

A NEW WAY TO PEACE

We can only guess what is going through Peter's mind when he walks into a roomful of Gentiles in Caesarea. It is his first proclamation of the gospel to anyone who isn't Jewish.

In fact, until this moment, Peter wouldn't have dreamed of having anything to do with these people. As far as we can tell, he's never been with this many Gentiles at once, much less had their full attention. His culture has told him all his life that non-Jews are unclean, ungodly, unholy, unworthy of his attention.

But God has just given Peter a perplexing vision that turns his world inside out—a vision that makes this roomful of unholy strangers his sisters and brothers.

Their town, Caesarea, bears the name of the Roman emperor, who maintains peace through force of arms. It is the only peace they have known or understood.

Peter is about to turn the world of these Gentiles inside out by proclaiming peace the way God understands it—preaching peace not by the legions of Rome, but by Jesus Christ.

Peter takes a breath. Then, scripture tells us, Peter begins to speak to them . . .

—Lee Krähenbühl
Toledo, Ohio

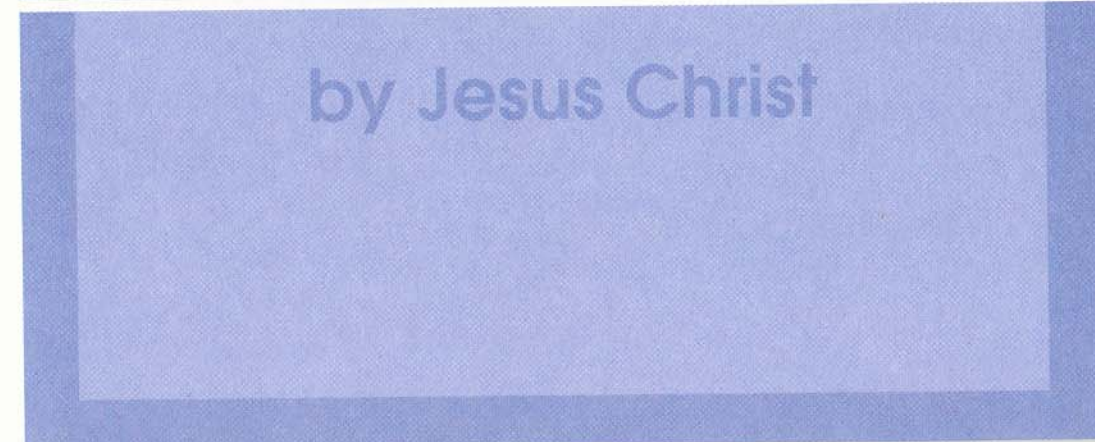
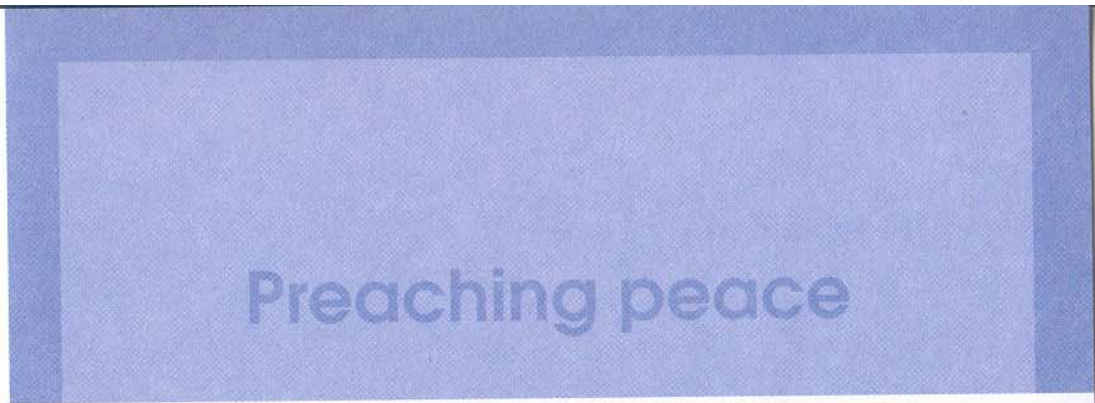
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Christ the Redeemer statue, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

Text for Today

Acts 10:34-43 (36)

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, **preaching peace by Jesus Christ**—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 1208





Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 January 27, 2008
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

Don's 80th on 20th

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS Elmer's on 29th

Sam's on 31st

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

* GATHERING HYMN #469 *Take Time to be Holy* (red hymnal)

*INVOCATION #692 (in unison)

PRAISE HYMN #102 *To God Be The Glory*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #135 *God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Waterloo, IA Hammond Avenue Church

Praying For Us: Libertyville, IA Church

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:14-22

MESSAGE "Complacency"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #99 *We Praise Thee, O God*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Jan. 27:

Message	Don Adkins
Children's Message	Don Adkins
Music	Jill Dykstra
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Adult Sunday School	Scott Maggert
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Feb. 3:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Rev. David Loveall
Music	Mabel Lokken
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Arline English	Marcene Cox
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Linda Beal	Ann Evans
Those Serving in the Military	Living Peace Church, Sioux City

Anniversaries and Birthdays for January

<i>Anniversaries</i>	16 - Michelle Harder
21- Clarence & Rhelma Evans	Myron Rolston
<i>Birthdays</i>	18 - Julie Dumar
02 - Ann Maggert	22 - Toni Clemmens
03 - Arline English	20 - Don Adkins
04 - April Fox	25 - Doyle Rolston
05 - Doug Osterbuhr	28 - Ron Brinkman
Helen VanKekerix	29 - Elmer VanKekerix
06 - Caitlin Jans	31 - Samuel Maggert
08 - Thomas Harder	
10 - Michael Keller	
15 - Jerry Rolston	
Janice Fritts	

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Don Adkins this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service, and go out and witness for Him!

Adult Sunday School

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "Risking My Reputation" from Genesis 31:22-55. We welcome your attendance and participation!

Thank you

I greatly appreciate the flowers, food, cards, phone calls and prayers during my knee surgery and continuing physical therapy. Thanks so much for your concern and support! In Christ's love, Marcene.

Community Events

Feb. 4 - St. Paul Lutheran Church's Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, 5 - 7 PM. Tickets sold at the door. Additional funds provided by Thrivent Financials for Lutherans.

Guest Speakers

Feb. 3 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Mar. 16 - Pete Aberson
Feb. 10 - Rev. Roger Bouwman	Mar. 20 - Maundy Thursday Service
Feb. 17 - Pete Aberson	Mar. 23 - Easter Sunday
Feb. 24 - Don Adkins	Mar. 30 -
Mar. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	April 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Mar. 9 -	April 13 -

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



November 3, 2008, will mark the 120th year our congregation has worshipped at the current location.

Christ's Cupboard



"I was hungry, and you gave me food..." is the spirit behind providing to those who need it.

2008 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator
Linda Adams

Deacon
Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Church Facility Trustee
Scott Maggert

Church Sign
Mark Bilslund

Clerk
Jo Rolston

Farm Trustee
Ross Cox
Ministerial Committee
Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Steve Dagle
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee
Linda Adams
Steve Dagle
Ann Maggert

Parsonage Committee
Ann Maggert

Sunday School Superintendent
Jo Rolston

Treasurer
Sandi Cox

Ushers
Mark Bilslund
Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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