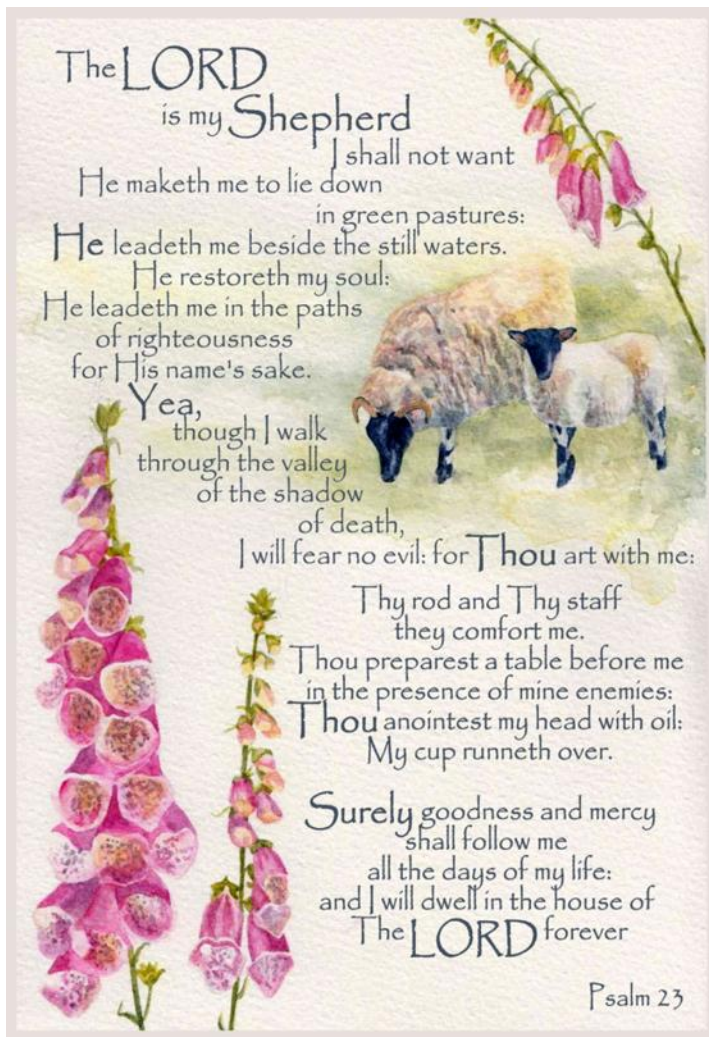


Celebration of Life in Christ: Karen Jean Schlegel

Born into our midst: October 1, 1941

 *Born into Eternal Life: July 12, 2026*

August 1, 2026, 2:00 p.m.



Gathering

The Reverend Bob Vogl

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister *Karen*, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too will walk in newness of 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.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: How Great Thou Art ELW 856

Karen Trebus- (Pianist)

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister, Karen. We thank you for giving her 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. **Amen.**

Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 3: 2-9

Msgr. Peter Rau

Psalm 23

The Rev. Lou Trebus

Second Reading: 1st John 3: 1-2

Msgr. Peter Rau

Remembrances

The Gospels according to St. Matthew and St. John

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling ELW 608

Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

*After each petition: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Let us pray. 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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Stand

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Sit

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **Also also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We life them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

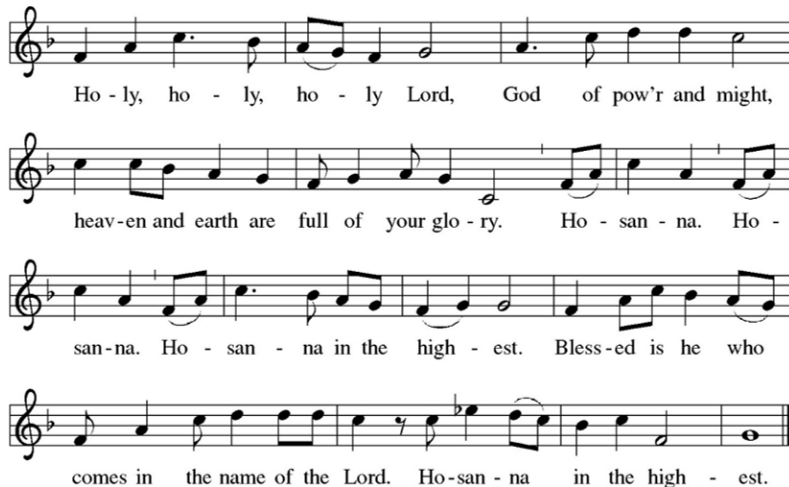
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb
who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels,
cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

This is the Lord's Supper. It is by the Lord's invitation that all are invited to the meal where our Lord meets us in the bread and the wine - the means of grace.

Red wine and white grape juice are available in each tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask your server.

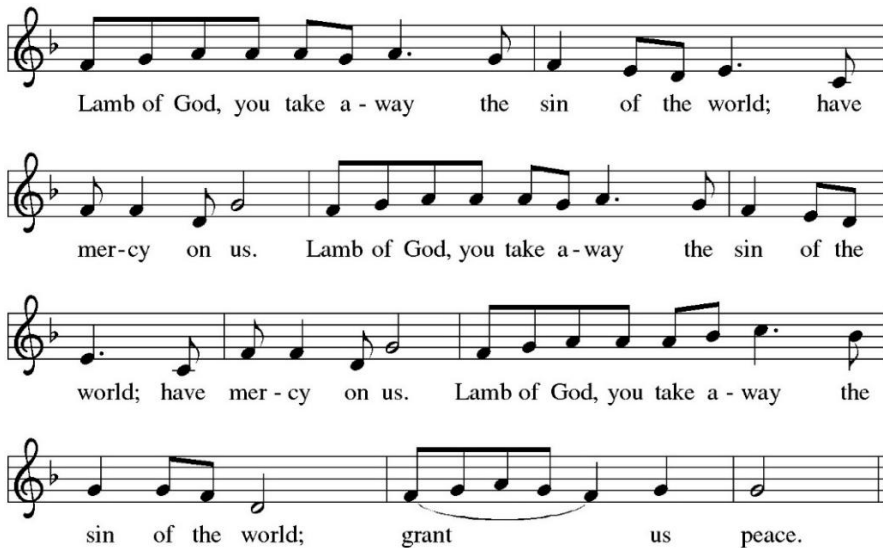


Table Blessing and Communion Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Amazing Grace

ELW 779

Commendation

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Karen Jean Schlegel. 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. **Amen.**

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

Karen Jean Schlegel, age 84, passed away peacefully at home on July 12, 2026.

Karen is survived by her husband, Joseph Schlegel of Daytona Beach Shores; her daughter, Deborah Schmoele of New Smyrna Beach; her stepson, Joseph Schlegel of Edgewater; her stepdaughter, Lorene and her husband, Michael Nix of New Smyrna Beach. She is preceded in death by her parents, Marie and William Wolf of West Hempstead, NY; her son, Frank Joseph Grasberger III of Edgewater; her aunt and uncle, Jenette and Carl Cochran of New Smyrna Beach and her husband, John (Jack) Teehan (deceased 2007).



Karen was born on October 1, 1941, in Queens, NY, to parents Maria and William Wolf. She graduated from Daytona Beach Community College in Daytona Beach with an Associate's Degree in Psychology. She had several jobs before accepting a position as Loan Officer at Sun Trust Bank where she worked for 17 years.

Karen was very family oriented and a loving daughter, mother, wife, niece and friend. She married Joseph Schlegel in November of 2020. Karen was a social, active woman who was deeply involved in her church and hospice for the majority of her life. She enjoyed helping others, socializing, volunteering, and spending time with family and friends. Her family and friends will always remember her as a loving, compassionate and caring person.

A funeral and celebration of Karen's life is scheduled for 2:00 pm on August 1, 2026, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church with a reception to follow at the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Karen's life. In lieu to flowers, donations can be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church or Hospice (Edgewater or Port Orange, FL locations).