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Monday through Friday  
9:00 am—3:00 pm

## SUNDAY MORNING

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:00 am—10:10 am  
(classes for all ages)

**WORSHIP**  
10:30 am

**FELLOWSHIP**  
Coffee & Snacks following  
worship



Hearing loop available.  
Switch hearing aides  
to T-coil mode.

## FIRST TIME HERE?

Childcare available for children up to age 3  
Children's worship (age 3—grade 2)  
Stop by the **welcome center** for a free gift

## STAFF

**SENIOR PASTOR**  
A. Evan Westburg

**PASTOR OF CONNECTIONS**  
Jodi Moore

**WORSHIP DIRECTOR**  
Garrett Hope

**OFFICE MANAGER**  
Sandy Blum

## STAY CONNECTED

**WEBSITE**  
[www.firstcovenantlincoln.org](http://www.firstcovenantlincoln.org)

**FACEBOOK & TWITTER**  
/FirstCovLincoln

**YOUVERSION APP**  
/FirstCovenantLincoln

**ONLINE GIVING**  
[/https://goo.gl/UaCYyd](https://goo.gl/UaCYyd)

**EMAIL/TEXT UPDATES**  
Text FirstCovLincoln to 84576



## PROPHET, SHEPHERD, KING

As a prophet, Jesus speaks our destiny. As shepherd, Jesus calls us to belong to him. As King, Jesus rules over all creation, including you. Following means trusting: do you trust Jesus?

## UPCOMING MESSAGES

**July 1** Mark 5:21-43  
**July 8** Mark 6:1-13  
**July 15** Mark 6:14-29  
**July 22** Mark 6:30-34, 52-56  
**July 29** John 6:1-21

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Charles Wesley wrote nearly 9,000 hymns, which averages to roughly 10 lines of verse every day for 50 years.

## OUR VISION

**We exist for God's glory.**  
Guided by God's Word, through worship and prayer, we will share joyfully the good news of Jesus Christ to make more disciples and bring the light of Christ to Lincoln and beyond.

*We are a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church,  
a rapidly growing multi-ethnic denomination.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST COV

EXPLORER CAMP (gd. 5-6). July 1-6 @ Covenant Cedars.

## NOTES

**Dare To Be Restored.** Mark 5:21-43  
July 1, 2018

## PRAYER FOCUS

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day." Abraham Lincoln

## WORSHIP ORDER

Call to Worship  
Songs of Praise  
Scripture Reading  
Lamentations 3:19-33  
Jude 17-25  
Offering & Doxology  
Greeting  
Sermon  
Communion  
Song of Response

## SONGS

*61. Praise to the Lord, the  
Almighty  
Indescribable*  
*8. How Great Thou Art  
Our God*  
*48. Doxology  
Great Is The Lord*

Follow and share today's sermon using the YouVersion Bible App. Look for the "events" tab and find First Covenant Church.

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Marie Kenney

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