

## July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Sermon Bible Study

### Sermon: Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man’s life is not measured by how many possessions he has.” <sup>16</sup>He told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced very well. <sup>17</sup>He was thinking to himself, ‘What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will tell my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry.’” <sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?’ <sup>21</sup>“That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

### Theme: Potential Poverty of Wealth

#### Link to Audio Sermon:

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/7-31-2022.mp3>

#### Sermon Study Guide

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

1. **It was common for rabbis, like Jesus, to be called on to settle disputes. What is one of the easiest disputes to arise between people? Why is it such a common dispute?**
2. **What repeated word does the rich man in the parable use? What does that tell us about this man’s focus?**
3. **Who does this world truly belong to? Therefore, who gets to decide how the resources of this world get used?**
4. **What is one of the greatest threats that wealth, and especially the pursuit of it, can have in our lives? What does true wealth look like?**