

**Beloved Community
Of Episcopal Church of the Intercession
And Redeemer Lutheran
Lector/Reader
10:00 am**

Thank you for volunteering to be a Lector/Reader for our Worship Services. Listed below are the responsibilities for this position.

- You are expected to arrive 20 minutes before worship in case there are any changes in the service the Pastor would like to alert you to.
- Please review the lessons that you will be reading for the service when you receive them from the office. Check the pronunciation of any of the words that may give you difficulty.
- Check the lectern to make sure your passages are there.
- If the pastor does a Children's message, go to the lectern as it ends. If no children are present, the pastor will sit down at the end of the Prayer of the Day and you can go up to the lectern. (No children's message is the exception, not the rule)
- Speak slowly and remember to speak up. We all have a tendency to speak too softly and too quickly when we are nervous.
- Please read the introduction to the lesson as indicated on your instructions, asking the congregation to rise as indicated.
- **Lectors may also be Communion Assistants. **If you are also a Communion Assistant, that will be so noted on the Monthly Schedule and also on the Worship Ministers' list in the bulletin.****
 1. The Communion Assistants should come to the altar after the peace and join the Pastor during the Communion Prayer.
 2. During the Communion Prayer, the pastor will have you assist at the table. You will either assist handing the pastor items from the side table or receiving the bread and the wine and/or the Offering from the ushers.
 3. As a Communion Assistant, you will distribute the wine, and at times, the bread.
 4. If you are asked to distribute the bread, please say "This is the body of Christ, given for you." If you are distributing the wine, please say "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."
 5. If you are distributing the bread, please bless the children who are not communing. An example would be, "May the Lord bless and keep you."
 6. The musician(s) will receive communion first, followed by the rest of the congregation. The Pastor and Communion Assistants will receive last, at the altar. Ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows to a single line for communion.

If you are unable to attend the service for which you are scheduled, please contact the office. Patricia will find a replacement for you.

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