

UNSTOPPABLE PURPOSE

Luke 2.1-52 // December 14, 2025

SOVEREIGN INCONVENIENCE

We have seen that God proves His might by even becoming “weak” in the form of humanity, coming as a baby. But on the other end of this dichotomy, He also shows His power by turning the heart of the most powerful of humanity in Caesar Augustus. Through Caesar, God ordains a census all for the purpose of putting Mary and Joseph exactly where He needs them to be in order to fulfill the promises He has made that will ultimately bring peace on earth to those whom He is pleased.

Proverbs 21.1

HE WON'T DO IT ALL

Unfortunately (for us), He does not do *all* that He “can” do. While God proves He can wield the heart even of the leader of the known world, He also will choose *not* to do much simpler tasks, such as making a vacancy available for a family in need!

Complaint doesn't reveal so much the problems and fallenness of a broken world, but it more reveals the problems and brokenness of our broken wisdom, trust, and biblical perspective.

Habakkuk 1.2-6 // Romans 8.28

There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, “Mine!”

-Abraham Kuyper

2 Corinthians 8.9

FEAR NOT

Ultimately, God's message to Zechariah, to Mary, and to countless others in His Word boils down to two simple words: Fear not.

God will do everything needed to accomplish His purposes in this world and in our lives. His ways can't be stopped; the purposes and plans of His heart can't be thwarted.

1 Corinthians 2.9 // Isaiah 14.27 // Job 42.2 // Isaiah 25.1 // Psalms 33.10, 11

NOTES:

Announcements:

Christmas Eve Service: Join us on Christmas Eve at 4pm as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior! We will have a family-style service with Christmas songs and a short message before enjoying some hot chocolate and treats. Bring your friends and family along!

End of Year Giving: Your gifts and donations to LMC are counted towards 2025 as long as they are received by December 31. Many companies will match donations made towards qualified non-profits, which LMC is. Thank you for your incredible generosity to our church!

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 116:7

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 1.3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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Point your smart phone camera at the QR Code to access a virtual Connection Card

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Luke 2.1-52**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Throughout the entire Word of God, we see that God purposefully "sets Himself up for failure" in creating impossible scenarios, massive promises, and human impossibilities. And yet, He shows Himself faithful to fulfill everything He has purposed, planned, and promised. How does this fuel the Gospel in your own life when things don't go as you have planned or purposed?

Your Life Mission

We live in a society where it seems that complaint, whining, and pointing out flaws has become our national pastime. Entitlement and "looking out for self" is something we all seem to excel in. But we are called to be salt and light, and be ambassadors of One who became poor in order to bring peace and salvation to the earth.

In what ways can you plan to be a light and messenger to others with a message of "fear not" when there is so much in this life that we do tend to fear?

Which relationships are you praying for opportunities to be that light to in the coming weeks, particularly as we approach Christmas? Which conversations do you need prayer for?

Close the Community Group by praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.
Help _____ to forgive _____,
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises
so that _____ may not sin against You.
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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