



**At the Cross Lenten Series**  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**8618 Church Hill Dr.**  
**Lohman, Missouri 65053**

**First Mid-Week Lenten Service**  
**March 12, 2025**

## **Simon of Cyrene**



*As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. Luke 23:26*

### **Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship – Please stand**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness (Spoken responsively)**

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God, and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, we hear the words of those who were close to your Son on the day of his crucifixion. Their words inspire us to be a better people, but we often turn away from following in their steps. We listen to the temptations of the world instead of gladly hearing your Word. We turn from the hope we have in Jesus to follow our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins.**

**P:** God had mercy on us. He sent his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Jesus was nailed to the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: Lord God, set the cross always before us, and guide us in the way of true disciples. Amen**

#### **Holden Evening Prayer**

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#### **At the Cross**

**P:** Tonight, and for the remaining weeks of Lent, we will hear some the voices of those near Jesus on his last day, the day of his crucifixion. These are those who interacted with Jesus as he was condemned and made his last journey, from the city of Jerusalem to the top of the hill called Golgotha.

## **Introduction of Simon of Cyrene**

**Peter:** Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am Peter, a follower of Jesus. We are thankful to be here to your church to share our stories. I have asked several men and women who were with Jesus on that final Friday to share their stories. The one to speak tonight is Simon, a man from north Africa, who journeyed to Jerusalem for the first time to witness the festivities of the annual Passover Fiest. But the celebrations are interrupted and he is caught up in the commotion.

### **Simon of Cyrene**

Donald Weber

### **Sermon – “Unexpected Discipleship”**

Pastor David

### **Offering: ELCA Hunger Appeal**

Basket in Narthex

### **Holden Evening Prayer**

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### **Prayers**

Pastor David

### **Holden Evening Prayer - The Lord’s Prayer**

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### **Holden Evening Prayer**

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### **Dismissal:**

**P:** Go in peace, Respond in the Hope of Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God

### **Postlude**

#### **Presiding Minister**

Pastor David Viles

#### **Pianist / Keyboard**

Zola Finch

#### **Song Leader**

Dan Tschirgi

#### **Audio / Visual**

Roger Pennell

#### **Council**

Ashleigh Hillen

#### **Greeters**

Donald Weber & Marie Schepelerle

#### **Church Schedule**

**Sunday 9:00 am Worship**

**Sunday 10:15 am Adult Sunday School**

**Lenten Mid-Week 6:30 Worship**

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