

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 95:1-2*
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

* **God's Greeting**

* **Now With Joyful Exultation** #95:1,2,3 (PH)
Now with joyful exultation
Let us sing to God our praise;
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.
Thankful tribute gladly bringing, let us come before him now,
And, with psalms his praises singing,
Joyful in his presence bow.

For how great a God, and glorious,
Is the Lord of whom we sing;
Over idol gods victorious, great is he, our God and King.
In his hand are earth's deep places, also his are all the hills;
His the sea whose bounds he traces,
His the land his bounty fills.

To the Lord, such might revealing,
Let us come with reverence meet,
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us
As his flock in pastures fair.

* **One Generation Will Call to the Next**

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise;
Forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days,
His greatness none could fathom. *Refrain*

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love
In every generation. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

* **God, Be Merciful to Me** #255:1,2 (PH)
God, be merciful to me;
On your grace I rest my plea.
My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I have sinned against your grace
And provoked you to your face.
I confess your judgment just;
Speechless, I your mercy trust.
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear your voice.

Call to Confession: *Psalm 51:14-17*

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Prayer of Confession

* **In the Presence**

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

In the presence of a holy God
There's new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself;
I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God,
How awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might,
I'm so small and frail and weak;
When I see your power and wisdom, Lord,
I have no words left to speak. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Sitting At The Feet of Jesus** #58:3 (HFG)
Bless me, O my Father, bless me,
All my inner life renew;
Now look down in love upon me,
Let me catch a glimpse of You.
Give me, Lord, the mind of Jesus,
Make me holy through His Word.
May I prove I've been with Jesus,
Been with Him, my risen Lord.

* **Scripture:** *Acts 6:1-8 (ESV)* pg. 1145
¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Deacons to the Rescue: The Magnificent Seven*

* **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love** #601:1,3,4 (PH)
Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we are slaves:
This is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

*** God's Blessing**

*** Now Thank We All Our God** #525:3 (HFG)
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns, with them in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Join us immediately following the service
for our annual Harvest Dinner.
Dinner will be served in both
the Church Basement and Education Building.
Seniors and members with special needs
are welcome to leave during the final song.
Visitors are welcome to join us!

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W
Prayer: Ian H, Doug V
Music: Ken & Lisa Q
Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to help
with tuition cost of First church families who send their
children to Christian schools.

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Deacons to the Rescue: The Magnificent Seven
Acts 6:1-8

The Problem, murmuring among the members, vs. 1.

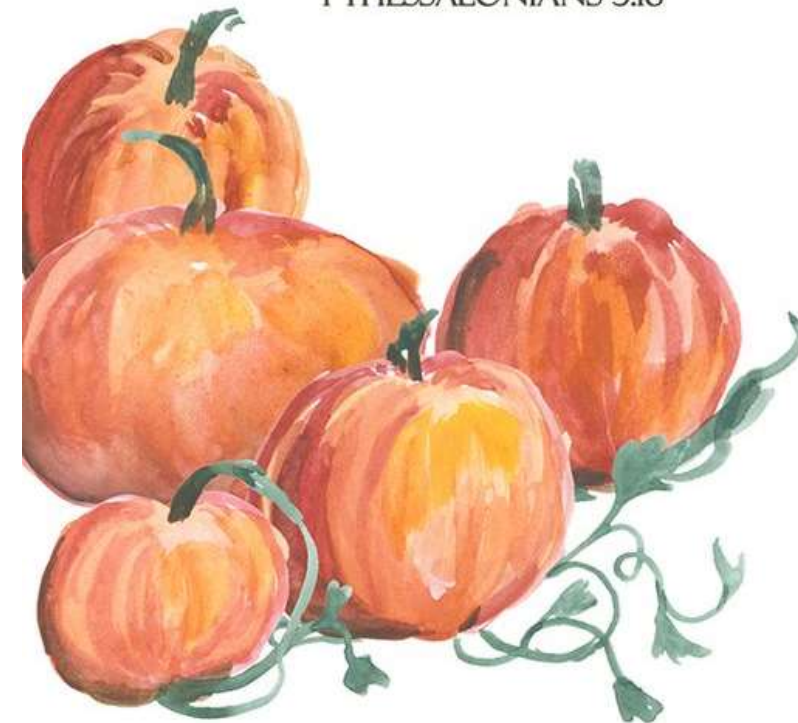
The Solution, serving the widows, vss. 2-6.

The Result, the Gospel grows, vs. 7.

Implications and application.

In all things,
GIVE THANKS.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



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