

## About the Visiting Theologian Program

“*Faith seeks understanding*” — so said Anselm, Saint, Archbishop, and Theologian. Saint Mark’s Visiting Theologian Program seeks to promote understanding among the faithful, not only within the parish of Saint Mark, but also within the wider church as a gift to the entire Salem community.

Since the early 1970’s, Saint Mark has welcomed more than thirty distinguished theologians into the Congregation’s life of worship, learning and service. Teachers of church history, ethics, Bible, culture, art, theology, liturgy and sacramental life have enriched our community’s deliberation on what it means to believe in the God of Israel and live accordingly. The ecumenical community, including students at Willamette University, Western Oregon University and Mount Angel Seminary have participated.



By means of visiting teachers, Saint Mark hopes to encourage lively reflection and faithful action within the Congregation and all faith communities, inviting broad participation in the program for the sake of mutual appreciation, growth in common understanding and service.

### Recent Visiting Theologians

<b>2013</b> Barbara Rossing	<b>2009</b> Phyllis Anderson
<b>2012</b> Mark Allan Powell	<b>2008</b> Bishop Gomez
<b>2011</b> Lisa Dahill	<b>2007</b> Bishop David Brauer-Rieke
<b>2010</b> Stephen Bouman	<b>2006</b> Paul Wadell
<b>2009</b> Martin Marty	<b>2005</b> Kelly A. Fryer
<b>2009</b> Bruce Bengtson	

“*For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.*”

—PSALM 36

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# VISITING THEOLOGIAN PROGRAM

**David & Susan Palo Cherwien**  
*The Walls Fell: The Power of Music*

**November 13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**



All, Each, Together in Christ

# Schedule of Events

All events are free & open to the public — All are welcome!

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**3:00PM** **American Guild of Organist Class**  
DAVID CHERWIEN  
*Saint Mark Sanctuary*

**7:00PM** **And the Walls Fell: The Power of Music**  
SUSAN PALO CHERWIEN  
*Saint Mark Sanctuary*

**7:45PM** **Hospitality & Music**  
DAVID CHERWIEN  
*Saint Mark Sanctuary*

**8:30PM** **Fellowship & Reception**  
*Fireside Lounge*

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**7:00PM** **Hymn Festival**  
*Saint Mark Sanctuary ~ Doors open at 6:30PM*

**8:30PM** **Fellowship & Reception**  
*Fireside Lounge*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**9:00–10:30AM** **Music for the Worship Service**  
WORKSHOP WITH DAVID CHERWIEN  
*Saint Mark Sanctuary*

**9:00–10:30AM** **Seven Good Questions**  
WORKSHOP WITH SUSAN PALO CHERWIEN  
*Fireside Lounge*

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*Events are held at Saint Mark Lutheran Church  
in Salem, Oregon unless specified.*

### THURSDAY LECTURE TOPICS:

#### **And the Walls Fell: The Power of Music**

Music is not benign. Music has power to shape, to lift up, to throw down, to debase, and to heal. Into what are we being shaped by the music we choose for worship of God? **PRESENTER: SUSAN PALO CHERWIEN**

#### **Hospitality & Music**

How can the music of a parish invite participation? What are some things that assemblies can be aware of to enhance participation? **PRESENTER: DAVID CHERWIEN**

### *This Year's Visiting Theologians:*

## **David & Susan Palo Cherwien**

**DAVID CHERWIEN** is cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Not only is he among the Twin Cities' most celebrated organists and choral directors, David's service to the greater church is spread across the country through his frequent leadership at hymn festivals and workshops, guest appearances and published work. Dave was the artistic director of the National Lutheran Choir in 2002.

A Twin Cities native, David has held church music positions in Chicago, Seattle and Berlin, and faculty posts at Gustavus Adolphus and Elmhurst colleges and at Luther Seminary. He holds degrees in organ performance, music theory and composition, and choral music education and has studied in Germany and France. Dave is married to co-Visiting Theologian Susan Palo Cherwien.



### SATURDAY WORKSHOP TOPICS:

#### **Music for the Worship Service**

Techniques will be shared that encourage rather than discourage singing. **PRESENTER: DAVID CHERWIEN**

#### **Seven Good Questions: A Template for God-Centered Worship**

Seven questions to ask for anyone involved in the shaping of worship of God. **PRESENTER: SUSAN PALO CHERWIEN**

*These workshops would be especially useful for those who plan worship: clergy, music directors, organists, musicians, choir directors.*

**SUSAN PALO CHERWIEN** is a freelance writer and musician. She received her bachelor's degree in church music and voice from Wittenberg University, the Abschlussprüfung in voice from the Hochschule der Künste Berlin, and a Master of Liberal Studies from Mundelein College, where she focused on spirituality, ritual, and the arts.

Susan has written numerous hymn texts which appear in denominational hymnals in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and she is the author of *O Blessed Spring: Hymn Texts of Susan Palo Cherwien* (AugsburgFortress), *Crossings: Meditations for Worship* (Morningstar), *To God Will I Sing* (AugsburgFortress), *From Glory Into Glory: Reflections For Worship* (Morningstar), and *Come, Beloved of the Maker* (Augsburg Fortress).

