

Oct. 8, 2025

John 6:25-35 is a passage where Jesus calls the crowd to look beyond physical food to the spiritual "bread of life" he offers, which provides eternal sustenance and satisfies a deeper spiritual hunger for God and a relationship with Him. The passage emphasizes that true belief involves more than receiving tangible benefits; it requires a complete reliance on Jesus for spiritual nourishment and eternal life, transforming our worldview to one centered on what truly endures.

The Crowd's Misunderstanding

- **Focus on the Physical:**

The people sought Jesus because they had been fed by his miraculous multiplication of loaves and fish, focusing only on satisfying their immediate, physical hunger.

- **Seeking Signs, Not Substance:**

Jesus confronts their desire for more signs and physical bread, calling them to understand that his purpose was not to provide earthly sustenance but to offer something more profound.

Jesus as the Bread of Life

- **A Metaphor for Himself:**

Jesus uses the analogy of the manna that sustained the Israelites in the wilderness but reveals himself as the "true bread from heaven".

- **Eternal Sustenance:**

By calling himself the "bread of life," Jesus offers himself as the ultimate nourishment that sustains not just the body but the spirit and provides eternal life.

The Call to a Deeper Belief

- **A Paradigm Shift:**

True belief, for Jesus, is not just a mental affirmation but a complete shift in worldview, a commitment to the enduring reality of God and the life He offers.

- **Focus on What Lasts:**

The passage urges us to focus our lives and our deepest desires on Jesus, the Bread of Life, which is the only thing that can truly satisfy and bring lasting life.

- **Inclusivity:**

Jesus's offer is for "whoever comes to me," highlighting that this life-giving relationship is open to all who seek Him.

Reflection Points

- **Examine Your Motivations:**

Reflect on why you seek Jesus. Is it for what you can get, or is it for who He is?

- **Identify Your Deeper Hungers:**

What are your soul's true hungers? Can you identify a hunger for God and eternal life that nothing else can satisfy?

- **Commit to Endurance:**

Consider where you place your focus—on perishable or imperishable things. Choose to "bond with Jesus in a way that is as real as eating real bread".



Worship Calendar

Oct. 12

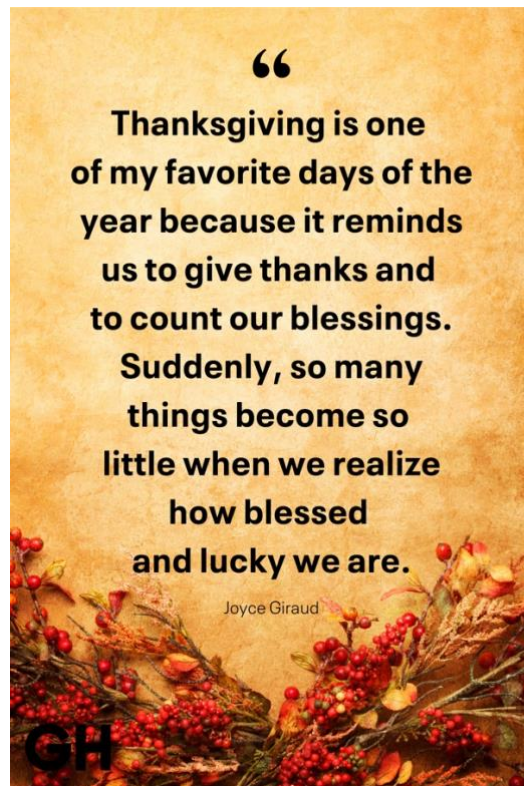
I AM the Bread of Life

Exodus 3:13-15/John 6:25-35

Rev. Eric Lee



As we approach this Thanksgiving weekend, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for. We are blessed with competent leaders who are working to make Canada a stronger and better place in which to live. We are blessed with Pastor Eric who brings us the word of the Lord each and every Sunday. We are blessed with family and loved ones and even if our families are far away, we are still blessed with friends who will not hesitate to lend support and words of encouragement. Thanks be to God for all that we do have!



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Word from Pastor Eric

Hallelujah! What a joyful day at Graceview! We celebrated the **baptism of our new members**, witnessing God's amazing grace and the transforming power of faith in Jesus Christ. It was truly moving to see lives renewed and hearts opened to eternal salvation.

Afterward, our **potluck fellowship lunch** brought everyone together with an abundance of dishes from many cultures — a delicious reminder of the love and unity we share as one family in Christ.

I thank God for orchestrating such a beautiful day of witness and community. May He continue to bless us with many more moments like this!

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38 (NIV)





Another Message from Pastor Eric

Dear Graceview Family,

I want to bring to your attention that I've been receiving multiple reports of scam emails circulating among our church members. These emails falsely claim to be from me and may ask for money, financial help, or even personal confidential information.

Please be cautious:

- My **official church email address** is pastor@graceview.ca
- If you receive a message that looks suspicious, please **double-check the sender's address**.
- When in doubt, please call my church office at **416-621-0888 (press 1 to reach me directly)** to confirm.

Let's stay alert and protect one another from these fraudulent attempts.

At the same time, I do want to remind us all that our calling to faithful and generous giving remains unchanged. Your **tithes, offerings, and financial support** to Graceview are vital for the long-term sustainability of our ministry, our mission efforts, and our outreach to the community.

Thank you for your discernment, your stewardship, and your partnership in Christ.

"Soup by Dave" Luncheon

Outreach will be hosting our fourth "Soup by Dave" luncheon on Monday, November 10th at 11:30 AM in the downstairs hall. Chef Dave Taylor will be preparing Dutch split pea soup and will demonstrate how to make it for us. Every guest will receive a copy of his recipe. We are very pleased to have "Chef Dave" share his culinary talents with us and know that he will provide us with another lively presentation. After lunch, Jan Hieminga will talk to us about his trip to Holland in May to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front foyer. Please plan to attend and invite your friends to join you. Free Will Offerings will be gratefully accepted.

Couch Needed - If anyone has a couch that they have been thinking about donating, please contact Nancy McPherson.

Help Wanted

Graceview needs someone to undertake leading a small team of people to decorate the church for special times in our liturgical year. (Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter etc.). Lynne Bishop will assist in letting you know where everything is kept and what has been done in the past. Please let either Kathy Twynam or Susan Chopp know if you are interested.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Outreach is organizing a food/cash drive for the St James Food Basket to provide them with selected food products for their client families. The following items have been suggested: tuna, canned tomatoes and tomato paste, pasta (500 mg), canned beans – chickpeas, lentils, kidney beans, baked beans (NO PORK added), dried beans – lentils, chickpeas, etc. (smaller bags), canned soup – vegetable, mushroom, tomato (NO MEAT, INCLUDING CHICKEN), and canned vegetables. We will put a wheelbarrow at the front of the church beginning on Sept 28th to hold your items. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation (cash, cheque or e-transfer) which will be used to buy these items in bulk by the Food Basket. Please mark your donation for the Outreach account and include your envelope number. Let's aim to fill the wheelbarrow to overflowing by Sunday, October 19th and share our blessings with those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Changing your PARS Donations

PARS program. - If you are on the PARS program for your church giving and you wish to update your monthly donation, this can be easily done by contacting Jackie Taylor either in person or by email at jacquelinet@sympatico.ca

Egg Cartons

A message from St. James Food Basket: Thank you for so diligently collecting egg cartons. We have once again reached storage capacity. We will let you know when we need more egg cartons.

Saint James Food Basket - Bundle Buggies:

If anyone has a bundle buggy they no longer need and would like to donate it to the Food Basket, please leave it in the cloakroom by the Food Bank bin. There are several clients in need of a functioning cart.

A Fall Devotional Update (September 23):

A **new** edition of **These Days** (October/November/December), as well as the current edition of **Our Daily Bread** (September/October/November) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.



Coffee Sign-Up

It is that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers to serve coffee and tea after worship. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adamson Lounge.

Oct. 12 – ☹️

Oct. 19 – Glen & Gregg

Oct. 26 - ☹️

Nov. 2. - Loreen & Margaret

Nov. 9 – 30 - Outreach

Thank you to all of you who have given so willingly of your time and efforts. We appreciate you!!



PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of war-torn countries who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times.

* **Jean Fox's** nephew, Ryan, is now in remission. Praise be!!

* **Ed Lattimore** moved into a Seniors Residence on Sept 1st. His new address is: Oakville Senior Citizens Residence, 2222 Lakeshore Blvd West, Oakville, Ontario L6L 5G5. His room number is 814 and his phone number is 905-582-2286 (there is no call display or voice mail - best time to call is in the morning after 9 am). He still has a lot of pain in his legs, back and side so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

* Also, please keep these people in your prayers:

Paul Mbogo and family, Joan and Peter Kohar, Ethel Waite, Eftekhar (grandmother of Ali), Lynne Bishop, Joan Pateman, Debbie Homebrooke and family, Margaret Munene's brother Simon, Lenore Carty, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, the Jarvis family, Olive S., and Jean Fox's nephew, Ryan.

Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor...could you please advise me from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Wednesday, Oct. 8 @ 11:00 AM – Ward Funeral Home presentation on prearranging funeral services
- * Tuesday, Oct. 14 @ 11:00 AM – Elaine's Craft Club
- * Tuesday, Oct. 14 @ 12:15 PM – Bible Study – Session #3
- * Thursday, Oct. 16 @ 9:30 – Sing! Etobicoke @ NPCC
- * Sunday, Nov. 2 @ 10:30 AM – Remembering Tree Sunday
- * Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 10:30 AM – Remembrance Day Service
- * Monday, Nov. 10 @ 11:30 – Soup by Dave
- * Friday, Nov. 14 @ 1:30 PM – Music & Worship meeting

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Oct. 12	Eric Lee	Bob Twynam	Iris Lee
Oct. 19	Susan Chopp	Jean Fox	Bob Twynam
Oct. 26	Nancy McPherson	Maureen Screen	Iris Lee
Nov. 2	Kathy Twynam	Margaret Munene	Bob Twynam
Nov. 9	Eric Lee	Georgena Engineer	Kathy Twynam
Nov. 16	Chris Parr	Errol Baldeo	Nancy McPherson
Nov. 23	Margaret Munene	Kathy Twynam	Susan Chopp
Nov. 30	Eric Lee	Nancy McPherson	Iris Lee
Dec. 7	Bob Twynam	Al Bishop	Susan Chopp
Dec. 14	Rachael Chen	Bob Twynam	Kathy Twynam
Dec. 21	Eric Lee	Nancy Green	Nancy McPherson
Dec. 28	Nancy Green	Anna Cherniak	Susan Chopp



The Sweetness of His Presence

But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works. – Psalm 73:28

Regardless of life's seasons – the high peaks or the low valleys – nestling close to God is your greatest treasure. He is your safe haven, your fortress, wrapping you in comfort and steering you with wisdom. Sing about His deeds and weave stories of His steadfastness. As you lean into Him, He leans into you, surrounding you with His love and grace.

Dear God, draw me nearer still. In the warmth of Your presence, I find my true refuge and strength.

Sing! Etobicoke

Please be advised that Sing! Etobicoke sessions have been moved from Mondays to Thursdays. The time remains the same. Singing commences at 9:30 AM

To register, please visit: <https://www.neilsonparkcreativecentre.com/event/sing-etobicoke/>
For information, please email: alex@neilsonparkcreativecentre.com or call 416-622-5294.

Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2025 Fall Schedule

2025-10-16	9:30 AM	NPCC	Autumn Leaves (Songs of Fall)	F25ASE1
2025-10-23	9:30 AM	GV	Stand By Me	F25ASE2
2025-10-30	9:30 AM	GV	What Do You Fear?	F25ASE3

2025-11-06	9:30 AM	NPCC	I'll Be Seeing You	F25ASE4
2025-11-13	9:30 AM	GV	Sunrise Sunset	F25ASE5
2025-11-20	9:30 AM	GV	On the Road Again	F25ASE6
2025-11-27	9:30 AM	NPCC	Singin' in the Rain	F25ASE7
2025-12-04	9:30 AM	NPCC	Advent and More	F25ASE8
2025-12-11	9:30 AM	NPCC	Holiday Songs	F25ASE9
2025-12-18	9:30 AM	GV	Holiday Songs (With men Aloud)	F25ASE10

Sing! Etobicoke, Encore, 2026 Winter Schedule

2026-01-08	9:30 AM	NPCC	Aspenglow, Songs of Winter	W26ASE1
2026-01-15	9:30 AM	NPCC	Songs of the North	W26ASE2
2026-01-22	9:30 AM	GV	A Day in the Life	W26ASE3
2026-01-29	9:30 AM	GV	Be My Light	W26ASE4
2026-02-05	9:30 AM	NPCC	Guest Day (with Men Aloud)	W26ASE5
2026-02-12	9:30 AM	GV	Love Me Tender	W26ASE6
2026-02-19	9:30 AM	GV	Singin' in the Rain	W26ASE7
2026-02-26	9:30 AM	GV	Catch a Falling Star	W26ASE8
2026-03-05	9:30 AM	NPCC	Do I ever Cross Your Mind?	W26ASE9
2026-03-12	9:30 AM	NPCC	Here Comes the Sun (Songs of Spring)	W26ASE10



WEEKLY GIGGLE

The friendly usher at the country church greeted the elderly woman visitor at the door and helped her up the steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row, please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.



Where to Find Us

Contact Person	Email Address	Phone Number	Role/Note
Susan	choppertini@hotmail.com	416-953-7582	Share news or prayer requests for Weekly Email
Pastor Eric	pastor@graceview.ca	416-621-0888 (press #1)	Church-related communication
Church Office (Halyna)	office@graceview.ca		Managed by Secretary Halyna
Graceview Website			https://graceview.ca/calendar-events
Facebook Page			Graceview Presbyterian Church

Instagram Page

<https://www.instagram.com/graceview.presbyterian?igsh=MnlpeXE5YTYyN2ly>

October Calendar



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Service @ CPP 2:00	3	4
5 Holy Communion Potluck Luncheon	6 Outreach Meeting 7:00	7 * Walking Group 11:00 * Bible Study 12:15	8 Presentation re Pre-arranging funeral services 11:00	9 Service @ CPP 2:00	10	11
12 I AM the Bread of Life Re. Eric Lee	13 	14 * Walking Group 11:00 * Craft Club 11 * Bible Study 12:15	15	16 Sing! Etobicoke 9:30 - NPCC Service @ CPP 2:00	17	18
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