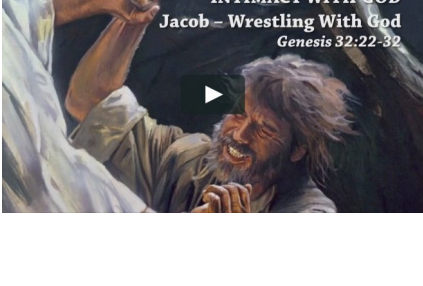


Grace at a Glance

Jacob Wrestles with God
Genesis 32:9-30
September 24, 2023



Scripture Genesis 32:9-30

[⁹ And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good,’
¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies.
¹¹ Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children.
¹² Yet you have said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number.’”
¹³ So he spent that night there, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau.]

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.
²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.
²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.
²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.”
²⁷ So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”
²⁸ Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.”
²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.
³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”

Prayer of the Day

God of blessing,
We often find ourselves wrestling with ourselves, with others, and with you. Give us peace in our hearts and call us back to what you would have us be. Amen.



QR direct link to 'Give' feature on Grace website!



SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for September at Grace is Second Stork. Second Stork provides families in need with essential newborn care items to give their baby a safe and healthy start.

Welcoming a newborn should be a joyous and hopeful time but the reality is that many new parents are financially stretched, anxious, and unprepared to bring their baby home from the hospital. Second Stork can help bridge an approximate two week gap from the time a newborn is discharged from the hospital to when family support or social services become available. Second Stork believes every baby should have a safe and happy beginning! Second Stork is a volunteer run organization. It is a non-profit established in 2009 to help others in need, to respect the privacy of every family they serve, and to have healthcare professionals and hospital staff distribute only new items that any mother would be proud to use. Thanks to countless volunteers and hospital partners, Second Stork has helped give more than 10,000 babies a safe and healthy start. As this is a new mission at Grace, please see additional information posted on the kiosk in the Good Shepherd Lounge for additional information.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization in welcoming the newest of God's children into a better world. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope and mark mission of the month and place in Sunday's offering or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you

This Sunday we worship at 9:30 in the Sanctuary.

Confidential Prayer Link: <https://forms.gle/oCUEbVJ6CkmdD3nB6>

We have now established a confidential prayer email that we have added to our website which can be used by anyone wishing for prayers. This can be made available to just the pastor, the pastor and the prayer chain, OR the pastor, the prayer chain, and the congregation as you choose. Please feel free to test it out. This is just one more way you can access our pastor and/or the prayer team.

We have a dedicated free phone line which you can call in and listen to the livestreaming worship services. So if you don't have a computer or would rather just listen, call in on 1-(833) 579 - 2830. We are working on improving the quality of this experience. Please pass this number to your friends without computers.

We will continue to post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we go forward. We pray for everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Your giving is very important to continuing our missions as always. You can give electronically using the give button on the website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.org), mail it in to the church (1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul 55106) or place in the offering at worship on Sunday.

The office hours are M-Thurs, 9:30-1:30. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for help.

Upcoming:

Sunday School continues this Sunday after worship. We are still in the lower level as usual. Come join us!

Confirmation will begin on October 1st.



Monday, September 18, 2023 – Sunday, September 24, 2023

Tuesday, Sept. 19	7:00 pm Church Council with Zoom option
Wednesday, Sept. 20	10 am Coffee and Conversation 1 pm Hymn Planning via Zoom
Saturday, September 23	8:30 am Men’s Bible Study 10-12 Quilting Group in Tower rooms
Sunday, September 24	9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 am Fellowship Livestreamed and recorded Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830

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