

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SERMON OUTLINE -- NOVEMBER 7, 2021

# ALL SAINTS WRESTLE WITH GOD

*(Genesis 32:22-30)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *Wrestling with my children & letting them win...*

## **I. GOD 'WRESTLES' WITH US**

### **TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH MUSCLES**

- A. Fervent, continual prayer is our wrestling with God
- B. Today on *All Saints Day* we remember Jacob, a saint who wrestled with God

## **II. JACOB THE TAINTED SAINT WAS ON HIS WAY HOME TO MEND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

- A. He had tricked his father & cheated his brother
- B. Alone, he wrestled all night with a stranger
- C. He learned in the morning that he had been 'wrestling' with God  
(Genesis 32:30)

## **III. AS HE WRESTLED WITH JACOB, GOD WILL WRESTLE WITH US, O SAINTS OF GOD**

- A. He will allow us to wrestle with Him in prayer & thereby strengthen our faith
- B. Our Lord Jesus wrestled the powers of sin, death, & devil on the cross & won!
- C. *Martin Luther* gives us wonderful hope in his *Genesis Commentary* about Jacob

**CONCLUSION:** *We keep wrestling with our Heavenly Father...  
waiting for the blessing*