

LIGHT FOR YOUR DARKNESS

Luke 2.21-40 // December 21, 2025

THE LIGHT HAS ARRIVED

There is an interesting contrast in Luke 1 and 2 with the various people involved. Elizabeth and Zechariah are old and unable to have children. Simeon, a faithful believer in his old age, and Anna, a prophetess who ministered in the Temple, also advanced in years. And then you have Mary and Joseph, just starting out their life together.

It is a beautiful picture of the last of the (technically) Old Covenant saints, faithfully waiting despite being worn out by life and hardship. And finally, the passing of the torch arrives: new life, and new light, being ushered in.

Matthew 4.16

BUT SOME LOVE THE DARKNESS

John 1.1-5, 9-14

John's telling of the arrival of Christ shares similarities with Luke's. John speaks of the "true light" that came into the world and that, like Simeon's prophecy, not everyone who sees His arrival will receive Him.

John 3.29 // Ephesians 5.8-10

**Faithful believers like Simeon and Anna knew that all mankind had earned the *right* to be punished for their sin...
But... they also knew that God had promised a way to give man the *right* to become children of God.**

YET HE CAME TO SAVE

Christ came to bring light to your...

EXTERNAL DARKNESS: grief and sadness, fear of the future, health, anxieties.

He came to bring peace and comfort and consolation of a greater future not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us.

Psalms 18.28

Christ came to bring light to your...

INTERNAL DARKNESS: hidden sin, bitterness, grudges, hardness of heart, pride, anger, drinking, addictions, lust, insecurities or self-hatred.

John 8.12 // 1 Peter 2.9, 10

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 34.1-10

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 3.16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Our Community Groups will be on break over Christmas and New Years until the week of January 25th

During Christmas, spend some time as a family reading through the story of Jesus' birth in **Luke Chapters 1 and 2**. Additionally, enjoy a bit of fun trivia.

**See how many you get right!
The answers can be found by scanning the QR code!**



- The bible tells us that Jesus' birthday is December 25th.**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- The bible says Mary rode to Bethlehem on a donkey.**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- The bible predicts Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- The wise men came to bring Jesus gifts at His birth.**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- How many wise men were there?** _____
- The bible says Jesus was born in a stable.**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph?** _____
- The wise men found Jesus in a**
a) manger b) house c) cave d) Nativity Scene
- Herod had all boys under age 2 killed to "take care of" this "King of the Jews."**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- The real life Santa Claus was a devout Christian who punched someone in the nose because he denied that Jesus was God.**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
- Giving gifts is a tradition because of**
a) magi giving gifts b) St. Nick c) capitalism
- "Xmas" is an anti-Jesus attempt to take "Christ" out of "Christmas."**
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE



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



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