

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Reader

Qualifications

- Called to be a servant of Christ, putting to use the gifts and talents that God has given in ways that help others and carry out the ministry of the church

Responsibilities

Preparation

- The lessons and occasional introduction are provided to you by the church office before Sunday. Please study and practice them several times before the day you are to read them. Check the bulletin the day of the service to see what is being read, how the psalm is presented, and whether there is any special music during the lessons. If you have any questions, check with Pastor prior to the service.

The Service

- When it is time to read the lessons, approach the lectern and adjust the microphone and speak directly into it. *Watch the steps!*
- Announce the lessons as follows: The (First)(Second) Lesson is from the ____ chapter of _____. Conclude each reading with “Word of God, Word of Life”. Check screen to be sure.
- Read the first lesson
- Psalm: Give directions about how the Psalm will be read. High voice/low voice or pulpit side/piano side are other options.
- Note: if there is special music between the lessons, you may sit down in the pew during the singing.
- Read the second lesson if there is one.
- You may read from the Bible on the lectern. You can mark the pages with the ribbons prior to the service.

Tips and Guidelines about reading the Lessons and Psalms

- Remember you are not just reading the Bible. You are proclaiming God’s Living Word. The preparation and effort you put into it will make a difference. The key words are **PASSION AND FAMILIARITY**. How you read can make a difference in how it is heard.
- **Be sure to speak slowly and clearly.**
- If you are unsure about the pronunciation of words, check to see if your Bible has a pronunciation guide, use an online Bible, or ask the Pastor.
- If possible, test the distance between your mouth and the microphone. If you are too close to the mike the sounds are distorted. If you are too far away you cannot be heard.
- Keep your finger on the place in the text.
- On your copy, underline words you want to emphasize or write helpful notes in the margins.
- If you mess up, just pause and read correctly. No need to make a big deal about it.

Accountability

- Please remember that it is your responsibility to call someone if you cannot read. Please notify the church office (549-0736 or office@imluchurch.org) of any schedule change by **10:00am the Wednesday before your scheduled service** so the bulletin can be printed accurately.
- Thank you for your participation in the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church.