

Genesis 32:22-33:5**Jacob Wrestles With God**

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

Jacob Meets Esau

¹ Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. ² He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. ³ He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother.

⁴ But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. ⁵ Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked.

Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant."



Gathering

Welcome

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made the heavens and the earth.

This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall declare your praise.

*Song of Praise: "Beautiful Savior" LUYH 17

1. Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Songs: "O God, You Are My God" LUYH 743

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

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thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another
and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
pray together; together serve God in this world;
and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

Text: from the Belhar Confession

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

*Closing Song: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LUYH 938

My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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*Benediction

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Response

*Song of Response: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" LUYH 325:1,3,4

**1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.**

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*We Profess Our Faith: The Unity of the Body LUYH 259

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully
to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,

are baptized with one baptism,

eat of one bread and drink of one cup,

confess one name, are obedient to one Lord,

work for one cause, and share one hope.

That together we come to know

the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;

together are built up to the stature of Christ,

to the new humanity;

together know and bear one another's burdens,

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Renewal

Gospel Reading: Matthew 12:46-50

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." ⁴⁸ He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: "Hear, O Israel," (solo)

"Come, People of the Risen King"

**1. Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise:
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

*Chorus: Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

**2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)**

**3. Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" (chorus)**

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Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-33:5 *(Scripture is printed on back page)*

Sermon: "Wrestling with God"

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