

Lay Reader Instructions

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1. Thank You For Helping

The Lay Reader's role is very important. Reading the Scriptures during worship services helps the listener gain a fuller image of God's Word. The spoken word draws us to attend to God's Word with our eyes, ears, and hearts. We are grateful that you are willing to serve in this important capacity.

2. A Description Of The Task

The task of reading is relatively simple.

- * The Scriptures (for the service you are assigned to read) will be sent to you in the mail a few days before the service. Please read through them, looking for any difficult words. If you need help pronouncing a word in the text, call the church office.
- * The lessons usually follow the Prayer of the Day in each service. See your particular bulletin for the location of the readings. Walk to the pulpit and read the first and second lessons.
- * Each Scripture reading on your mailed text will have a brief introduction to each Scripture lesson. Read this introduction, then the lesson. Everything you should read is on this sheet. If you happen to lose your sheet, there is always a duplicate resident on the pulpit. The last line you read will be, "Please stand for the Gospel lesson." After saying this, return to your seat.

Again, thank you for volunteering. If you have any questions or need clarification about how to read the lessons, please call Pastor Jess, 891-1700 x13, or contact him via email jabbott@goodshepherd.com