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A Reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will look over my sheep.

As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,

so will I tend my sheep.

I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.

I will lead them out from among the peoples
and bring them back from the foreign lands;

I will bring them back to their own country
and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel.

In good pastures will I pasture them,
and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There
they shall lie down on good grazing ground,
and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel.

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord
God.

The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.