Filled with Joy, in Grace Abounding

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A theme hymn for the 2020 National Lutheran Schools Week
based on the 2020 NLSW theme: "JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN"

Welsh tune, 18th cent.: AR HYD Y NOS
Setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Meter: 84 84 88 84
1 Thess. 5:16-18

We, in cease less, praying chorus thank You, O Lord!
Lord, lead us to full maturity in trying days.
As, in grace, He gently bends us towards Him each day.
Shapes each grace-filled son and daughter for every test.

Line 1: Filled with joy, in grace abundant, hope-filled and awed,
Line 2: When our lives are filled with gladness, let us give praise.
Line 3: In Your Word a-lone is solace when e'er we stray,
Line 4: Where is peace, where grace, where mercy? Where shall we rest?
Line 5: Fully joyful, ever thankful, let praises swell

We have come with praise rebounding to You, O God!
When our joys give way to sadness, help us to raise
Seeking sinful pathways, lawless, from Christ the Way.
Where is water when we're thirsty, worn, or oppressed?
As we glorify the Father and ever tell

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