

Messiah Lutheran Church
GUIDELINES FOR READERS

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As one leader among many in the church empowered by the Spirit, you are using your God given gifts to share the word of the Lord with those assembled to hear and worship the Savior. You are an important part of Messiah's hospitality and greater mission, so we thank you for your willingness and stewardship to serve God and neighbor in this capacity.

1. You will receive either by mail or email a copy of the scripture readings the Thursday or Friday prior to the day you are serving as reader.
 - a. For those who are new to this leadership role, the copy will include notations about what to say before and after the readings.
 - b. If for some reason you do not get the readings by Friday evening, please contact the pastors via email or phone.
 - c. If something comes up and you are unable to do this, please let the Volunteer Coordinator or the office know.
2. It is always helpful to practice reading the lessons out loud beforehand in order to get a feel for the pace, pauses, and overall sense of the scripture texts themselves.
 - a. There will be times when the lessons include words that are difficult to pronounce, so if you are uncertain you can ask one of the pastors. Also, a good piece of advice, even if you don't know how to pronounce it, say it with confidence like you do know how and continue on with the reading, it'll work out just fine.
3. It is also encouraged, in order to help make worship flow as smoothly as possible:
 - a. To begin making your way to the lectern as the Prayer of the Day ends.
 - b. To adjust the mic to where it suits your height and voice level best so that the congregation can hear you clearly.