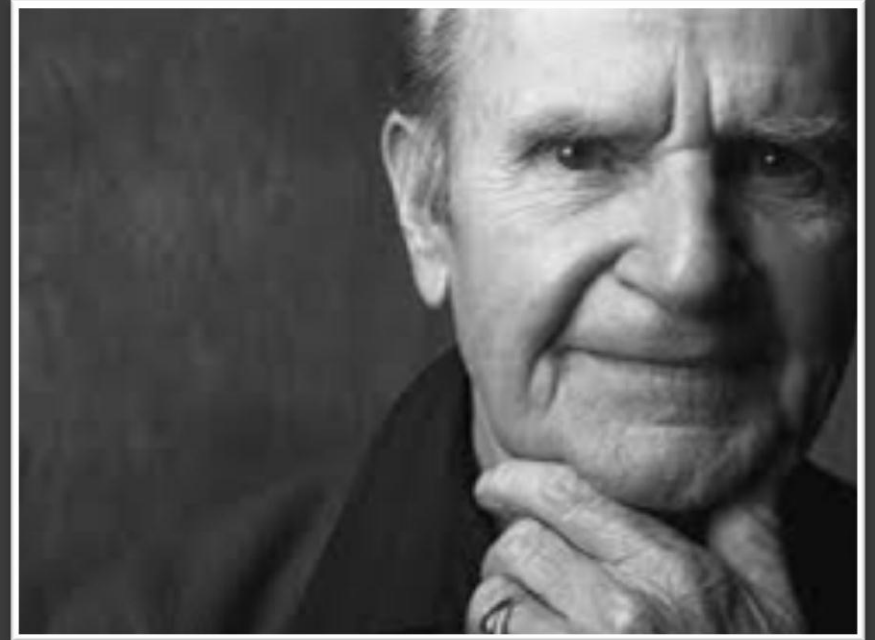


# TEACHING WORSHIP IN THE MISSION SETTING

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The newly baptized,  
the newly Lutheran,  
the life-long WELS



# TEACHING WORSHIP IN THE MISSION SETTING

**Consistent Excellence**

**Confirmands**

**Choir**

**Customs**

**Communication**

**Children**

**Church Design**

# Consistent Excellence

**Be who you are**

**Act your age**

**Do your best**



# Confirmands

a blank slate







In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Teaching the  
Paschal Candle





Dick was baptized on December 6, 2009, and he has lit his baptismal candle every month and remembered what Christ did for him at the font.

Dick is 76 years old.

# Choir

using your worship zealots



# TRADITION

just because you've always done it that way  
doesn't mean it's not incredibly stupid.

# Customs

**bringing out treasures new and old**



Rethink midweek worship.

**Revive old customs**





Site of the Easter Vigil opening



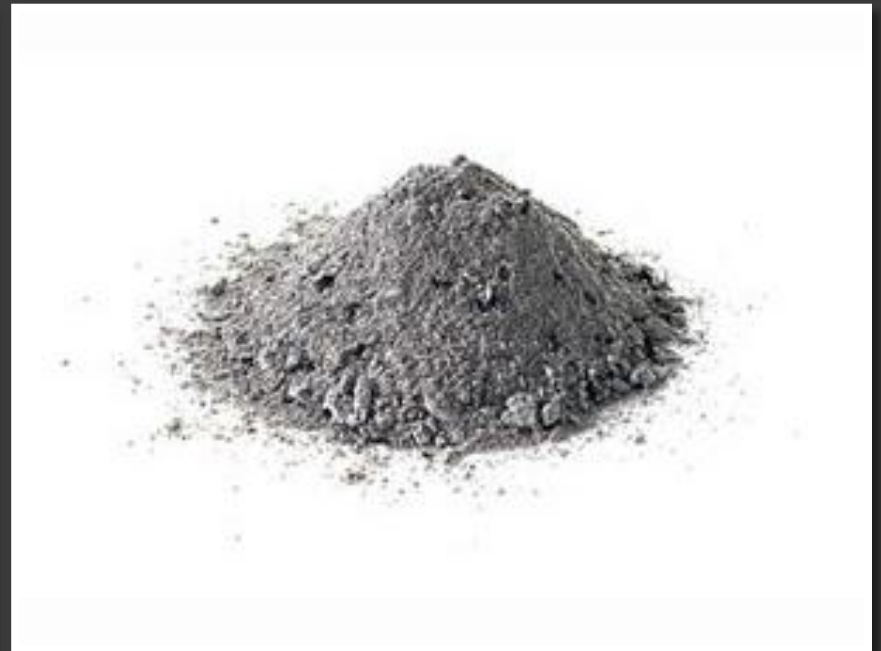
## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Throughout the prayer, when the Leader says, "Lord, in your mercy..." the congregation responds by saying, "Hear our prayer!"*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# Palms, Processions, and Ashes



# Modify customs

Stripping of the altar

Thanksgiving

Ascension







Ascension Day Pig  
Roast with beer  
provided by our  
Parish Brewer

# Calendar

learning the rhythm of the Church









At the Easter Vigil



## Herrnhutterstern

For Epiphany season, in Europe they also call it an Adventstern.

Show here at Marienkirche,  
Lutherstadt, Deutschland.

# Children

right from the start



Meaningful  
involvement

Direct interaction



# Communication

**use the tools**

# **Easter Vigil - A service like no other**

**Holy Saturday - April 23, 2011 - 8:00pm**

This ancient service begins around a new fire kindled in the garden, and continues with a candlelit processional into the darkened church. We remember our Baptism, our Savior God, and his death. The second half of the service bursts forth in Easter joy as we begin the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter Holy Communion is served.

**The Day:** In the early church, the Saturday of Holy Week was called the “Great Sabbath.” It was a day of meditation, fasting, and reflection in preparation for Easter. The Easter Vigil has been celebrated regularly since the days of Constantine the Great (300 A.D.)

**The Service:** It is called a “vigil” because it is a service of watching and waiting, using prayer, Scripture, and hymns. It is composed of four parts: The service of light, the service of lessons, the service of baptism, and the service of Holy Communion.

The Vigil remembers the great Passover of God. On the night when the 10th plague, the plague of the firstborn, struck the land of Egypt, God promised to deliver all his people whose doors were marked by the blood of a Passover lamb. God's judgment would pass over them. Centuries later, God fulfilled that first Passover, with the sacrifice of the Lamb of God during the Passover feast. Now we are assured that because of the blood of that Lamb, God's judgment passes over us.

Vigils remain a popular service, but are often thought of in other ways. Our Christmas Eve services and New Year's Eve services are modern-day vigils. Even Easter sunrise services have their roots in the historic service we observe tonight.

[Communication](#)





Don't let the seed fall  
along the path.

# Church Design

**making purposeful worship space**



Dedicated 2004 AD







**Take worship seriously.**

**Make worship excellent consistently.**

**Teach worship constantly.**