

# JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

## 1 THESS 5:16-24

“Joy:fully Lutheran” is the theme for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through the next convention. This theme focuses on 1 Thess. 5:16–24, in which Paul says to “rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.” Paul ends the section by saying, “He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”

Joyful, because of God’s faithfulness to His promises. Joyful, because God’s promises are kept in Jesus (2 COR. 1:20). Joyful, because of God’s love. Lutheran, because it’s all about Jesus: Grace alone. Faith alone. Scripture alone. Christ alone.

The LCMS has created a number of materials that are freely available for your congregation to use to encourage your members to learn about “Joy:fully Lutheran.”

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## CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES

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### BULLETIN INSERT/BLURBS

The bulletin insert and blurbs are available to be reproduced and placed in your worship bulletin. The insert is longer and designed to be a half-page insert, while the blurbs are short enough to be copied and pasted into the announcement section of your bulletin. We suggest using one blurb each week, or whatever works best for you.

### CHURCH NEWSLETTER

A newsletter article is included for your church newsletter. Two formats are provided: a Word document that can be customized and a PDF that can be printed easily.

### BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study was written on the theme text, 1 Thess. 5:16–24, and is intended to guide a congregation or smaller group through this text with a special emphasis on the theme “Joy:fully Lutheran.”

### FLIERS AND POSTERS

Both the fliers and posters are designed to be downloaded and printed for whatever use is most beneficial for your congregation. These may be used to advertise “Joy:fully Lutheran” in general or for a specific event (such as the downloadable Bible study) within your congregation.

### PHONE WALLPAPER

Download and use these as the background on your phone. And then share them with others!

### SOCIAL MEDIA SHAREABLES

Social media memes are included for use on your congregation’s social media page(s). You can post them in your newsfeed.