

HINTS FOR READERS OF THE WORD

Before the Sunday

Prepare the readings ahead of time. The readings for the month are on our website, hopelutheransierra.org. You can also come early to a service and read the readings ahead of time.

- Practice reading slowly with meaning and expression
- Make sure you can pronounce the Biblical names. Check with Pastor if you are unsure.

Sunday

- Arrive 10 minutes before the service and let an usher know that you are the Reader for the day. You can sit anywhere you choose.
- When it is time for the first reading, walk up to the pulpit adjust the microphone to your mouth and **then** and turn it to “ON.”
- Identify the Scripture source of the readings: “Today’s reading is taken from Romans, Chapter 14.”
- Read *slowly* and with expression, looking up at the congregation from time to time.
- After the reading say, “This is the word of the Lord” even if it is left out of the bulletin.
- After the first reading sit in the front pew during the song.
- After the second reading, say, “This is the word of the Lord,” turn the microphone to “OFF” and return to your seat.

The assignments will be posted in the Newsletter and the Sunday Bulletin and on the website. Because we have so many readers you will probably not read more than every 3 months.

Sometimes you may not be able to read on the Sunday that you have been assigned. If you find yourself in this position, please call someone else **before** that Sunday to read for you. We will all be happy to substitute for each other but let’s honor our commitment by finding another reader ahead of time.

It is a privilege to proclaim the Word of God