

## Lector Guidelines/Pronunciation Guide

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**LITURGY is "the work of the people." Worship prepares us for our "liturgy" at work, home, and with everyone we encounter. Good worship draws on the gifts of all the assembled people, and your gift helps to equip the people to go out and do "liturgy."**

### History

The lectionary system (collection of Scripture readings) used by the ELCA is called *The Revised Common Lectionary* (RCL) and was developed by an ecumenical organization called the Consultation on Common Texts. The RCL is divided into 3 annual cycles (beginning on the first Sunday in Advent through the final Sunday, Christ the King) and in each, the gospel readings come primarily from one book: Year A- Matthew; Year B – Mark; Year C – Luke (the gospel of John is used in all 3 years).

The readings are chosen specifically to highlight the unique and saving ministry of Jesus. As a lector, you become an integral part of the liturgy by proclaiming Jesus' ministry to all gathered.

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1. You can find the lessons in the previous week's bulletin, by calling the church office, or on the ELCA website: <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship/Lectionary.aspx>.
2. Read through the lessons several times during the week to familiarize yourself with the text and to become comfortable with pronunciations. See the Pronunciation Guide at the end of this document. (For an aural pronunciation go to <http://netministries.org/bbasics/bbwords.htm>). (You may want to include the Psalm and Gospel in your reading to gain an understanding of the theme for that Sunday.)
3. Arrive on Sunday morning with enough time to note any changes to the readings or schedule.
4. Gather in the narthex (choir room if no procession) with other worship leaders for prayer right before worship.
5. Go to the pulpit and use the Lectionary Book, rather than read from a bulletin (the Lectionary is large print). Read the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson then stand back away from the mic during the psalm, rather than returning to your seat in order to continue the flow of worship. Step forward and read the 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson. Hand the book to the assisting minister, and return to your seat.
6. Each reading begins with the words that appear in the Lectionary Book: "A reading from \_\_\_\_\_"
7. Each reading ends with either "Word of God, Word of Life" or "The Word of the Lord." The lectionary will indicate which concluding statement is being used in a particular season of the church year.
8. The microphones are set at an average setting and should accommodate all voice types.
9. Read the lessons slowly and clearly in order to enable the congregation to hear your words.
10. Eye contact is an effective enhancement to communicating the message, so use eye contact as much as you are comfortable doing so.
11. For more instruction on oral reading, see the separate document, "**Lector Study and Preparation of Passages.**"

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abana = AHB-ah-nah	Epaphras = EH-pah-fras	Pamphylia = pam-FILL-ee-ah
Abba = AHB-ah	Ephah = EE=fah	Papryus = pah-PY-rus
Abednego = ah-BED-nee-go	Ephesus = EF-eh-sus	Parmenas = PHAR-mee-nas
Abel-meholah = AY-bel-mi-HO-lah	Epphatha = EFF-ah-thah	Parthia = PAHR-thee-ah
Abiathar = uh-BY-uh-thar	Ephraim = EE-fray-um	Parthians =PAHR-thee-ans
Abihu = uh-BY-hew	Ephrathah = EF-rah-thah	Patmos = PATT-mos
Abilene = ab-ih-LEE-nee	Etham = EE-tham	Peniel = PEN-ih-el
Achaia = ah-KAY-yah	Euphrates = you-FRAY-teez	Pergamum = PURR-gah-mum

<p>Agabus = AG-ah-bus  Ahaz = AY-haz  Akeldama = uh-KEL-deh-muh  Alphaeus = al-FEE-us  Amalek = AM-ah-lek  Amalekites = ah-MAL-eh-kites  Amaziah = am-uh-ZY-uh  Ammonites = AM-mo-nites  Amorites = AM-oh-rites  Amos = AY-mus  Amoz = AY-muz  Amphipolis = am-FIPP-oh-lis  Ananias = an-ah-NYE-us  Annas = AN-us  Antioch = AN-tee-ock  Apollonia = ap-puh-LOW-nee-ah  Apphia = AF-ih-ah  Apollos = ah-PAWL-lus  Archippus = ar-KIPP-us  Arimathea = air-ih-mah-THEE-uh  Assyria = ah-SEER-ee-ah  Azariah = az-ah-RYE-ah  Baal = BAY-uhl  Baal-zephon = BAY-uhl-ZEE-foh  Babylonia = bab-ih-LOW-nee-ah  Balaam = BAY-lam  Balak = BAY-lak  Barabbas = bar-RAHB-as  Barnabas = BAR-nah-bus  Barsabbas = bar-SAH-bus  Bartimaeus = bar-tih-MEE-us  Bashan = BAY-shan  Bdellium = DELL-ih-um  Beelzebub = bee-ELL-ze-bub  Beersheba = beer-SHEE-bah  Beor = BEE-or  Berea = beh-REE-ah  Bethel = BETH-el  Bethphage = BETH-fah-jee  Bethsaida = beth-SAY-ih-dah  Bithynia = bih-THIN-ee-ah  Caesarea = sess-ah-REE-ah  Caiaphas = KAY-ah-fas  Canaan = KAY-nan  Capernaum = kuh-PER-nee-um  Cappadocia = kap-puh-DOH-shee-uh  Cephas = SEE-fas</p>	<p>Gabbatha = GAHB-ah-thah  Galatia = gah-LAY-shah  Genneseret = geh-NESS-eh-ret  Gihon = GY-hon  Gilead = GILL-ee-add  Gilgal = GILL-gal  Golgotha = GAUL-goh-thah  Gemorrah = goh-MOR-ah  Habakkuk = hah-BAK-uk  Hades = HAY-deez  Hagar = HAY-gar  Hananiah = han-ah-NYE-ah  Haran = HAIR-un  Hazeael = HAHZ-ah-ell  Hermes = HER-meez  Horeb = HOR-eb  Hyssop = HIH-sup  Iconium = eye-KOH-nee-um  Iscariot = iss-KAR-ee-ott  Ituraea = it-yur-EE-ah  Jabbok = JAB-ok  Jairus = JAI-rus  Japheth = JAY-feth  Jearim = JEE-eh-rim  Jehoiada = Jeh-HOY-ah-dah  Jehu = JEE-hyoo  Jeroboam = jair-uh-BOH-am  Joash = JOH-ash  Josef = JOH-seez  Judea = joo-DEE-ah  Justus = JUS-tus  Kadesh = KAY-desh  Kidron = KID-run  Laodicea = lay-oh-dih-SEE-ah  Lucius = LOO-shus  Lycaonian = lyk-ah-OH-nee-an  Lysanias = ly-SAY-nih-as  Lystra = LISS-trah  Macedonia = mass-eh-DOH-nee-ah  Magdala = MAG-dah-lah  Malchus = MAL-kus  Mamre = MAHM-ree  Manaen = MAN-ah-en  Manasseh = mah-NASS-eh  Massah = MASS-ah  Matthias = mah-THIGH-us  Medad = MEE-dad</p>	<p>Pharaoh = FAIR-oh  Pharpar = FAR-per  Philemon = fie-LEE-mon  Philippi = FILL-ih-pie  Philistia = fih-LISS-tee-ah  Philistines = fih-LISS-tins  Phoenicia = feh-NISH-ee-ah  Phrygia = FRIJ-ee-ah  Pi-hahiroth = pie-ha-HY-roth  Pishon = PIE-shon  Pontus = PON-tus  Praetorium = pray-TOHR-ee-um  Prochorus = PRAHK-oh-rus  Quirinius = kwih-RIN-ee-us  Rabboni = rah-BOH-ny  Rahab = RAY-hab  Ramah = RAY-mah  Rephidim = REF-ih-dim  Saba = SAY-ba  Sadducees = SAD-yoo-seez  Salome = sah-LOH-mee  Sahnedrin = san-HEE-drin  Sardis = SAR-dis  Sepulchre = SEH-pull-ker  Shadrach = SHAD-rak  Shaphat = SHAY-fat  Shechem = SHEK-um  Sheol = SHEE-ohl  Shiloh = SHY-loh  Shinar = SHY-nar  Shittim = SHITT-im  Sidon = SIGH-duhn  Silvanus = sill-VAY-nus  Simeon = SIM-ee-un  Sinews = SIH-nyooz  Smyrna = SMUR-nah  Sodom = SOD-em  Sosthenes = SAHS-theh-neeZ  Stephanas = STEFF-ah-nas  Succoth = SUKK-oth  Syrophenician = sigh-row-feh-NISH-an  Tabor = TAY-bor  Talitha cumi = TAL-ih-thah  KOO-mee  Tarshish = TAR-shish  Teman = TEE-man  Tetrarch = TEH-trark</p>
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<p> Chaldeans = kal-DEE-anz  Chloe = KLOH-ee  Cilicia = sih-LISH-ih-ah  Claudius = KLaw-dee-us  Cleopas = KLEE-oh-pas  Colossae = koh-LAH-sih  Crescens = KRES-enz  Cretans = KREE-tuns  Cyrene = sigh-REE-nee  Dalmatia = dal-MAY-shih-ah  Decapolis = deh-KAPP-uh-lis  Demas = DEE-mas  Denarii = deh-NAIR-ee-ee  Dura = DYOO-rah  Edom = EE-dum  Elam = EE-lam  Elamites = EE-lam-ights  Eldad = ELL-dad  Eli = EE-lie  Eliezer = ell-ih-EE-zer  Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani = AY-loy, AY-loy, LAH-mah sah-bahk-THAH-nee  El Shaddai = ell SHAD-eye  Emmaus = eh-MAY-us </p>	<p> Medes = MEEDS  Media = MEE-dee-ah  Melchizedek = mel-KIZZ-eh-dek  Meribah = MAIR-ih-bah  Merran = MAIR-un  Meshach = MEE-shak  Mesopotamia = mess-oh-poe-TAY-mee-ah  Midian = MIH-dee-an  Mizar = MY-zar  Moab = MOH-ab  Moriah = moh-RYE-ah  Mysia = MISH-ee-ah  Naaman - NAY-ah-man  Madab = NAY-dab  Naphtali = NAFF-tah-lee  Nebuchadnezzar = neb-yoo-kud-NEZ-er  Negev = NEG-ev  Nicanor = nye-KAY-nor  Nicodemus = nik-oh-DEE-muss  Nimshi = NIM-shy  Ninevah = NIHN-eh-vah  Onesimus = oh-NESS-ih-mus  Ophir = OH-fur </p>	<p> Theophilus = thee-AH-fih-lus  Thessalonica = thess-ah-loh-NYE-kah  Thyatira = THY-ah-TIE-rah  Tiberias = ty-BIHR-ee-us  Tigris = TIE-griss  Timaeus - tih-MEE-us  Timon = TIE-mon  Titus = TIE-tus  Trachonitis = trak-oh-NYE-tis  Trigon = TRY-gon  Troas - TROH-ahs  Tubal = TYOO-bal  Tyre = TIRE  Uriah = yoo-RYE-ah  Uzziah = uh-ZYE-ah  Yahweh = YAH-way  Zalmon = ZAL-mon  Zarephath = ZAIR-eh-fath  Zebedee = ZEB-eh-dee  Zebulun = ZEB-you-lun  Zechariah = zek-ah-RYE-ah  Zerubbabel = seh-RUB-ah-bel  Zoan = ZOH-an </p>
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