In 2012 this liturgy for the broader church was commissioned in honor of Luther College’s sesquicentennial. It is a collaborative project between Dakota Road Music and Luther College Ministries. Practicing the “joyful stewardship of the resources that surround us” is a ministry of Luther that draws the college into partnership with many communities of faith. The Liturgy for Earthkeeping is a resource for congregations and ministries to help strengthen connections between sustainability, liturgy, spiritual formation and joyful stewardship.

For more information and resources about care of creation visit:
www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org

For more information about sustainability initiatives at Luther College visit:
www.luther.edu/sustainability
SENDING SONG  “Go Now”

Go now with God.
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GATHERING SONG  “Your River O God”

Gather round, O God, is full of water, water a-

live with justice and grace. Your river, O God, it
flows with mercy for every child through every
time and place.

Every birth on this earth, fair, you are waves of

Come and hear all who we know

my s ter y, not a lone.

Ev ry heart, As we live

from the start, light for all to see.

may we give love that has no bounds.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, care for all creation.

Thanks be to God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.
OPENING SONG
“Come and See”

CONFESSION
Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Love God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Instead, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life, we confess our part in a broken world.

MEAL
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG: “Healer”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
SENDING

BENEDICTION
May God our Creator bless and keep you, may Jesus, child of the earth, walk with you, and may the Holy Spirit, wind and fire, give you hope and peace.

Amen
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (respond with “Hope of all Creation”)  

OFFERING  

OFFERING SONG “God of Stars and Distant Planets”

You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life...  
We confess our part in a broken world.  
As Jesus’ disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life...  
We confess our part in a broken world.  

SONG OF MERCY “Mercy On This Fallen World”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE  
As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God’s mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.  
Thanks be to God.
SONG OF PRAISE  "Praise to You"

Refrain
Praise to you, O Great Creator, Maker of the land and sky.

Verse
Praise to you, O Living Water, hope and breath of every life.

We are lost and we are long- ing.
May we live your way of justice.
Wand ring in the wild er ness,
May we walk your way of peace.

SONG OF THE DAY  "Your Love is Everlasting"

Refrain
Since a time moth ers were born clubs through a cent
Signs of hope, a brand new life. God's
love is everlasting. To distant unknown
An empty tomb, the

Verse
Galaxies God's love is everlasting.
God's love is everlasting. For the

Prayer of the Day
Let us pray.
The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Word
Lessons and Psalm
Song of the Word  "Hallelujah"

Gospel
Sermon

Creed/Affirmation of Faith