



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONGREGATION NATIONAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

APR 26, 2024
FRIDAY
9:30 AM

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Blaine
Newhouse

Worship Leader

Pranati Borde

Greeters:

Antonia, Liz

General Offertory

Ushers

Tony, Liz, Ann,
Silvan, Alex, Anina

Love Offertory

Ushers

Joseph, Sheeba,
Jeshwin, Preirna,
Rajendra, Isabel

Offertory Counters

Nobel, Rohit, Vikrant

After Service

Intercessors

Richard, Johnson

Library Volunteer

Pauline

WORSHIP SERVICE

Let us worship our Lord through

Welcome		Edwin Pandiri
Praise & Worship	'Because He Lives' 'Hymn of Heaven' 'It is Well'	
Scripture	Acts 21:17-32	Sheeba Sateesh
Sermon Title	<i>'Building on the Legacy'</i> Paul Returns to Jerusalem	
Ministry Report		Hope Prison Ministry
General & Love Offering		United Voices - Malayalam
Doxology		
Birthdays & Anniversaries		
This week @ELC		Renila & Matthew John
Victory Song		
Benediction		

We welcome newcomers to our fellowship!

Please stop by at the Ahlan (Welcome) desk to know more
about our congregation.

Speak with **Mitto 39733423 or WhatsApp @39799902**



We invite NEWCOMERS to fill out your details
at the link, <https://tiny.one/AHLANCARD> or
scan this QR code for us to know you better.

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

Today's after service fellowship is being sponsored by the Church.
If you want to celebrate your special day with the congregation,
SMS or WhatsApp Raquel Sioco @ 35315178.

Worship Etiquette : No Drinking of Coffee or Tea & No food or Gum chewing in the Sanctuary.

BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His son
They called Him Jesus
He came to love, Heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there
to prove my Savior lives

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know he holds the future
And life is worth living just
because He lives*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still, the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
because He lives

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and
I'll know He reigns

And life is worth living
just because He lives

HYMN OF HEAVEN

How I long to breathe the air of heaven
Where pain is gone,
and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one
who bled to save me
And walk with him for all eternity

*Oh, there will be a day
when all will bow before Him
There will be a day
when death will be no more
Standing face to face
with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord*

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we will see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing "Worthy is the lamb who was slain

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing "Worthy is the lamb who was slain
"Forever He shall reign"

So let it be today
we shout the hymn of heaven
With angels and the saints,
we raise a mighty roar
"Glory to our God"
who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord

Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord

IT IS WELL

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
 Whatever my lot,
 Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

 My sin-oh,
the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Sermon Notes

Scripture Passage

Acts 21:17-32

Paul's Arrival at Jerusalem

17 When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly.

18 The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present.

19 Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

20 When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law.

21 They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs.

22 What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come, 23 so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow.

24 Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everyone will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law.

25 As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality.”

26 The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

Paul Arrested

27 When the seven days were nearly over, some Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul at the temple. They stirred up the whole crowd and seized him,

28 shouting, “Fellow Israelites, help us! This is the man who teaches everyone everywhere against our people and our law and this place. And besides, he has brought Greeks into the temple and defiled this holy place.”

29 (They had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Paul and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple.)

30 The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut.

31 While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops that the whole city of Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 He at once took some officers and soldiers and ran down to the crowd. When the rioters saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Tithe & Offerings and Donations

Please make all contributions payable to ELC—NEC or drop in the offering tray or can personally drop into the church office. If you wish to make a contribution online, please contact church office for details.

Love Offering for April

Love Offering for today will be designated to **Hope Prison Ministry, South Africa** providing support to incarcerated people, their communities and the Department of Correctional Services through restorative justice processes, victim-offender dialogues, counseling, and life skills programs

ELC Intercessors

There is a small gathering of Prayerful Worship and Intercession **every Monday** at **7pm** at the **NEC Room FF4** to gather and pray for the Holy Spirit's leading in ELC, for the church in Bahrain, for peace amongst nations at war, and prayer requests of those gathered and those received by the church.

Contact Richard Marcelo or Edgar Levita

Pray for Bahrain

Join us as Pastor Blaine leads us in praying for the Kingdom Bahrain on **May 1 (Monday) 7:30pm** at the **NEC room FF3**.

Prayer points include: Bahrainis, God's kingdom in Bahrain, leaders of the country and the churches and those in need of God's touch in Christ.

Women's Fellowship Group is starting a new bible study series on Isaiah—Trusting God in troubled times, a 22-series study by Howard Peskett.

For more details—Contact Urmila Borde

Running / Walking Squad

Anyone is welcome to join the **Running/Walking Squad** at the **Arad Bay 3K Circle** every **Saturday** mornings at **6 am**, along with coffee/tea afterwards. Contact Mike Chisif (@34485765) or Chrispin Chingwalu (@33689696)

We need Projectionists!!!

The Tech Team needs projectionists for Sunday evening worship services. Interested members will be trained. Basic computer knowledge is required. Contact Manu (Friday) or Preeti (Sunday)

Embrace Ministry will organize a **Medical Mission** to check vital signs — blood pressure, blood sugar, height & weight, and BMI.

This will be held at the **NEC Courtyard** on **May 3 (Friday), 11am to 2pm**.

Please scan this QR code to register or

Contact Anthonia or Ivy at 37587073 for more details



Eklektos

Eklektos Young Adults ministry will be conducting an In-Person Meeting on the topic **All Eyes on AI** by Mrs. Urmila Borde on May 10 (Friday), 4pm, at the Manse

Join them also for an online session on the topic **The Faith of the Canaanite Woman - Healing Crumbs** by Karen Gladson on May 18 (Saturday), 4pm, via Zoom

To know more about this ministry, For in-person sessions, please contact Prahash Ravindra (@39011477) / For online sessions, please contact Akash Raj (@33781211)

**Healing in Hard Times program
organized by the**

Trauma Healing Ministry, ELC

April 29 ; May 6, 13, 20, 27 and June 3
(Mondays); **Time** : 6 to 8 pm;

Venue : FF3 Room

This session brings a small group of people together in a safe place, where they can help each other heal. Each group is led by a trained facilitator using a proven curriculum provided by the Trauma Healing Institute.

The lessons in the curriculum use art, stories, activities and discussion questions to help people engage deeply with themselves, with God, and with each other. The aim of the session is to help people let go of painful experiences that are hindering them from connecting with God, engaging with Scripture and being who they were created to be.



Contact Person:

Thomas or Mollie Daniel

KINGDOM KIDS

THE CRECHE MINISTRY

(For age group 1.5—4 yrs)

The Enrolment (Registration) form for creche services is now available at the Ahlan Desk.

The Creche services is now available on all Fridays from 9:30 AM—10:45 AM at the NEC Multipurpose Hall.

We need volunteer teachers to support this ministry.

Please contact Anthonia or Gibsy or Church Office for details.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(April 26—May 2)

26th Fang Ngong, Hannah Priscilla, Macleen Rodrigues , A.Leon Christ Dhas

27th Loveness Kachuta

28th Glenn Fernandez, Shahitha Ponmadhan

29th Mary Michael, Matthew John, Cathrine Ngugi, **30th** Janna John,

1st Maxine Salian, Evangelynn Nallapalli, Sheryl Cercia **2nd** Mira Bautista, Mathew Roshan, Rohan Roy

26th Tariq Malek & Najma William

28th John & Rosie D'souza Eugenio & Marivic Bautista

29th George & Patricia Toworfe

30th Enklebert & Ester Mutimuvezwa Sera Maria Malayil & Gritty Thomas

****** Please note that if your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the bulletin, please stand up for prayer anyways.*

You may also send an email to: elcnc@gmail.com along with your details so that our records can be updated.

Thank you for your assistance in this project!



CONDOLENCES

It is with heavy hearts that we extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the bereaved families of:

Leela Andrew Indrupati,
(mother of Joel Indrupati)

Usman Yakubu Rashi
(father of Amina Wapshaka)

May you find peace and comfort in the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during this time of grief.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

FRIDAY, 26TH	9.30 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE	CHURCH OFFICE**
SUNDAY, 28TH	7 PM	WORSHIP SERVICE	CHURCH OFFICE**
TUESDAY, 30TH	9.15 AM	WOMENS FELLOWSHIP	URMILA 39011768
WEDNESDAY, 1ST	6.30 PM	YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY	SAM 36983377

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH	Worldwide, NEC & member churches, Reformed Church in America, persecuted Christians/ underground churches; ministry of volunteers, pastoral leadership, board, committees, ministries
THANKSGIVING	Freedom of worship & many answers to prayer
OUTREACH	Pray for Dee Dee at Hope Ministry, S. Africa
HEALING	Aqeel Hassan Ali Abdulla (Norelle Husband—Osteoporosis), Antony Xavier, Geetha James (Cancer), Leandra (Chemo), Jessa Minn Bautista Weinert (Stage3—Ovarian Cancer), Charles Jeyaraj, Shasheka Samaratunga, Raj Govindan (surgery), Hazel Bourne (Cancer), Prudence Coetzee, David (MS), Arelis (Back pain), Suresh Rufus (Lymphoma), Karina Nair (Leukemia); John Clestele Louw (Hysterectomy), Lynley Abdoll (Stage 4-Pancreatic Cancer)
GENERAL	Children writing their Board Exams, American Mission Hospital, Al-Raja School, Salvation of family members, members facing difficult situations, those dealing with addictions, welfare of laborers, prisoners & domestic staff, Members starting new business ventures, Work Opportunities for the Jobless
NATIONS	Nations at war with each other, civil unrest, refugee crisis, other natural calamities, relief organizations
BAHRAIN	Welfare of Bahrainis, expatriates and churches, especially for those who don't know the Lord to come to know His grace and love

These listed prayer requests will be updated every first week of the month. If the names should be continued for prayer, please let the Church office know or the names will be automatically removed. Thank you for your help in this!

This Week@ELC will be available on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube every Friday at 11 am.

Are you interested in membership at ELC?

** Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and trust in Him alone for your salvation and the forgiveness of your sins?*

** Have you been faithfully worshipping at ELC for at least six months?*

If yes, we invite you to click on the QR code to learn more about our ministry, and consider ways for you to get involved. A membership form is available to download and fill-in.



Looking for a Bible Study Group?

You are invited to join an **ELC Home Bible Study Group**

Please approach the Ahlan Desk to get in touch with the Bible Study Leader
in your area or a nearby location

The Appointed Elders & Deacons for 2024– 2025

Elders: Richard Marcelo,
Job Samuel, Thomas Daniel,
Rupa Supriya, Sam Arasaratnam,
Johnson Abooruasamy

Deacons: Reynand Omapoy,
Christopher Chellayian,
Anthonia Bamidele, Sam John,
Gibsy Antony, Leena Masih

Are you looking for parking space?

Please note that the parking space across Al Raja School is available for us to use on
Fridays.

There is also a parking space near the cemetery area, which will be available for us on all days from 6 pm onwards.

Senior Pastor : Rev. Dr. Blaine Curtis Newhouse - 39799901 (m)

Vacation Secretary : Ms. Ivy Ancheta -17242578

Website : www.elcnecbahrain.org

ELC Church WhatsApp Number : 39799902 (*Call for Transport*)

ELC Office Email : elcne@gmail.com;

ELC-NEC Library Timings : Fri. 9.00-9.30 AM & 11.00-11.45 AM

