## O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

John 1:1–7; Hebrews 2:14–15; Romans 5:17; 15:5–6 (*Lutheran Service Book* 834)

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1. God created a perfect world, but Satan uses sin and eternal death to bring foreboding darkness. God sent His own Son to pay for our sins and pave the way to eternal life for those who believe in Him. Read John 1:1–7. What does John write in verse 4?
2. What does Jesus say about Himself (John 8:12)?
3. Read Hebrews 2:14–15. Why did the Son of God take humanity into His being (v. 14)?
4. Through one man, Adam, death came into the world and reigns over those who do not believe the Gospel. What is the marvelous status of believers in Christ? What reigns over us (Romans 5:17b)?
5. Read Romans 15:5-6. All baptized believers make up Christ's Church on earth. What does Paul pray for its members?