An abridged glossary of German and Greek terms found in the work of Martin Heidegger.

German

Angst
Anxiety.

Dasein
“Being there.” The specifically human mode of being.

Ding
thing.

Eigentlichkeit and Uneigenlichkeit
authenticity and inauthenticity; proper and inappropriate.

Ereignis
Appropriation, Event of Appropriation, event, enowning, belonging; to be owned in something and be proper to it; to be proper or appropriate to something.

Es gibt
“It gives.” Comparable to the French: “il y a.”

Gerede
gossip, idle talk, small talk. note: not pejorative.

Gestell or Ge-Stell
frame, framing, framework.

Geworfenheit
thrownness.

Grundstimmung
basic mood, prevailing mood. Ex: the Grundstimmung of Hölderlin's poetry might be “thankfulness”; the Grundstimmung of man might be anxiety, angst, boredom.

Kehre
turn, turning.

Lichtung
a clearing. A cognate of the word for “light” (Licht).

Das Man
the “they.” The impersonal singular pronoun “one,” as in “That is not what one does.”

Stimmung
tendency, mood, attunement.

Sorge
care, concern.

Verfallen
falling, lapsing, slouching, ensnarement. note: not pejorative.

Welt and Umwelt
World and environment.

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Greek

*aletheia*  
unconcealment, unforgetting. Also: truth.

*eidos*  
idea, aspect, form of appearance, the outward appearance in which beings as such show themselves.

*hyle*  
matter, stuff, the material substrate of a thing, material cause (Aristotle).

*legein*  
to speak, to deliberate, to consider. Etymologically linked to *logos*.

*logos*  
discourse, rational discourse, the “way” or “order” of the cosmos, relation/proportion. Etymologically linked to *legein*. (This is a notoriously difficult word to translate so you are wise to pursue your own investigations.)

*ousia*  
presence

*physis*  
nature