

Worship Assistant Description: Lector

Thank you so much for volunteering to be a Lector at Messiah Lutheran Church! Proclaiming and reading the Word of God is such an important and exciting ministry!!! What follow is a brief description about the duties of lector:

Before Worship

- Be sure to check calendar at the back of the church to see what days you have been scheduled for. **If you cannot make those days, please let the Parish Administrator know as soon as possible so she can alter the schedule.** If you know you cannot be available on specific a day before a new calendar is released, please let the Parish Administrator know. **Please only contact the pastor in case of a Sunday morning emergency via text.**
- Pay attention to the weekly worship update emailed out by the Parish Administrator.
- Please **arrive by 9:45am** and find a binder labeled "Lector" on the desk in the back of the sanctuary. Please review when you are speaking, normally after the children's sermon.

During Worship

- Following the Children's Sermon, please walk up, bow to the altar, and step up to the cantor's music stand with your binder.
- Introduce the first lesson with the phrase "A reading from BOOK NAME." Read slowly, annunciate and make sure not to trail off at the end of a sentence.
- If there's a word/ place name you can't pronounce, **DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!** It's more important to read a phrase confidently than always pronouncing it right.
- Conclude the reading with the phrase "This is the Word of the Lord."
- Make sure to collect the lector binder.
- Bow to the altar and walk back to your seat.

After Worship

- Give someone a really sweet high five! You did great!!