

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church			
Disciple Opportunity			
Ministry:	Lector (Reader)	Revision:	0
Responsible to:	Worship Music & Arts/Pastor	Date of Revision:	4-25-2022

Lector (Reader)

Goal of Position

This worship servant makes a positive contribution to the assembled body of Christ by the proclamation of God's Word.

Description of Responsibilities

The Lector reads the Bible Reading or Readings for worship, which most often occurs on Sunday mornings, but there will be occasional worship services on other days or times as well in which a Lector may be utilized.

The word "Lector" is Latin for one who reads the "lectio" (the paragraphs or the stories or psalm assigned for worship).

The Lector will come forward and read from the "Lectern," speaking clearly and annunciating God's Word.

If a physical reason prevents coming forward, the Lector may read the lectio from where they are seated. Please alert a pastor and/or sound technician so that a microphone, if needed, can be supplied.

Minimum Disciples Needed

16 (no maximum)

Length of commitment

Sign-up every year

Training Provided

Readings will be emailed Friday prior to the scheduled Sunday. Or call office for other delivery. Please read over the reading prior to worship. Make note of any words or names that may be difficult to pronounce and then seek proper pronunciation – either by looking up the word on the internet or by asking a pastor. The lector might also benefit spiritually by praying about and studying the assigned reading/s even by reading it over and over aloud several times.

Time Required

6 worship services per year (depends on number of disciples that serve)

Benefits to this position

Acting as a lector is a perfect way to serve at church without committing extra time. Serving as a worship servant is fulfilling as you proclaim God's word to the congregation. The word of God is not merely read, but proclaimed, within the liturgy.