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| **Lady Wisdom, the Master Workman**  *Promise: Jesus is the wisdom and righteousness of God for our salvation* Pastor Timothy A. Duesenberg Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59 (The Holy Trinity), 6/15/25)  *Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand.* – vv. 1-2  **Lead In –** Have you ever started putting something together without looking at the instructions and then got stuck in the attempt? It is usually at that point that we turn to them. And how often do we then wish we had started with the instructions! It might have saved us a lot of grief. When it comes to our lives it seems we have a propensity to build them in a similar manner. That is, we ignore the Creator’s instructions. Of course, I speak of the Word of God. And the Word of God is not only a reliable set of instructions for life, but the Word of God is a Person, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Lord Jesus Christ. When we put our trust in Him we receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life.   1. **In OT Reading: Wisdom Is Mysteriously Personified**    1. Lady Wisdom raises her voice at the crossroads…    2. She is contrasted with the adulterous Lady Folly…    3. Instructions for life, and more – Life itself… 2. **The Mysterious Connection With the Creation**    1. Possessed *(fathered)* before the creation…    2. With God and described as a Master Workman…    3. Very similar to description of the *Logos* in John 1… 3. **The Doctrine of the Trinity Starts with Jesus’ Identity**    1. The one Feast Day in the church centered on doctrine…    2. God is revealed **through** His Son, and **in** His Spirit…    3. Christ spoke words, and He spoke in what He did…   **Final Word –** Christ’s words and His saving work cry aloud from the heights and at the crossroads of life. Just as Lady Wisdom in Proverbs 8 calls us from worldly foolishness, judgment, and death to obedience, God’s favor, and abundant life, so does Christ our Lord. His Cross stands at the crossroad of life. It is the pivotal moment of all history. He calls us to Himself, to trust in Him and what He accomplished by his death and resurrection. It is through God’s Word, Christ Himself, that we come to the Father. And this is made possible in His Spirit. We come to the Father, through the Son, and in the Spirit. Which means that the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not only true, but it involves the very means of our salvation. O blessed Trinity, we worship You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.  **Pr 1:20-21** Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:  **Pr 9:13** The woman Folly is loud; she is seductive and knows nothing. (cf Pr 5:3; 7) *with seductive speech, smooth talk, and lips that drip with honey.*  **Pr 8:35-36** For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.  **Nicene Creed:** And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. | **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 ESV**  *The Blessings of Wisdom*  1Does not wisdom call?  Does not understanding raise her voice? 2On the heights beside the way,  at the crossroads she takes her stand; 3beside the gates in front of the town,  at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: 4“To you, O men, I call,  and my cry is to the children of man. . . .  22“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,  the first of his acts of old. 23Ages ago I was set up,  at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24When there were no depths I was brought forth,  when there were no springs abounding with water. 25Before the mountains had been shaped,  before the hills, I was brought forth, 26before he had made the earth with its fields,  or the first of the dust of the world. *27When he established the heavens, I was there;  when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28when he made firm the skies above,  when he established the fountains of the deep, 29when he assigned to the sea its limit,  so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked* out the foundations of the earth,  30then I was beside him, like a master   workman, and I was daily his delight,  rejoicing before him always, 31rejoicing in his inhabited world  and delighting in the children of man.”  **Jn 3:16** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”  **He 11:3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.  **Ge 1:3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.  **Jn 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.  **Dt 6:4** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”  **Feast Days:** Christ’s Nativity, Christ’s Baptism, The Transfiguration of our Lord, The Resurrection of our Lord, The Ascension, the Sending of the Holy Spirit, The Return of Christ as King. Lesser festivals: apostles, saints, and even Michael and the angels. And certain commemorations.  **1Co 1:30** And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.  **Word Spoken From the Cross:** My arms are wide open to receive repentant sinners who call upon my Name. |