

# THE KNIGHT LIFE

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**JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN**  
1 THESS 5:16-24



## JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN SHARES THE JOY OF THE CROSS

Lutheran schools are full of joys: the first day of school; the servant hearts of staff; the commitment of congregations and communities; the involvement of parents; and many more. The fullness of joy lies in the Gospel-centered confession and proclamation of the Lutheran school. "Joy:fully Lutheran" is an expression of God's love for sinners. In love, God sent His Son as the sacrifice for sins. This Good News creates joy in the hearts and lives of forgiven sinners, who stand as saints in Christ Jesus. Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica begins by expressing the joy of Jesus: "For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:4-5).

**For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him."**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11**

While Lutheran school students experience joy in many different contexts, the most JOY-FULL time and place is in worship together. In school chapel worship, the full joy through Jesus is proclaimed. Children are blessed to hear the message of joy to the shepherds of Bethlehem (Luke 2:10); the joy of the cross (Hebrews 12:2); and the joy of the resurrection (Matthew 28:8). May the Word be taught in Lutheran school classrooms; read, sung, and shared in worship; lived in various school experiences and events; shared with families, and witnessed to the community and the world. "Rejoice always!" (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

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