

# FRAMEWORK FOR LECTORS



When the Psalm will be **sung** by the **Assistant Minister**, this is the framework for what you say:

READING	INTRODUCE WITH...	END WITH...
First Lesson	“A reading from _____”	Word of God; word of life. The Psalm will be sung. (Then, step down, please. Sit with Pastor.)
Psalm		n/a
Second Lesson	“A reading from _____”	Word of God; word of life. Please <b>STAND</b> for the <b>READING</b> of the Gospel.

When the Psalm **will be spoken** by the **Lector**, this is the framework for what you say:

READING	INTRODUCE WITH...	END WITH...
First Lesson	“A reading from _____”	Word of God; word of life. The Psalm will be sung. (Then, step down, please. Sit with Pastor.)
Psalm	“Please read the Psalm responsively.” <i>You read the regular font verse; congregation reads the <b>bold font</b> verse.</i>	n/a
Second Lesson	“A reading from _____”	Word of God; word of life. Please <b>STAND</b> for the <b>READING</b> of the Gospel.



**Lectors** at Peace Lutheran read the Celebrate lessons (and the Psalm, when it is *spoken*) for the day from the *Ambo* (podium). When the Psalm is sung by the Assistant Minister or the Cantor, the Lector takes a seat after introducing the Psalm. They are scheduled by the month and usually do only one service each time they serve.

### **ACQUIRING THE READINGS FOR THE DAY:**

It is important to practice reading the texts before the Sunday that you actually have to read. There are a different ways that you can receive the printed text for practicing in advance:

- 1. Church office emails the rtf file from Sundays and Seasons website.**  
*The file includes all the texts and liturgy for the worship that day. You are need the “First Reading” the “Psalm,” and the “Second Reading.” Sometimes there are other lessons, referred to as semi continuous lessons. Always pick the first “First Reading” and the first “Second Reading” in this rtf format. If you are unsure, contact the Worship and Music Liaison ([worship@myplc.org](mailto:worship@myplc.org)) or the Director of Music ([music@myplc.org](mailto:music@myplc.org)) to confirm the text for practicing.*
- 2. Lector can stop in the church office and pick up the actual Celebrate insert from the closet.**  
*Just check the date on the front page of the Celebrate to confirm that you have the correct one.*
- 3. Lector can go to myplc.org at <http://myplc.org/publications.htm>.**  
*Just click on the date on the for which you need the insert.*

### **RESOURCES:**

1. Pronunciation of most names in the Bible:  
<http://netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm#>
2. **Framework for Lectors**  
In this manual and taped onto the Ambo in the Sanctuary.

### **WHEN READING AT THE AMBO:**

1. Breathe
2. Make sure the mic head is not too high above your head so it can pick up your voice.
3. Pace your delivery so that it is slow enough that people can understand you.
4. Maintain a reverent tone.