

Lectors

Description: Lectors are responsible for the readings prior to the presentation of the Gospel and for reading the Psalm, as is done on Saturday evening, or announcing that the Psalm will be sung responsively – as is the tradition on Sunday mornings.

Eligibility: Any member of the church possessing the necessary reading and oratory skills may serve as a lector.

Specific Duties:

1. The lector should check the microphone height and placement prior to the service. It should be 3 or 4 inches from the lector's mouth when the head is tilted in the reading position.
 2. The lector should be prepared by having read the scriptures prior to the service and become familiar with some of the more difficult pronunciations of names of people and places. A pronunciation guide is located on the shelf in the ambo (lectern).
 3. The lector should review the weekly bulletin so as to be familiar with the order of service and take note of special music or other rites that are scheduled for that day, as it may affect when the readings occur.
 4. The lector introduces the reading by saying, "The first reading is from the ____ chapter of _____", slight pause, reads the first reading, slight pause, and announces the end of the reading with, "This is the Word of the Lord."
 5. At the conclusion of the first reading, the lector may announce that the Psalm will be read or sung responsively. If the lector is not sure, check with the service musician prior to the service. If the psalm is to be read, the lector will read the Psalm.
 6. After the reading or singing of the Psalm, the lector will introduce the second reading by saying, "The second reading is from the ____ chapter of _____", slight pause, reads the second reading, slight pause, and announces the end of the reading with, "This is the Word of the Lord."
- NOTE: You may read directly from your bulletin insert or from the Bible on the lectern. The Pastors mark each reading in the Bible with a sticky note which also includes the introduction and ending of the readings.*
7. After the second reading, the lector returns to his or her seat.

If you are ever unable to serve your duties in the assigned slot, please let the Parish Assistant, Neil Sunkel, know as soon as you are aware of the conflict, so that a replacement can be found. You can always email Neil at neil@tree-of-life.us, or you can call him at (717) 805-1176.