

Main thought: This psalm appeals to God's shepherd heart. Fully confident that He tenderly cares for us, we pray that he will restore us. The refrain "let your face shine, that we may be saved!" recalls the Aaronic benediction and the fact that God has chosen us and will not abandon us.

Psalm 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Hymn Verse

LSB 711:1 – Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Amen.