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Singender Mund...Gesang-Buch der Alten und Neuen Lieder.
Nürnberg, J.A. Endter's Son & Heirs 1722. Agenda 12mo (139 x 64 mm.). Double-page engr. frontis., [5-6] 7-462, [22]p. Engraved frontispiece of men, women & children singing & playing instruments (i.a., a pipe organ), title in red & black.

Contemporary gilt and painted vellum with a pink outer border and narrow gilt geometric frame. On the front, Faith, draped in a gold headscarf and flowing red dress, holds a chalice. On the rear, Charity, in a green blouse and red dress, cradles a child while another clings to her leg. The flat spine has gilt foliage sprays and daisies, pastedowns of gold, green, orange, red and violet flowered *Buntpapier*, all edges gilt. Original pastepaper slipcase (worn). \$5400.00

This *figured* binding has a less engaging cousin at the Victoria and Albert Museum, with the burial of Christ and the Resurrection on the panels (Special Collections, *Drawer 71*). ?Second Edition. In excellent condition (minor defects), large early printed bookticket with initials SMVC.