

Celebration of Life



Cynthia "Cindy" Dean Agrella
February 17, 1940– August 5, 2026

Gathering Song

The assembly stands as able.

Pastor Blessed be the God and Father
 of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy
 and the God of all consolation,
 who comforts us in all our sorrows
 so that we can comfort others in their sorrows
 with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
 we were baptized into his death.
 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
 so that as Christ was raised from the dead
 by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.
 For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
 we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like
 his.

Greeting

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Let us pray.
 O God of grace and glory,
 we remember before you today our sister Cindy.
 We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love
 as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
 In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
 Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
 in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your
 call, we are gathered to our heavenly home
 in the company of all your saints;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

Words of Remembrance

Song of Reflection The Old Rugged Cross Theresa Gill, soloist

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

⁹What gain have the workers from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. ¹⁴I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. ¹⁵That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Leader Word of God. Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (Please join in reading the bold verses)

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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All Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able to receive the Holy Gospel.

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

JOHN 14:1-7

14¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the day

Amazing Grace

Theresa Gill, soloist

Creed

Pastor Let us affirm the Christian faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the ☩ life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept.

Pastor Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.
God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Commendation

Pastor Let us commend Cindy to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant,

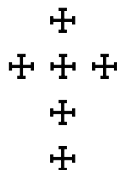
Cynthia "Cindy" Dean Agrella.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All Amen.

Pastor Let us go forth in peace,
All in the name of Christ. Amen.

*The Worship will continue with the graveside portion at Grace Memorial Park,
Hitchcock, Texas.*



Welcome to this worship service. *The Lutheran funeral service is a celebration of the promise of Christ given in holy baptism. In holy baptism God yokes us to Jesus Christ's death and resurrection giving the promise of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life to the baptized. The funeral service is thus a celebration and remembrance of baptism. Trusting in the promise God made in baptism, the church gathers to commend the deceased to God's eternal care. The service includes scripture readings that lift up the promise of eternal life as well as a thanksgiving for baptism and prayers of thanksgiving and for comfort. Worship as you are able and listen for the proclamation of the Good News given through Jesus Christ.*

Serving today:

Presiding Minister

The Reverend Richard A. Rhoades,
Pastor of First Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Galveston, TX

*Ruby's Family thanks you for your kindness, prayers and support
during these days.*



Cynthia Dean Agrella, known lovingly to family and friends as Cindy, passed away on August 5, 2026, in Webster, Texas, at the age of 86. She lived a life that reflected her faith, her kindness, and her steady love for the people God placed in her path.

Cindy was born in Angleton, Texas to Ted and Eleanor Heatherly, both of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Ted Heatherly Jr. She is survived by her sister, Helen

Carlin Valdez, who is also her best friend and who shared many cherished memories with her through the years. She is survived by her children, daughter Karen Vernier and her husband Joe, sons James Agrella and his wife Donna, Kelley Agrella and his wife Marionette, Glenn Agrella and his wife Diane and Steve Agrella and his wife Wendy. She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her great joy and gave her many reasons to smile, laugh, and thank the Lord for a full and beautiful family. To her grandchildren, she was affectionately known as NaNa, a name spoken with love and warmth that reflected the special bond she shared with each of them.

Cindy graduated from Ball High School with the Class of 1958 and later attended nursing school, where she began preparing for a career of service that would bless many lives. She dedicated her working years to caring for others through her work at UTMB Galveston, North Ottawa Hospital in Michigan, St. Luke Hospital in Houston, and the Coast Guard Base in Galveston. Her service at St. Luke Hospital was especially remarkable, as she worked with the astronauts from the NASA Space Center and with Dr. Denton Cooley during the early days of heart transplant surgery development. That kind of work would make most people nervous, but Cindy met it with grace, skill, and the kind of calm spirit that could make you feel at ease. Her life in nursing was more than a profession. It was a calling. Cindy had a heart for helping people, and she carried herself with the quiet strength of someone who understood that compassion is one of God's greatest gifts. She was faithful in her work, loving in her relationships, and generous in the way she cared for others.

Cindy was a member and attended church at First Lutheran Church in Galveston, where she was loved by many. She trusted God, loved her family, and faced life with a spirit that was both tender and strong. She understood that laughter is often one of the Lord's gentlest gifts, and she was not afraid to use it. Cindy enjoyed bird breeding, and she found delight in the simple beauty of creation. She also loved her pet dogs, Max and Tillie, who surely knew they were loved and spoiled in the best possible way. Her interests reflected her appreciation for life's small blessings, the kind that remind us that God is present not only in the grand moments but also in the daily ones, like a songbird at the window or a loyal dog waiting nearby.

Cindy's family will receive visitors from 5:00 until 7:00 pm, Wednesday, August 19, at Malloy & Son Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be 9:30 am, Thursday, August 20, at Malloy & Son Funeral Home with burial following at Grace Memorial Park in Hitchcock.

Cindy will be remembered for her devotion to family, her years of service, her Christian witness, and her ability to bring both comfort and laughter to those around her. She leaves behind a legacy that will continue in the lives of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Now that Cindy has gone home to be with the Lord, we take comfort in the promise that death does not have the final word for those who belong to Christ. We can imagine her heavenly welcome with a smile on her face. Cindy Dean Agrella will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and her family and friends hold close the many memories she gave them, and they give thanks to God for her life, her laughter, and her love.