“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”

Filled with joy, in grace abounding, hope-filled and awed,
We have come with praise redounding to You, O God!
For the love You shower on us
And the peace that rests upon us,
We, in ceaseless, praying chorus thank You, O LORD!

When our lives are filled with gladness, let us give praise.
When our joys give way to sadness, help us to raise
Prayers that speak of hope-filled sureness
In Your love and perfect pureness,
LORD, lead us to full maturity in trying days.

In Your Word alone is solace whenever we stray,
Seeking sinful pathways, lawless, from Christ the Way.
Still, the Holy Spirit sends us
Faith in Christ, who always tends us,
As, in grace, He gently bends us towards Him each day.

Where is peace, where grace, where mercy? Where shall we rest?
Where is water when we’re thirsty, worn, or oppressed?
Borne in God’s own Living Water,
By grace, through faith, Christ the Potter
Shapes each grace-filled son and daughter for ev’ry test.

△ Fully joyful, ever thankful, let praises swell
As we glorify the Father and ever tell
How God’s only Son, LORD Jesus,
Came to die and, rising, frees us;
Now, the Holy Spirit leads us with God to dwell.

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