsal tracks
- ✗ Perform songs outside of worship services.
- ✗ Make translations of songs.
- ✗ Post any songs to the internet.
- ✗ Record song performances, unless recorded live in your services.
- ✗ Use songs that are not in the CCLI song catalog.
- ✗ Use of any copyrighted material besides songs

CCLI Church Streaming and Podcast License [website](#)

The CCLI church streaming and podcast license is an add-on to the CCLI church copyright license. This license allows churches to stream and podcast their performances of songs in the CCLI catalog.

Blanket licenses provide churches with a simple and cost-efficient method to stay copyright compliant.

These licenses allow different uses and cover different works.

There is a significant amount of confusion around what is covered by each of the church licenses. It is important to understand what they actually cover.

COVERS:
SONG
COMPOSITIONS

CATALOG SIZE:
200,000 SONGS

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CCLI Church Streaming and Podcast License continued...**What you CAN DO:**

- ✓ Stream your performances of catalog songs in worship services.
- ✓ Podcast your performances of catalog songs in worship services

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Stream or podcast your performances other than worship services
- ✗ Stream or podcast copyrighted master recordings
- ✗ Stream or podcast songs not in catalog, including all secular songs
- ✗ Charge for access to streams or podcasts
- ✗ Use any copyrighted material besides songs

CVLI Church Video License [website](#)

The CVLI license allows churches to show selected films & videos for specific uses. The catalog includes Christian and secular films and videos.

What you CAN DO:

- ✓ Show videos to illustrate sermon points.
- ✓ Show videos in Sunday schools and youth groups.
- ✓ Show videos for teaching and training in classes.
- ✓ Host special event movie nights.
- ✓ Show whole videos or select portions.

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Reproduce videos
- ✗ Sync video to another medium.
- ✗ Charge admission or advertise titles.
- ✗ Retransmit on TV or internet

LicenSing

The LicenSing allows reproduction of songs for congregational singing. LicenSing has a liturgical focus.

What you CAN DO:

- ✓ Use catalog songs, hymns, lyrics for congregational singing

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Record your performances
- ✗ Reproduce or copy sound recordings
- ✗ Make translations of songs
- ✗ Use songs that are not in the LicenSing song catalog
- ✗ Use of any copyrighted material besides songs

OneLicense [website](#)

OneLicense allows churches to make copies of songs for congregational singing. OneLicense also has a liturgical focus.

What you CAN DO:

- ✓ Use catalog songs, hymns, lyrics for congregational singing.
- ✓ Record worship services for the home-bound.
- ✓ Podcast your performance & create practice tracks

COVERS:
VIDEOSCATALOG SIZE:
400 PRODUCERSCOVERS:
SONG
COMPOSITIONSCATALOG SIZE:
100,000 SONGSCOVERS:
SONG
COMPOSITIONSCATALOG SIZE:
62 PUBLISHERS

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OneLicense continued...

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Reproduce or copy sound recordings
- ✗ Make translations of songs
- ✗ Use songs that are not in the OneLicense song catalog
- ✗ Use of any copyrighted material besides songs

PERFORMmusic [website](#)

PERFORMmusic allows churches to legally play live and recorded music outside of religious services.

What you CAN DO:

- ✓ Play music before or after service
- ✓ Hold concerts (no admission charge)
- ✓ Play on-hold music
- ✓ Play music in bookstores and coffee shops
- ✓ Play music in aerobics and exercise classes
- ✓ Play music in seminars and conferences
- ✓ Play music at social functions

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Charge admission fees
- ✗ Retransmit performances on radio, TV or internet

WORSHIPcast [website](#)

WORSHIPcast lets churches stream their performances of over 16,000,000 Christian and secular songs.

What you CAN DO:

- ✓ Webcast live performances of music.
- ✓ Webcast archived performances of music.
- ✓ Charge for access to services.

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Make performances available for download
- ✗ Webcast third party recordings
- ✗ Webcast copyrighted works other than songs

LifeWay Worship Track Streaming License [website](#)

LifeWay Worship Track Streaming License is an add-on to WORSHIPcast and allows licensees to stream LifeWayWorship.com versions of master recordings for specific not-for-profit uses.

What you CAN DO:

- ✓ Webcasting of worship services and programs (live and on-demand)
- ✓ Streaming of ministry related videos (baptisms, testimonials, mission trip)
- ✓ Streaming of background music on church/ministry site

What you CANNOT DO:

- ✗ Downloads of any kind
- ✗ Creation of any physical media
- ✗ Any use requiring payment to the licensee in order to hear the stream

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