

Major Sundays and Festivals of the Church Year As Observed in 18th-Century Leipzig

Advent – the four Sundays before Christmas

Christmas (Weihnachten) – 25 December and the two days following

Sunday after Christmas

New Year's Day (Neujahr), also Circumcision (Beschneidung Christi) – 1 January

Sunday after New Year

Epiphany (Epiphanius) -- 6 January

Sundays after Epiphany (the length of the Epiphany season is variable, depending on the date of Easter)

*Septuagesima – third Sunday before Lent

*Sexagesima – second Sunday before Lent

*Estomihi – Sunday before Lent

*Invocavit – first Sunday in Lent

*Reminisere – second Sunday in lent

*Oculi – third Sunday in Lent

*Laetare – fourth Sunday in Lent

*Judica – fifth Sunday in Lent

***Palm Sunday (Palmarum)**

***Good Friday (Karfreitag)**

***Easter Sunday (Ostern)** and the two days following

*Quasimodogeniti – first Sunday after Easter

*Misericordias Domini – second Sunday after Easter

*Jubilate – third Sunday after Easter

*Cantate – fourth Sunday after Easter

*Rogate – fifth Sunday after Easter

***Ascension (Himmelfahrt)** Thursday

*Exaudi – Sunday after Ascension

***Pentecost (Pfingsten)** and the two days following

***Trinity Sunday (Trinitatis)**

*Sundays after Trinity (variable in number to a maximum of 27, depending on date of Easter)

Saints' Days

St. Stephen's Day (Gedenktag des Märtyrers Stephanus) – 26 December

St. John's Day (Gedenktag des Apostels Johannes) -- 27 December

Purification (Mariae Reinigung) – 2 February

Annunciation (Mariae Verkündigung) – 25 March

St. John the Baptist's Day (Fest Johannes des Täufers) – 24 June

Visitation (Mariae Heimsuchung) – 2 July

St. Michael's Day (Fest des Erzengels Michael) – 29 September

Other Days

Inauguration of the town council (Ratswechsel) – last Monday in August

Reformation (Reformationsfest) – 31 October

*The dates of these feasts are dependent on the date of Easter