

EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 30-31

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God:

Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them.

As a shepherd examines his flock while he himself is among his scattered sheep, so will I examine my sheep.

I will deliver them from every place where they were scattered on the day of dark clouds.

I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and every inhabited place in the land.

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

Thus they shall know that I, the LORD, their God, am with them, and that they are my people, the house of Israel.

Yes, you are my flock: you people are the flock of my pasture, and I am your God.

The Word of the Lord