

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Reader Guidelines

- The Office Manager will email you the scripture reading prior to your scheduled service. If you prefer, you can pick up a copy from the Church Office.
- Please pre-read the scriptures and practice any difficult words. Ask the Pastor about any confusing pronunciations.
- At the appropriate time, walk up to the lectern to read the Scripture.
- Stand comfortably – do not lean into microphone.
- DO NOT TOUCH/HOLD MICROPHONE. If you must adjust it, grasp it by the arm to bring it closer to you.
- **DO NOT SAY “GOOD MORNING” OR ADDRESS THE CONGREGATION IN ANY WAY.**
 - As a reader, you are trying to clear the way for the listeners to meet with Christ in the Word.
 - As a reader, you are giving the Bible a voice.
 - When a reader greets the congregation with “Good Morning” or “Hello”, the listener engages with the reader and perceives that “Oh...John Doe is reading the Bible to me”.
 - We want the listener to receive the Word through voice of the reader.
 - If you need further explanation on this topic, please see the Pastor.
- Read the introductions, scriptures and responses as written using a conversational rate of speech.
- Return to your seat after the 2nd lesson.

Thank you for your gift of service to our church!
Your skill helps our service flow smoothly and
brings the Word of God to all that enter our
doors.