

<http://prezi.com/8hitne4v2qeo/2nd-advent/> (This link is to the images and the movie clip)

Some uncommon Advent images. Yet each of us is sent as a messenger to prepare the way of the Lord. This following clip is from the movie Letters to God. The movie is a true story of a young boy fighting cancer who writes letters to God. A substitute mail carrier reads some of those letters and his life is forever changed.

Tyler prepared the way so that the mail carrier could find God in his own life. Through Tyler, the mail carrier discovered his life was going nowhere without God. Tyler in many ways imitated John the Baptist and pointed the way to God.

What strikes me in today's gospel passage is the word paths. Make straight his paths. Advent is about God coming to us. I see the path being made straight in the parent who sits with their child in our Journey Faith sessions and together discuss an aspect of our faith. I saw it the other night as the youth group was at Good Shepherd Oaks for game night. I see it in the names being taken from the Advent giving tree. I have seen it in a dying person, who teaches their family about death and faith. The challenge for each of us is to direct others to God.

In addition, we need to prepare our own lives. We need to ask ourselves, what aspects of my life is not in tune with God's will. This Advent take one aspect, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and make the steps to overcome the down fall.

Around this table we continue the process of our transformation through the Word and the Sacrament. Nourished once again may we go forth this week to announce the Gospel of the Lord.